

# **CITY OF WESTMINSTER**

## **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

At the Meeting of the Council of the City of Westminster held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 18th April, 2018 at Westminster Council House, 97-113 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5PT.

### PRESENT

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Ian Adams

### COUNCILLORS

Heather Acton  
Nickie Aiken  
Julia Alexander  
Barbara Arzymanow  
Daniel Astaire  
Richard Beddoe  
Rita Begum  
David Boothroyd  
Iain Bott  
Susie Burbridge  
Ruth Bush  
Melvyn Caplan  
Danny Chalkley  
Brian Connell  
Antonia Cox  
Thomas Crockett  
Peter Cuthbertson  
Robert Davis, MBE, DL  
Tony Devenish  
Paul Dimoldenberg  
Peter Freeman  
Jonathan Glanz  
Barbara Grahame  
Lindsey Hall  
Angela Harvey

David Harvey  
Richard Holloway  
Adam Hug  
Louise Hyams  
Aicha Less  
Patricia McAllister  
Guthrie McKie  
Tim Mitchell  
Gotz Mohindra  
Jan Prendergast  
Papya Qureshi  
Suhail Rahuja  
Robert Rigby  
Rachael Robathan  
Tim Roca  
Ian Rowley  
Karen Scarborough  
Andrew Smith  
Steve Summers  
Barrie Taylor  
Cameron Thomson  
Aziz Toki  
Judith Warner  
Jacqui Wilkinson  
Jason Williams

## **1 APPOINTMENT OF RELIEF CHAIRMAN**

- 1.1 Motion, moved by the Lord Mayor and seconded by Councillor Tim Mitchell, that Councillor Jan Prendergast be elected as Relief Chairman.
- 1.2 Motion put, and on a show of hands, declared **CARRIED**.

## **2 MINUTES**

- 2.1 The minutes of the proceedings at the Council meeting held on Wednesday 7 March 2018 were, with the assent of the Members present, signed by the Lord Mayor as a true record of the proceedings.

## **3 LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

- 3.1 The Lord Mayor advised the Council, with deep regret, of the passing last week of Honorary Alderman Dr Cyril Nemeth. Dr Nemeth had served the Council as Lord Mayor in 1992-1993 with his devoted wife Lucille, as Lady Mayoress. In 2014, after he stepped down from the Council, he was appointed an Honorary Alderman in recognition of his outstanding service to the Council. He was awarded the MBE in 2012 for services to the local community and was also, for many years, a local Magistrate. He served on many Council committees and was the Chairman of the Social Services Committee.
- 3.2 The Council stood in silence in memory of Hon Alderman Dr Cyril Nemeth, MBE, following which Councillors Jan Prendergast, Judith Warner, Paul Dimoldenberg and Nickie Aiken spoke in tribute.

## **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 4.1 There were none.

## **5 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS, IF ANY**

- 5.1 Councillor Angela Harvey presented a petition from Pimlico residents opposed to a Nine Elms Bridge. The petition was referred to the relevant Chief Officer for reporting to the Cabinet Member.

## **6 QUESTIONS**

- 6.1 The questions, supplementary questions and replies are included on the Council's website.

## **7 COUNCILLOR ISSUES**

### **(a) Employment and the Local Economy**

Councillor Guthrie McKie spoke and Councillor Tim Mitchell replied.

**(b) Great Expectations: Reflections on a Demanding Community**

Councillor Brian Connell spoke and Councillor Nickie Aiken replied.

**8 STATEMENT OF URGENT BUSINESS**

8.1 There was no urgent business.

**9 VOTE OF THANKS TO LORD MAYOR**

9.1 Motion moved by Councillor Melvyn Caplan, seconded by Councillor Heather Acton, that the Council resolve to record a Vote of Thanks to Councillor Ian Adams. That the Council resolve to record a Vote of Thanks to Councillor Ian Adams for the distinguished service rendered by him as Lord Mayor and to his Consort, Mr Christopher Colosimo, for the constant and invaluable help given by him as the Lord Mayor's Consort. We assure them of our gratitude for, and high appreciation of, the dignity and ability with which they have carried out their many duties in accordance with the highest traditions of the City and this Vote of Thanks be inscribed on Vellum under the Common Seal and presented to them.

9.2 Motion put, and on a show of hands, declared **CARRIED** following which the Lord Mayor replied.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Council resolve to record a Vote of Thanks to Councillor Ian Adams for the distinguished service rendered by him as Lord Mayor and to his Consort, Mr Christopher Colosimo, for the constant and invaluable help given by him as the Lord Mayor's Consort.
2. We assure them of our gratitude for, and high appreciation of, the dignity and ability with which they have carried out their many duties in accordance with the highest traditions of the City and this Vote of Thanks be inscribed on Vellum under the Common Seal and presented to them.

**10 VOTE OF THANKS TO OUTGOING COUNCILLORS**

10.1 Moved by Councillor Nickie Aiken and seconded by Councillor Adam Hug, that the Council place on record its appreciation for the services rendered to the City by Councillors Julia Alexander, Daniel Astaire, Paul Church, Brian Connell, Baroness Couttie, Tom Crockett, Peter Cuthbertson, Nick Evans, J P Floru, Barbara Grahame, Adnan Mohammed, Suhail Rahuja, Glenys Roberts, Steve Summers, Barrie Taylor and Cameron Thomson, together with any other Councillors not re-elected at the forthcoming City Council elections and also former Councillors Edward Argar, Nilavra Mukerji and Vincenzo Rampulla who stood down during this term. We also remember at this time former Councillor Audrey Lewis who sadly died during this term.

10.2 Motion put and on a show of hands declared **CARRIED**.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Council place on record its appreciation for the services rendered to the City by Councillors Julia Alexander, Daniel Astaire, Paul Church, Brian Connell, Baroness Couttie, Tom Crockett, Peter Cuthbertson, Nick Evans, J P Floru, Barbara Grahame, Adnan Mohammed, Suhail Rahuja, Glenys Roberts, Steve Summers, Barrie Taylor and Cameron Thomson, together with any other Councillors not re-elected at the forthcoming City Council elections and also former Councillors Edward Argar, Nilavra Mukerji and Vincenzo Rampulla who stood down during this term. We also remember at this time former Councillor Audrey Lewis who sadly died during this term.

**11 FUTURE POLICY PLAN**

11.1 No items were selected for debate.

**12 REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

12.1 The Lord Mayor put the recommendation in paragraph 1 of the Standards Committee report to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendation **ADOPTED**.

**Resolved:**

1. That the Council approve the following addition to the Register of Interest form to be completed by all Members and Co-opted Members, as follows:
2. New Section 11 – Please list, including dates where possible, all training undertaken to prepare you for your role as a Councillor and for continuous professional development as a public representative.

The Meeting ended at 9.48 pm

**CHAIRMAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_