

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At a Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Slough held at the Town Hall, Slough on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2005.

**Present:-** The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Long) in the Chair; Councillors Anderson, Arnold, Aziz, Bal (from 8.00 p.m.), Buchanan, Burkmar, Chohan, Choudhry, Cryer, Dhaliwal (from 8.00 p.m.), Dhillon, Dodds, Grewal, Haines, Hewitt, Holledge, Howard, Janik (from 9.00 p.m), Jenkins, Key, L Khan, S Khan, Maclsaac, Mann, Munkley, Parmar, Plimmer, Pond, Shine, Simmons, Smith, Swindlehurst and Wright; the Reverend Paul Lipscomb.

**Apologies for Absence:-** Councillors Butt, Edwards, Hayat, Small, Stokes, Zarait and Zeib.

### PRAYERS

At the request of the Mayor, her Chaplain, the Revd Paul Lipscomb, said prayers.

### PART I

#### 91. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Buchanan and Swindlehurst declared a personal interest in agenda item 6(D) (Indemnification of Acting Returning Officer) as they were both acting as agents in the forthcoming parliamentary election. Councillor Howard declared a personal interest in the same item as he was acting as an agent as well as standing as a candidate in the same election. All three Members would remain in the meeting and vote on the item.

Councillor Aziz declared a personal, prejudicial interest in agenda item 7(B) (Conditions to be met by any New Vehicle to be used as a Hackney Carriage) as he was a private hire driver. He would leave the meeting before the item was taken.

Councillor Maclsaac declared a personal interest as a frequent user of both hackney carriages and private hire vehicles. He would however remain and vote on the item.

(See also minute 97 below in respect of the declaration made by Councillor Bal when he joined the meeting).

#### 92. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

**93. Mayor's Communications**

**Robert and Charlotte Frankl, former Mayor and Mayoress of Slough**

The Mayor advised Members of the deaths in March of both Robert Frankl and his wife Charlotte who had been Mayor and Mayoress of Slough in 1973/74. She paid tribute to their support of civic events right up until the Annual Council Meeting in 2004 and thanked all of those who had attended the civic funeral of Robert Frankl recently. The Council stood for a minute's silence in memory of Robert and Charlotte Frankl.

**Mayor's Commendation – Corporate Communications Team**

The Mayor made a presentation to the Council's Corporate Communications Team who, competing against other Councils, private companies and other public organisations, had won the Public Service Newsletter of the Year Award for the Council's newspaper, the Slough Citizen. In the same week, working with colleagues from the Directorate of the Green and Built Environment, the Team had won four awards for the Keep Slough Green and Tidy campaign, including the top award given for excellence across all categories. The judges had praised the Keep Slough Green and Tidy initiative as a superb community campaign. In addition, the Keep Slough Green and Tidy campaign had won a national award for the communications campaign that had made a difference to the community.

In the light of all of the above, the Mayor was delighted to award the Team a commendation for all of their innovative work and supporting Departments to help them deliver the Council's priorities. The Council joined the Mayor in a round of applause for the Team.

**Mayor's Executive Assistant**

The Mayor made a presentation to her Executive Assistant, Suzanne Mason, in recognition of all her hard work during her Mayoral year.

**94. Proposed Variation of the Order of Business**

The Mayor advised that Councillor Janik, who would be late this evening, had requested that the Council defer agenda item 8 (Review of Members' Allowances) until he arrived. His request was put to a vote and lost.

**95. Questions from Residents/Electors under Procedure Rule 9**

Questions received from a number of residents/electors under Procedure Rule 9 had been tabled. Where questioners were not present, replies would be sent to them in writing within one week of this meeting.

Where the questioners were present, the Deputy Leader of the Council replied to those questions as well as to supplementary questions where appropriate. The Deputy Leader also undertook to write to one of the questioners concerning an issue relating to the Constitution raised as a supplementary question.

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The Mayor advised that copies of the replies would be circulated in writing to all Members as well as to the questioners and the press.

### **95. Questions from Members on the Thames Valley Police Authority under Procedure Rule 10**

None received.

### **96. Recommendations of the Cabinet from its Meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> March and 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2005**

#### **(A) Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 – Covert Surveillance Policy and Procedural Guidance**

It was moved by Smith,  
Seconded by Councillor Haines,

“That the recommendation as set out in the report be approved and adopted.”

The recommendation was put and carried by 21 votes to 0 votes with 4 abstentions.

**Resolved –** That, in the light of the technical nature of the covert surveillance policy and procedural guidance, the Director of Law and Corporate Governance be authorised to make any future amendments to the documentation and that the Scheme of Delegation be amended accordingly.

#### **(B) Corporate Plan**

A table of changes to the Corporate Plan was circulated at the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Munkley,  
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

“That the recommendation as set out in the report be approved and adopted.”

The recommendation was put and carried by 19 votes to 8 votes with 1 abstention.

**Resolved –** That the Assistant Chief Executive (Policy and Performance) be authorised to complete the final Corporate Plan following consultation.

#### **(C) School Admission Arrangements – 2006/07 School Year**

It was moved by Councillor Munkley,  
Seconded by Councillor Cryer,

“That the recommendation as set out in the report be approved and adopted.”

The recommendation was put and carried by 28 votes to 0 votes with 1 abstention.

**Resolved –** That the admission arrangements for the 2006/07 school year be adopted as now submitted.

**(D) Indemnification of Acting Returning Officer – Parliamentary Elections/By-Elections**

The Director of Law and Corporate Governance left the meeting before this item was taken.

It was moved by Councillor Smith,  
Seconded by Councillor Howard,

“That the recommendations as set out in the report be approved and adopted.”

The recommendations were put and carried by 28 votes to 0 votes with 1 abstention.

**Resolved –**

- (a) That Mr S M Quayle, Director of Law and Corporate Governance, whose responsibilities include acting as the Council’s Electoral Registration Officer, be appointed Acting Returning Officer for all parliamentary elections/by-elections.
- (b) That the legal position and status of the Acting Returning Officer as it relates to the carrying out of the official duties in parliamentary elections/by-elections be noted.
- (c) That the Acting Returning Officer be fully indemnified against all costs, claims, demands, expenses, fees and charges that he incurs as a result of errors or omissions that occur in the carrying out of his official duties (including any other person employed by or officially acting for him) in parliamentary elections/by-elections which are not payable under the Council’s public liability and officials’ indemnity insurance.

The Director of Law and Corporate Governance rejoined the meeting at this point.

**97. Further Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Bal, who had just arrived at the meeting, declared a personal, prejudicial interest in agenda items 7(A) (Terms of Reference of the Licensing Sub-Committees) and 7(B) (Conditions to be Met by any New Vehicle to be Used as a Hackney Carriage) as he worked as a hackney carriage driver in Slough. He immediately left the meeting.

**98. Recommendations of the Licensing Committee from its Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2005**

**(A) Terms of Reference of the Licensing Sub-Committee**

It was moved by Councillor Shine,  
Seconded by Councillor Pond,

“That the recommendation as set out in the report be approved and adopted.”

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The recommendation was put and carried.

**Resolved –** That the Taxi Licensing and Premises and Personal Licences Sub-Committees as established on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2004 be replaced with a single Licensing Sub-Committee with the terms of reference and the constitution as now submitted.

**(B) Conditions to be met by any New Vehicle to be used as a Hackney Carriage**

Councillor Aziz left the meeting before this item was taken.

Prior to this item being taken, the Mayor invited the Director of Law and Corporate Governance to make a statement on the matter. He referred to a letter which had been tabled from Kearns and Co, Solicitors, regarding a recent application for permission to apply for Judicial Review in respect of the Council's decision of 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2004 concerning the delimiting of hackney carriages and a requirement that all hackney carriages should be wheelchair accessible. The letter requested the Council to defer consideration of the item before it at this meeting. However, the view of the Director was that although the Judicial Review would proceed on the basis that two Members should not have taken part in the earlier decision, it was not considered that there was any reason to defer the item at this meeting although the Council did of course have the option of deferring it if it so wished.

It was moved by Councillor Shine,  
Seconded by Councillor Pond,

“That the recommendations as set out in the report be approved and adopted.”

The recommendations were put and carried by 16 votes to 11 votes with 4 abstentions and, on a show of hands, a prior request having been made for a record of the voting,

There voted for the recommendations:-

Councillors Arnold, Buchanan, Cryer, Haines, Hewitt, Howard, Jenkins, Key, L Khan, Maclsaac, Munkley, Plimmer, Pond, Shine, Smith and Wright ..... 16

There voted against the recommendations:-

Councillors Anderson, Chohan, Choudhry, Dhaliwal, Dodds, Grewal, Holledge, Mann, Parmar, Simmons and Swindlehurst ..... 11

There abstained from voting:-

The Worshipful the Mayor and Councillors Burkmar, Dhillon and S Khan ..... 4

Not present during voting:-

Councillors Aziz, Bal and Janik ..... 3

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### Resolved –

- (a) That all new vehicles to be used as hackney carriages meet the criteria as now submitted to the Council.
- (b) That all new hackney carriage drivers provide vehicles that meet these criteria.
- (c) That only vehicles meeting European Whole Vehicle Type Approval or UK Low Volume Type Approval be licensed as hackney carriages.
- (d) That vehicles with a UK Low Volume Type Approval provide evidence of tests on the centre division and wheelchair restraints before such a vehicle is licensed.
- (e) That any vehicle meeting UK Single Vehicle Approval should not be licensed as a hackney carriage vehicle.
- (f) That only vehicles in which a wheelchair is loaded into the vehicle from the side be licensed as wheelchair accessible hackney carriages.

Councillors Aziz and Bal rejoined the meeting at this point.

### 99. Review of Members' Allowances Scheme

It was moved by Councillor Munkley,  
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

- “(i) That, with the exception of recommendations (a), (b), (c) and (f), the recommendations set out in paragraph 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 of the Officer report be approved and adopted.
- (ii) That the Independent Remuneration Panel's proposed increases in the basic and special responsibility allowances as set out in Appendix 1 to Annex A be deferred until such time as the additional funding required is made available.
- (iii) That the current basic and special responsibility allowances be increased with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2005 by 2.95% and for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010 they continue to be increased annually in line with the average Local Government Pay Award.
- (iv) That, subject to (iii) above, in accordance with paragraph 10(5) of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances)(England) Regulations 2003, at the end of the four year period the Independent Remuneration Panel be asked to review and make further recommendations on the continued use of the Local Government Pay Award as an index.
- (v) That the waiver of the rule regarding the payment of only one special responsibility allowance per Member proposed by the Remuneration Panel in respect of the minority group leader of the Joint Administration of a “hung Council” be referred back to the Panel for consideration as part of its review of special responsibility allowances later in the year.”

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It was moved as an amendment by Councillor Dhillon,  
Seconded by Councillor Maclsaac,

“That no action be taken at the present time in respect of the Independent Remuneration Panel’s recommendations as set out in paragraph 2.1 at least for the next two years with the exception of paragraph 2.1 (j), that the Council through its Standards Committee should consider putting in place appropriate arrangements for monitoring Members’ performance.”

The amendment was put and lost by 4 votes to 13 votes with 12 abstentions.

It was moved as an amendment by Councillor Anderson,  
Seconded by Councillor Swindlehurst,

“That the Cabinet allowance be based on a fixed amount of £37,500 to be shared between Cabinet Members and that political decisions to dilute the workload of Cabinet Members must dilute the allowance.”

The amendment was put and lost by 10 votes to 17 votes with 1 abstention.

The substantive motion was then put and carried by 16 votes to 9 votes with 3 abstentions.

### **Resolved –**

- (a) That the Independent Remuneration Panel’s proposed increases in the basic and special responsibility allowances (SRA) as set out in Appendix 1 to Annex A be deferred until such time as the additional funding required is made available.
- (b) That the current basic and special responsibility allowances be increased with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2005 by 2.95% and for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010 they continue to be increased annually in line with the average Local Government Pay Award.
- (c) That subject to (b) above, in accordance with paragraph 10(5) of the Local Authorities (Members’ Allowances)(England) Regulations 2003, at the end of the four year period the Independent Remuneration Panel be asked to review and make further recommendations on the continued use of the Local Government Pay Award as an index.
- (d) That the waiver of the rule regarding the payment of only one SRA per Member proposed by the Remuneration Panel in respect of the minority group leader of the Joint Administration of a “hung Council” be referred back to the Panel for consideration as part of its review of SRAs later in the year.
- (e) That, with effect from the Annual Meeting of the Council in May, 2005, the total budget allocation for SRAs for Cabinet Commissioners (excluding the Leader and Deputy Leader) be based upon the current SRA multiplied by the current number of Commissioners (i.e. seven) and the individual SRA

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payable will be calculated by dividing the total budget by the number of Cabinet Commissioners actually appointed.

- (f) That the total budget allocated for SRAs for Chairs of the Scrutiny and Overview Sub-Committees be based upon the current SRA multiplied by the current number of Sub-Committees (i.e. four) and the individual SRA payable to each Chair will be calculated by dividing the total budget by the number of Sub-Committees actually appointed.
- (g) That with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2004 the approved duties for the purpose of payment of travelling, subsistence and dependent carers' allowances set out in Schedule 2 of the Members' Allowance Scheme be amended to:-
  - Include site visits approved by Council, Cabinet, appropriate Committee or Sub-Committee; and
  - Attendance at meetings, functions and events hosted by outside organisations/bodies as an official representative of the Council.
- (h) That the current Members' Allowances Scheme should be amended to reflect the above proposed changes.
- (i) That the Licensing Committee's request for an SRA to pay to Members of the Committee in recognition of their additional workload as a consequence of the Licensing Act 2003 be considered by the Panel after the second appointed date provided for under the Act when an accurate assessment of the actual increased workload undertaken and future workload can be assessed and compensated for accordingly, including retrospective payments if deemed necessary.
- (j) That the Council through its Standards Committee should consider putting in place appropriate arrangements for monitoring Members' performance.
- (k) That the Council place on record its thanks and appreciation of the work undertaken by the Panel on its behalf.
- (l) That with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2004 Members of the Independent Remuneration Panel be paid an allowance of £40 per meeting attended plus travelling and subsistence.

### **100. Proportionality – Review of Committee Membership**

It was moved by Councillor Munkley,  
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

- “(a) That in order to fulfil the requirements of proportionality, the Council note that the Conservative Group's entitlement on Committees is reduced from seven to six places and the BILLD Group's entitlement is increased from 15 to 16.
- (b) That the Council note that Councillor Janik, as an independent Councillor, is entitled to be offered one Committee seat and, given that he is currently a Member of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee, his membership fulfils this requirement.



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- (c) That the Council make no adjustments to Committee memberships at this time, pending reconsideration of the matter at the Annual Meeting of the Council in May, 2005.”

The proposal was put and carried by 18 votes to 0 votes with 9 abstentions.

### **Resolved -**

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## **101. Motions Submitted under Procedure Rule 13**

### **(A) “Make Poverty History” Campaign**

It was moved by Councillor Munkley,  
Seconded by Councillor Anderson,

“This Council notes:

That 30,000 children die as a result of poverty each day – the equivalent to the death toll from the Indian Ocean tsunami every nine days.

That despite global promises to halve world poverty by 2015, the Millennium Development Goals which were set to achieve this aim will be missed unless decisive action is taken now.

That this year the UK government will host the G8 summit and take the presidency of the European Union, offering it an exceptional opportunity to take a lead internationally to tackle global poverty.

This Council believes:

That world poverty is sustained not by chance or nature but by injustice in global trade, the huge burden of international debt, and insufficient and ineffective aid.

This Council resolves to:

Support the ‘Make Poverty History’ campaign which aims to achieve trade justice, drop the debt, and provide more and better aid to poor countries.

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Invite members and staff to show support for the 'Make Poverty History' by wearing the white wristband campaign symbol and sending a postcard, e mail, or text to the G8 leaders at their meeting in Scotland on 2nd July, 2005.

Write to local MPs to urge them to vote for trade justice and call on the UK government to:

- Press for rules which allow governments to choose their own solutions to end poverty and protect the environment.
- End subsidies that damage the livelihoods of poor rural communities around the world.
- Pass laws that prevent big business from profiting at the expense of people and the environment.
- Cancel in full the unpayable debts of the world's poorest countries.
- Set a binding timetable for spending 0.7% of national income on international aid."

The motion was put and carried by 30 votes to 0 votes with 1 abstention.

**Resolved –** That this Council notes:

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### **(B) Call for Resignation of Cabinet Commissioners**

It was moved by Councillor Anderson,  
Seconded by Councillor Swindlehurst,

"This Council

- Accepts that financial mismanagement and short-sighted political strategy by the Ruling Group has forced this Council into disrepute and contempt amongst the people of Slough.
- Notes that the total absence of effective leadership has placed the Council in this contemptible and irrevocable position.
- Notes that the current financial situation has been brought about by the Ruling Group's incompetence.
- Notes that the Ruling Group has consistently failed to address Opposition complaints that they have continually wasted millions on management consultants, reorganisations, empire building and other extravagances.
- Notes that this situation was entirely avoidable had proper scrutiny open government been applied.
- Regrets that the cuts being made repeatedly punish the people of Slough especially the frail, disabled and vulnerable.
- Regrets that essential and hard-working Officers and posts at the Council are being cut to make way for the desperate measures needed.
- DEMANDS that the Cabinet Commissioners take responsibility for this diabolical position and resign from their posts."

It was moved as an amendment by Councillor Dodds,  
Seconded by Councillor Simmons,

"That the motion be amended by the addition of the following:-

'This Council notes that the Government has stated that:-

- Government grants to local authorities have been generous;
- Special needs of individual local authorities have been recognised by additional grant enhancement;

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- Local authorities should be able to restrict Council Tax increases to “inflation equivalent” and preserve existing services;
- Local authorities should be able to improve services in some, if not all, areas by utilising Best Value and scrutiny disciplines;
- Local authorities should benefit from the new efficient decision making process introduced by the Government through the reform of Local Government structures;
- That while the Cabinet is in operation, Cabinet Members should be held accountable for performance in relation to Government policy and defined targets.

In conformity with Government policy, this Council holds the Cabinet accountable for recent financial mismanagement and records a vote of “No Confidence” in the Cabinet.’ ”

The amendment was put and lost by 10 votes to 18 votes with 2 abstentions.

The substantive motion was then put and lost by 9 votes to 19 votes with 1 abstention.

**Resolved –** That the motion be rejected.

### **(C) Stamp Duty (Lower Rate for Energy Efficiency Measures) Bill**

It was moved by Councillor Dodds,  
Seconded by Councillor Anderson,

“This Council welcomes the Government’s statutory target for improving the energy efficiency of our homes by 20% by 2010.

Notes the government’s admission, in their Review of the UK Climate Change Programme, that meeting both this and the UK carbon reduction target ‘will require even greater levels of energy efficiency improvement’.

Notes that experts agree that a Stamp Duty rebate is the best incentive to stimulate demand for energy efficiency among owner-occupiers and notes the beneficial effects this will have for the people of Slough as well as the whole nation.

This Council therefore supports the Stamp Duty (Lower Rate for Energy Efficiency Measures) Bill and calls on the Leader of the Council to write to:

- Local MPs urging them to support the Bill.
- John Healey MP, the Treasury Minister responsible, urging him to support this measure.”

It was moved as an amendment by Councillor Munkley,  
Seconded by Councillor Janik,

“That the motion be amended by the deletion of the words ‘calls on the Leader of the Council’ and their replacement with the word ‘resolves’ in the penultimate paragraph of the motion.”

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The mover and seconder of the original motion indicated that they were prepared to accept this amendment.

The motion, as amended, was then put and carried by 30 votes to 0 votes with 1 abstention.

### **Resolved –**

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Notes the government's admission, in their Review of the UK Climate Change Programme, that meeting both this and the UK carbon reduction target 'will require even greater levels of energy efficiency improvement'.

Notes that experts agree that a Stamp Duty rebate is the best incentive to stimulate demand for energy efficiency among owner-occupiers and notes the beneficial effects this will have for the people of Slough as well as the whole nation.

This Council therefore supports the Stamp Duty (Lower Rate for Energy Efficiency Measures) Bill and resolves to write to:

- Local MPs urging them to support the Bill.
- John Healey MP, the Treasury Minister responsible, urging him to support this measure."

### **(D) Neighbourhood Policing**

It was moved by Councillor Janik,  
Seconded by Councillor Wright,

"This Council resolves:-

1. To endorse the very successful Neighbourhood Policing Scheme, the so-called 'PPA Scheme' in the Britwell ward of Slough, lead by Sgt Tony Welch and his team of Police Officers.
2. To thank the Britwell community, Police Officers, Council staff and all other persons who have contributed to making the PPA Scheme a success.
3. To welcome the Police announcement that the successful Britwell PPA Scheme has been adopted by the police as the Pilot Neighbourhood Policing Model for the Boroughs of Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead and Bracknell Forest which collectively form the East Berkshire Basic Command Unit (BCU).
4. To publish a detailed proposal of how it will engage with Thames Valley Police and local ward communities throughout Slough as Neighbourhood Policing is introduced in all other parts of the Borough of Slough.
5. To commit this Council, its staff and its resources, to repeating the Britwell success in all other wards of the Borough for the benefit of the public this Council serves."

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It was moved as an amendment by Councillor Shine,  
Seconded by Councillor Hewitt,

“That the motion be amended by the rewording of paragraph 5 to read as follows:-

‘To lobby for resources to repeat the Britwell success in other Wards of the Borough for the benefit of the public this Council serves.’ ”

The amendment was put and carried by 18 votes to 9 votes with 3 abstentions and became the substantive motion.

It was moved as an amendment by Councillor Simmons,  
Seconded by Councillor Holledge,

“That the motion be amended by the addition to paragraph 1 of the words ‘and hope that this can be repeated in other areas of the town’ and the addition to paragraph 2 of the words ‘and the Home Office who awarded £50,000 for the Safer Slough Project’.”

The amendment was put and lost by 8 votes to 18 votes with 2 abstentions.

The substantive motion was then put and carried by 21 votes to 0 votes with 4 abstentions.

### **Resolved –**

1. To endorse the very successful Neighbourhood Policing Scheme, the so-called ‘PPA Scheme’ in the Britwell ward of Slough, lead by Sgt Tony Welch and his team of Police Officers.
2. To thank the Britwell community, Police Officers, Council staff and all other persons who have contributed to making the PPA Scheme a success.
3. To welcome the Police announcement that the successful Britwell PPA Scheme has been adopted by the police as the Pilot Neighbourhood Policing Model for the Boroughs of Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead and Bracknell Forest which collectively form the East Berkshire Basic Command Unit (BCU).
4. To publish a detailed proposal of how it will engage with Thames Valley Police and local ward communities throughout Slough as Neighbourhood Policing is introduced in all other parts of the Borough of Slough.
5. To lobby for resources to repeat the Britwell success in other Wards of the Borough for the benefit of the public this Council serves.

## **102. Continuation of Meeting**

At 10.40 p.m., during consideration of motion (D), the Mayor moved in accordance with Procedure Rule 8(1) that the Council continue past 10.30 p.m. to deal with the remaining business as follows:-

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“That motion (E) be referred to the Cabinet for consideration.

That questions from elected Members under Procedure Rule 10 be responded to in writing within one week of this meeting.

That items 12, 13, 14 and 15 on the agenda be dealt with at this meeting.”  
The Council indicated its consent.

### **103. Motion Submitted under Procedure Rule 13 - (E) – Youth Facilities**

It was moved by Councillor Janik,  
Seconded by Councillor Wright,

“This Council resolves -

1. To provide better youth facilities throughout the Borough of Slough because it will significantly reduce the issues of anti-social behaviour among the younger members of our Slough-wide community.
2. To publish an implementation timetable within two months describing the better youth facilities it will provide for the younger members of our Slough-wide community.”

**Resolved –** That this motion be referred to the Cabinet for consideration.

### **104. Questions from Members under Procedure Rule 10**

**Resolved -** That the appropriate Commissioners/Chairs respond to these questions in writing within one week of this meeting.

### **105. Minutes of Meetings of Cabinet and Committees**

The minutes of meetings of Cabinet and Committees held since the last meeting of the Council were moved, seconded and received as follows:-

Cabinet of 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2005.

Employment and Appeals Committee of 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2005.

Scrutiny and Overview Committee of 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2005.

Cabinet of 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2005.

Planning Committee of 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2005.

Licensing Committee of 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2005.

Scrutiny and Overview Committee of 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2005.

Cabinet of 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2005.

Planning Committee of 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2005.

Licensing Committee of 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2005.

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**106. Common Seal**

It was moved, seconded and

**Resolved -** That the fixing of the Common Seal of the Council to the documents referred to in the entries numbered 111945 to 112043 in the Seal Register now produced by the Director of Law and Corporate Governance be approved.

**107. Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor and Deputy Mayor**

Councillor Munkley moved and Councillor Smith seconded a formal vote of thanks to the Mayor for her service and that of her Consort, Mr Charles Long, over the past municipal year. This Mayor replied to the vote of thanks and added her own comments in respect of those Members and Officers who had supported her during the year.

Councillor Munkley moved and Councillor Smith seconded a formal vote of thanks to the Deputy Mayor for his service and that of the Deputy Mayoress, Sandra Cullen during the past municipal year.

Chair.

(Note: The meeting opened at 7.00 p.m. and closed at 10.55 p.m.)