



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING
Council Chamber - Town Hall
22 May 2013 (7.30 - 8.30 pm)**

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Lynden Thorpe) in the Chair

Councillors June Alexander, Michael Armstrong, Clarence Barrett, Robert Benham, Becky Bennett, Jeffrey Brace, Denis Breading, Wendy Brice-Thompson, Andrew Curtin, Keith Darvill, Michael Deon Burton, Osman Dervish, Nic Dodin, David Durant, Brian Eagling, Ted Eden Roger Evans, Gillian Ford, Georgina Galpin, Peter Gardner, Linda Hawthorn, Linda Van den Hende, Lesley Kelly, Steven Kelly, Pam Light, Mark Logan*, Barbara Matthews, Paul McGeary, Robby Misir, Ray Morgon, Eric Munday, Pat Murray, John Mylod, Denis O'Flynn, Barry Oddy, Fred Osborne, Ron Ower, Garry Pain, Roger Ramsey, Paul Rochford, Geoffrey Starns, Barry Tebbutt, Frederick Thompson, Linda Trew, Jeffrey Tucker, Melvin Wallace, Lawrence Webb, Keith Wells, Damian White and John Wood.

- - for part of the meeting

Apologies were received from Councillors Michael White, Sandra Binion and Billy Taylor.

Approximately 50 Members' guests and members of the public and a representative of the press were also present.

The Mayor advised Members and the public of action to be taken in the event of emergency evacuation of the Town Hall becoming necessary.

Father Roderick Hingley, of the Church of St Alban, Protomartyr, Romford opened the meeting with prayers.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

110 **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR (agenda item 3)**

Announcement made by the Mayor are attached as Appendix 1 to these minutes.

111 **CONFERMENT OF HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH (agenda item 4)**

Councillor Clarence Barrett proposed that the Honorary Freedom of the Borough be conferred upon Frances Ridgley, in recognition in particular of her service to Cranham Boys Brigade and Havering Astronomical Society.

Councillor Gillian Ford seconded the proposal, which was also supported by Councillor Ron Ower, and greeted with general applause.

The proposal was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**, by 48 votes to 0 (see voting division 1) and it was **RESOLVED**:

To confer upon Ms Frances Ridgley the Honorary Freedom of the Borough.

The Mayor announced that Ms Ridgley was unable to be present and so would be presented with her award at a later date.

Councillor Roger Evans proposed that the Honorary Freedom of the Borough be conferred upon Mr Mark Sweetingham, of the Romford Recorder in recognition of his long service as editor and as a Governor of Bower Park School

Councillor Geoffrey Starns seconded the proposal.

The proposal was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**, by 48 votes to 0 (see division 2) and it was **RESOLVED**:

To confer upon Mr Mark Sweetingham the Honorary Freedom of the Borough.

The Mayor then congratulated Mr Sweetingham and, to Members' applause, presented to him the Badge and Grant of the Freedom.

Councillor Jeffrey Tucker proposed that the Honorary Freedom of the Borough be conferred upon Mr Donald Poole in recognition, in

particular, of his service as a School Governor at Rainham Village School.

Councillor Michael Deon Burton seconded the proposal which was also supported by Councillor Michael Deon Burton.

The proposal was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**, by 49 votes to 0 (see division 3) and it was **RESOLVED**:

To confer upon Mr Donald Poole the Honorary Freedom of the Borough.

The Mayor then congratulated Mr Poole and, to Members' applause, presented him the Badge and Grant of the Freedom.

Councillor Keith Darvill proposed that the Honorary Freedom of the Borough be conferred upon Ms Theresa Murray in recognition, in particular, of her work with the Transport Service of the Council and her fund raising for charity.

Councillor Paul McGeary seconded the proposal.

The proposal was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**, by 49 votes to 0 (see division 4) and it was **RESOLVED**:

To confer upon Ms Theresa Murray the Honorary Freedom of the Borough.

The Mayor then congratulated Ms Murray and, to Members' applause, presented her the badge and Grant of the Freedom.

112 **CONFERMENT OF OFFICE OF HONORARY ALDERMAN (agenda item 5)**

Councillor Roger Ramsey proposed that the office of Honorary Alderman be conferred upon Peter Marsden in recognition of his service as a former Councillor and former Mayor.

Councillor Peter Gardner seconded the proposal.

The proposal was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**, by 49 votes to 0 (see division 5) and it was **RESOLVED**:

To confer upon Mr Peter Marsden the office of Honorary Alderman.

The Mayor then congratulated Mr Marsden and, to Members' applause, presented him the award of Honorary Alderman.

Councillor Steven Kelly proposed that the office of Honorary Alderman be conferred upon Henry Albert (Alby) Tebbutt in recognition in particular of his long service as a former Councillor.

Councillor Jeffrey Brace seconded the proposal which was also supported by Councillors Jeffrey Tucker, Barry Tebbutt and Paul Rochford.

The proposal received 31 votes in favour to 18 against. As this was less than the required two thirds votes in favour of those Members present and voting, the proposal was **NOT CARRIED**.

113 PRESENTATION TO MAYOR'S CADET (agenda item 6)

The Mayor thanked the fourth Mayor's Cadet of Havering, Lucy May Goddard of C611 Harold Hill Cadet Division St John Ambulance for her services during the Mayoralty. As the Cadet was unable to attend, a presentation would be made at a later date.

Mayor

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

What a year.

It started with Her Majesties Jubilee and the huge number of street parties right across the Borough. David and I happily visited many of them, in every area of Havering. Fortunately the intermittent heavy rain didn't dampen the spirits of our residents or lessen their celebratory mood.

On to the Olympics and particularly the celebrations, parades etc. within our schools. I visited and joined in many of them. There were the events which the Borough organised, which I believe everyone who came along, enjoyed. Then I chased the torch from Hornchurch to Rainham Village. Everyone turned out in such numbers to see and mark this occasion.

Onto the Royal Anglians who exercised their Freedom of the Borough rights, which to me, was the most memorable of the big events. The brave young men and women parading through our town within days of returning from Afghanistan, was, in my mind a strange mix, of feeling both humble and proud at the same time. I again salute their bravery.

Next we had the honour of the Queen opening the new kid on our educational block - Drapers Academy. I believe that this school will prove to be a great success and will impact very favourably on its surrounding area.

Over the year I visited many schools and witnessed the dedication and commitment of the teachers and staff. The school Christmas Pantomimes and plays are a happy memory and indeed, for me, leave West End productions in the shade. I have also been privileged to be able to entertain many of our primary schools and uniformed groups in the Chamber and Mayor's Parlour. The children asked many questions some of which were quite challenging and certainly kept us on our toes. I would like to think that this will help our young people to appreciate the democracy we live in.

There have been so many events all of which in one way or another underlined for me the tireless efforts of so many to enrich the lives of both the community and individuals.

I would like to congratulate a young lady called Princess Bright, who has just been elected as Havering's new Young Leader. She will represent the views of young people at a local level and across London, and will advise Councillors on issues affecting young people in this borough.

I end my year with an overwhelming sense of pride in Havering and its residents.

I thank my staff for their patience and support.

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<i>DIVISION NUMBER:</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6
The Mayor [Cllr. Lynden Thorpe]	O	O	O	O	O	O
The Deputy Mayor [Cllr. Eric Munday]	O	O	O	O	O	✓
<u>CONSERVATIVE GROUP</u>						
Cllr. Michael White	A	A	A	A	A	A
Cllr. Michael Armstrong	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Robert Benham	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Becky Bennett	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Sandra Binion	A	A	A	A	A	A
Cllr. Jeff Brace	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Wendy Brice-Thompson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Andrew Curtin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Osman Dervish	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Ted Eden	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Roger Evans	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Georgina Galpin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Peter Gardner	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Lesley Kelly	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Steven Kelly	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Pam Light	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Robby Misir	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Barry Oddy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Frederick Osborne	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Gary Pain	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Roger Ramsey	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Paul Rochford	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Geoffrey Starns	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Billy Taylor	A	A	A	A	A	A
Cllr. Barry Tebbutt	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Frederick Thompson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Linda Trew	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Melvin Wallace	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Keith Wells	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Damian White	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>RESIDENTS' GROUP</u>						
Cllr. Clarence Barrett	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Cllr. June Alexander	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Cllr. Nic Dodin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Cllr. Brian Eagling	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Cllr. Gillian Ford	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Cllr. Linda Hawthorn	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Cllr. Barbara Matthews	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Cllr. Ray Morgon	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Cllr. John Mylod	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Cllr. Ron Ower	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	O
Cllr. Linda Van den Hende	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Cllr. John Wood	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
<u>LABOUR GROUP</u>						
Cllr. Keith Darvill	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Cllr. Denis Breading	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Cllr. Paul McGeary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Cllr. Pat Murray	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Cllr. Denis O'Flynn	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
<u>INDEPENDENT LOCAL RESIDENTS' GROUP</u>						
Cllr. Jeffery Tucker	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Michael Deon Burton	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr. David Durant	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Cllr. Mark Logan	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✗
<u>UNITED KINGDOM INDEPENDENCE PARTY</u>						
Cllr. Lawrence Webb	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TOTALS						
✓ = YES	48	48	49	49	49	31
✗ = NO	0	0	0	0	0	18
O = ABSTAIN/NO VOTE	2	2	2	2	2	2
ID = INTEREST DISCLOSED/NO VOTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
A = ABSENT FROM MEETING	4	4	3	3	3	3
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