

PRESENT

Members of the Council

THE MAYOR: COUNCILLOR JAMES HUSBAND

THE DEPUTY MAYOR: COUNCILLOR MAIGHREAD CONDON-SIMMONDS

AHERN, Tim
ATKINSON, J Robert
BLAKEMAN, J M
BORWICK, Victoria
BUCKMASTER, Christopher
BUXTON, Fiona
BUXTON, Terence
CAMPBELL, Barbara
CAMPBELL, Mrs Elizabeth
CAMPION, David, BA (Arch), Dip TP, FRIBA, MBCS, CITP
CARUANA, Carol
COATES, Professor Sir Anthony Bt, BSc, MD, FRC Path, FRCP
COCKELL, Sir Merrick
COLERIDGE, Timothy
COLLINSON, Deborah
DALTON, Andrew
DENT COAD, Emma
DONALDSON, Ian
FEILDING-MELLEN, Rock
FOREMAN, Todd
GARDNER, Joanna
HARGREAVES, Gerard
HEALY, Pat
HOIER, Bridget
HOLT, Tony
JONES, Tim
LIGHTFOOT, Warwick
LINDSAY, David
MARSHALL, Quentin
MASON, Pat
MILLS, Julie
MINGAY, Robert
MOYLAN, Daniel
NEAL, Matthew
O'NEILL, Dez
PAGET-BROWN, Nicholas
PALMER, Matthew

PASCALL, Will
READ, Jonathon
ROSSI, Marie-Therese
TAYLOR, Mrs Frances
WADE, Linda
WARRICK, Paul
WEALE, Mary
WEATHERHEAD, Miss Doreen M
WILL, Emma
WILLIAMS, Charles

1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Mayor.

2 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor welcomed to the meeting a party of public servants from Libya who were undertaking a development programme at the London School of Economics. He expressed the hope that they would find their time in the United Kingdom of interest and of benefit.

The Mayor said that Members would have received, on New Year's Eve, an email from his office with details of those people who live within or have connections with the Royal Borough, who were included in the 2011 New Year Honours' list. He offered the warmest congratulations to each of them and asked that the list be included in the Minutes of the meeting so that it forms part of the public record. The list is set out below.

Congratulations were extended to Cllr Dr Iain Hanham who had achieved an M.A. (Hons.) in the history of Art, following a two year degree course at Birkbeck College, University of London.

The Mayor said that Members would wish a speedy recovery to Cllr Elizabeth Rutherford who broke her leg in the recent icy weather. The Mayor added that it was good to see the Deputy Mayor back and looking very much better after her very bad fall just before Christmas.

Referring to his charity, Help for Heroes, the Mayor advised the Council that in excess of £16,000 had been raised by the Christmas Carol concert. This brought the total raised to over £20,000 to date. He extended his thanks to colleagues who had contributed and assisted.

On 10 February there would be a 'Chocolate Fest' in the Mayor's Parlour. Invitations would be issued and the Mayor hoped that as many Members as possible would be able to support this event.

NEW YEAR HONOURS' LIST 2011

Among the names appearing in The Queen's New Year Honours' List 2011, were the following:

Knights Bachelor

Roger Martyn Carr. Chairman, Centrica plc. For services to Business. (London, W8)

Vernon James Ellis. Philanthropist and chairman, English National Opera. For services to Music. (London, SW7)

David Kennedy Newbigging, O.B.E. For voluntary service to Cancer Research. (London, SW3)

Professor Alec Edward Reed, C.B.E. For services to Business and to Charity. (London, W8)

C.V.O.

Mrs Helen Joanna Page, L.V.O. Lady in Waiting to The Duchess of Gloucester.

G.B.E.

Arthur George Baron Weidenfeld. Publisher. For public service. (London, SW3)

D.B.E.

Lady Antonia Fraser, C.B.E. Historian and Author. For services to Literature. (London, W8)

C.B.E.

Christopher Samuel Gordon Clark. For services to the Academy of Culinary Arts. (London, SW7)

Edward David Brynmor Jones. For services to Architecture. (London, NW1)

O.B.E.

Mrs Janice Blackburn. Philanthropist. For services to the Arts.
(London, W11)

Herbert Kretzmer. Lyricist and Songwriter. For services to Music.
(London, W8)

Ms Ann Lennox. For services to Oxfam. (London, W11)

James Hood Ross. Formerly chairman, Leadership Foundation for
Higher Education. For voluntary service to Higher Education.
(London, SW7)

Ms Tanya Sarne. Designer. For services to the Fashion Industry.
(London, W10)

M.B.E.

Mrs Elizabeth Hamilton. For voluntary service to the Victoria and
Albert Museum. (London, SW15)

Mrs Eileen Betty Roe-Bishop. (Betty Roe) For services to Classical
Music and to Composition.

Queen's Police Medal

Chief Superintendent Dominic Clout – Metropolitan Police

3 TOWN CLERK AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(i) Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors
Freeman, Dr Hanham, Lamont, Baroness Ritchie and Mrs Rutherford.

(ii) Declarations of Interest

None.

(iii) Declarations under S106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

None.

4 PETITIONS

(i) EPICS (Elderly Persons Integrated Care Scheme)

Councillor Blakeman presented a petition of 360 signatures with the
following prayer:

"EPICS is a specialist Day and Health Centre with a day and health care service for frail older people, a drop-in service and health services. You told the users they had a choice about their care; they chose EPICS. We the undersigned object to the proposed closure of EPICS."

Pursuant to Standing Order 18 the petition was referred to the relevant Cabinet Member for consideration.

5 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Mayor announced that, in accordance with Standing Orders, the order of debate would be as set out in the remainder of the agenda.

6 REPORTS FROM THE CABINET

The reception of the reports was moved by Councillor Sir Merrick Cockell and seconded by Councillor Moylan.

(i) Council Tax Base 2011/12

RESOLVED -

That the recommendation in paragraph 4 of the report be adopted.

(ii) Urgent key decisions

Noted that no urgent key decisions had been taken since October 2010.

7 MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL BY COUNCIL-SIDE COMMITTEES

None.

8 MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

None.

9 MATTERS RAISED UNDER STANDING ORDER 19

S106 funding

Councillor Mingay said that the Royal Borough had the smallest amount of social housing in London. There were high rent levels in the private sector. Many of the less well-off provide services to the better-off. It was important for the Council to maximise income via Section 106 of the Planning Act. However, on 14 December at the Planning Applications Committee, the Planning Department forgot to ask for S106 money in one case (a new house in Cottage Place SW3), and in another the developer was seen as too poor (the Cowshed Public House, Barlby Road, W11). He urged the Council to make sure this did not happen again.

The Council noted the matter.

10 MOTION FOR DEBATE

Equalities

The following motion was moved by Councillor Foreman and seconded by Councillor Dent Coad:

'This Council praises the Equality Act 2010 and welcomes the progress that both the previous Government and the current Government have made with respect to the law concerning age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. This Council condemns the Government's recent announcement that local authorities will no longer be required to consider a duty to promote certain equalities in their activities and it commits to promoting equality, irrespective of a legal duty to do so.'

Debate ensued.

The following amendment was then moved by Councillor Ahern and seconded by Councillor Mills:

To amend the motion so that it reads:

'This Council praises the Equality Act 2010, save for Section 1 of that Act, and welcomes the progress that both the previous Government and the current Government have made with respect to the law concerning age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.'

Debate ensued.

The amendment was put to the vote and was subsequently declared by the Mayor to be carried. Councillors Atkinson, Blakeman, Dent Coad, Foreman, Healy, Hoier, Lindsay, Mason, Mingay and O'Neill asked that their names be recorded as voting against the amendment.

The motion as amended was put to the vote and was subsequently declared by the Mayor to be carried, with Councillor Lindsay voting against and Councillors Atkinson, Blakeman, Dent Coad, Foreman, Healy, Hoier, Mason, Mingay and O'Neill abstaining.

11 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

(i) Resignations from and appointments to Committees etc

None.

(ii) Appointments to Outside Organisations

None.

12. OTHER URGENT MATTERS

None.

The meeting ended at 8.02pm.

Mayor