

PRESENT

Members of the Council

THE MAYOR: COUNCILLOR JAMES HUSBAND

THE DEPUTY MAYOR: COUNCILLOR MAIGHREAD CONDON-SIMMONDS

AHERN, Tim
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BLAKEMAN, J M
BORWICK, Victoria
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BUXTON, Fiona
BUXTON, Terence
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CAMPBELL, Mrs Elizabeth
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CARUANA, Carol
COATES, Professor Sir Anthony Bt, BSc, MD, FRC Path, FRCP
COCKELL, Sir Merrick
COLERIDGE, Timothy
COLLINSON, Deborah
DALEY, Mark
DALTON, Andrew
DENT COAD, Emma
FOREMAN, Todd
FREEMAN, Robert J
GARDNER, Joanna
HANHAM, Dr Iain MA, MSc, DIC, FRCP, FRCR
HEALY, Pat
HOIER, Bridget
HOLT, Tony
JONES, Tim
LAMONT, Andrew
LIGHTFOOT, Warwick
LINDSAY, David
MARSHALL, Quentin
MASON, Pat
MILLS, Julie
MINGAY, Robert
MOYLAN, Daniel
PAGET-BROWN, Nicholas
PALMER, Matthew
PASCALL, Will

PHELPS, Barry
READ, Jonathon
RITCHIE, The Baroness
ROSSI, Marie-Therese
RUTHERFORD, Mrs Elizabeth
TAYLOR, Mrs Frances
WARRICK, Paul
WEALE, Mary
WEATHERHEAD, Miss Doreen M
WILL, Emma
WILLIAMS, Charles

1 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 26 MAY 2010

The minutes of the annual meeting held on 26 May 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Mayor.

2 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

The Baroness Hanham

The Mayor said that Members would know that a by-election had been called in Holland Ward following the resignation of Councillor the Baroness Hanham. Joan leaves the Council following her appointment as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in the Department of Communities and Local Government.

The Mayor knew that all Members would join in sending her the very warmest congratulations on her appointment, coupled with very best wishes as she takes up her work as a Government Minister. However, the Mayor said that he could not let the occasion pass without also paying tribute to the outstanding service which Joan had given since she was first elected in September 1970.

He asked that a note be circulated (included in the minutes below), setting out the facts of her career, but this did not begin to convey her unstinting devotion to the Royal Borough, her energy and vision. He hoped there would be another occasion when Members could speak more fully about her work, but he was pleased this evening to place on record the enormous debt of gratitude which the Royal Borough owes Joan Hanham for her service over almost 40 years.

Joan Hanham was first elected to the Council in September 1970 as a Councillor for Holland Ward. She has represented Holland Ward ever since.

During her time on the Council she has served on most committees, including as Chairman of the Health and Housing Committee, the Town Planning Committee and the Social Services Committee. In 1983-84 she served as Mayor.

Notably, she served as Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee - and hence as 'Leader of the Council' - for 11 years from 1989 until 2000.

Between 1984 and 1989 she was a member of the Mental Health Act Commission and Vice-Chairman of its Southern Region. Between 1986 and 1989 she was Leader of the Conservative Group on the London Boroughs Grants Scheme. She has also served on the North West Thames Regional Health Authority, on the Policy Committees of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, on the London Borough's Association, and on the Local Government Association. From 1994-2000 she was a non-executive director of Chelsea and Westminster Health Care NHS Trust, was Chairman of St. Mary's Hospital NHS Trust from 2000-2007, and member of the Board of Imperial College Healthcare Trust from 2007 – 2009.

In 1984 she became a Freeman of the City of London. She was, in the same year, appointed a Justice of the Peace in the City of London and subsequently also became a magistrate in the Family court; she held both positions till 2009. In 1997 she was awarded the CBE.

Joan Hanham was made a Life peer as Baroness Hanham of Kensington, in the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea in 1999. In the same year she was a candidate for the re-run Conservative nomination to be Mayor of London.

Lady Hanham was a Trustee and, following it becoming independent of the Foreign Office, Vice-President, of the former Commonwealth Institute.

In Opposition in the House of Lords she held the positions of Shadow Minister for Local Government, the Home Office and Transport, and was also a Whip. She was President of Volunteering England from June 2009 and chaired the England Volunteering Development Council from its inception in 2004. As a result of her appointment she has recently had to relinquish these positions.

Following the General Election, on 14 May 2010 Baroness Hanham was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at Communities and Local Government. For this reason, she has, with great regret, had to step down from the Council.

Appointments to the House of Lords

The Mayor reported that two Borough residents had recently been appointed to sit in the House of Lords. One was Edward Faulks, Q.C., a resident of Norland Ward and the other – very well-known to all Members – was, of course, Councillor Shireen Ritchie. Warmest congratulations go to them both, together with very best wishes as they prepare to embark on their work in the Upper House.

The Queen's Birthday Honours' List

Among the many people recognised in the recently published Queen's Birthday Honours' List were a number who, in various ways, had connections with the Royal Borough. The Mayor drew attention to the paper circulated, which set out their names. It was with the very greatest pleasure that he mentioned one in particular. He knew that Members would join him in offering hearty congratulations to the Leader on his enormously well-deserved knighthood. The honour came on the tenth anniversary of his election as Leader and was a hugely fitting recognition of all that he has done through those ten years to bring the Council to a height of excellence unmatched in this Country.

Councillors Moylan, Ritchie, Blakeman, Miss Weatherhead and Mrs Taylor spoke about the Honours List.

Help for Heroes

Members would know that the Mayor had chosen Help for Heroes as his charity. The first event in his year-long programme of support would be the Mayor's Walk in the Abingdon Ward on Saturday 17 July 2010. Speaking at the weekend the Prime Minister said that silent gratitude was not enough and that it was the whole nation's "social responsibility" to put Servicemen and women at the "front and centre of our national life". The Mayor hoped that many Members would be able to join him in collecting money for Help for Heroes which was such a very necessary cause.

The Mayor was pleased to announce that the recent Civic Service had collected around £500 for his charity.

3 TOWN CLERK AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(i) Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Donaldson, Neal and O'Neill.

(ii) Declarations of Interest

None.

4 PETITIONS

No petitions were presented on this occasion.

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 REPORT FROM THE CABINET

Urgent key decisions taken since 21 April 2010

The reception of the report was moved by Councillor Cockell and seconded by Councillor Moylan.

RESOLVED -

That the report be received and noted.

7 MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL BY COUNCIL-SIDE COMMITTEES

Report of the Administration Committee

The reception of the report was moved by Councillor Cockell and seconded by Councillor Moylan.

RESOLVED -

That the recommendations in paragraphs 1.2, 2.2 and 3.2 be adopted.

Report of the Member Training and Development Steering Group

The reception of the report was moved by Councillor Buckmaster and seconded by Councillor Holt.

RESOLVED -

That the report be received and noted.

8 MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

None.

9 MATTERS RAISED UNDER STANDING ORDER 19

(i) Portobello Market

Councillor Mason spoke about the need to encourage visitors to Portobello Market and Golborne Road. He considered that comments from Liberal Democrats and their supporters suggesting that the market would close had done nothing to encourage trade. The market should not be used as a political football. All political groups should work together to ensure the market prospered in these economically difficult times.

The Council noted the matter.

10 MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

Adelaide House, 49 Bassett Road

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

"That this Council resolves to set a good example to private landlords by leaving no property empty or unused. As part of the Council's commitment to make best possible use of its assets, therefore, it will restore the former children's home Adelaide House at 49 Bassett Road to full use within the public sector as quickly as possible."

The following amendment was moved by Councillor Coleridge and seconded by Councillor Ahern.

To insert a full-stop after "use " and delete "within the public sector as quickly as possible" from the final sentence.

Debate ensued, during which Councillor Mingay made his maiden speech and Councillor Healy made her first speech following her re-election to the Council.

The amendment was put to the vote and was declared by the Mayor to be carried.

The motion, as amended, was then put to the vote and was subsequently declared by the Mayor to be carried.

Local education authority

The following motion was moved by Councillor Atkinson and seconded by Councillor Foreman:

"That this Council is proud of its 25 year record as an education authority and believes that local authorities should continue to play the leading role in the provision of education for their residents. It therefore regrets the coalition government's proposals in its "Academies" Bill to bribe and cajole schools to break their links with the local authority.

In the interests of maintaining current excellence in local education, this Council therefore urges all its schools to stay with the local authority. It also resolves to establish the new school in North Kensington as a Community School, with the Council appointing the majority of the governors. This arrangement will ensure that the school has the closest possible relationship with the community in which it is situated and that the priorities and values of the school will reflect those of the people of North Kensington."

Debate ensued, during which Councillors Foreman, Jones and Read made their maiden speeches and Councillor Atkinson made his first speech following his re-election to the Council.

The motion was put to the vote and was subsequently declared by the Mayor to be lost.

11 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

(i) Resignations from and appointments to Committees etc

The Council noted the appointment of Councillor Barbara Campbell to the **Notting Hill Gate Advisory Group** and Councillor Coleridge to the **Tenants Advisory Group**.

(ii) Appointments to Outside Organisations

The resignation of Honorary Alderman Sir Adrian FitGerald from the **Chelsea Theatre** was noted. The Council approved the appointment of Councillor Rossi in his place.

The Council also noted the revised procedures for nominating to **Valuation Tribunals**.

12. OTHER URGENT MATTERS

None.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm.

Mayor