

# COUNCIL (ANNUAL)

## MINUTES

### 22 MAY 2012

**Present:**

- \* Councillor Mrinal Choudhury (The Worshipful the Mayor)
- \* Councillor Nizam Ismail (The Deputy Mayor)

**Councillors:**

* Husain Akhtar	* Mrs Vina Mithani
* Sue Anderson	* Amir Moshenson
* Nana Asante	* Chris Mote
* Marilyn Ashton	* Janet Mote
* Mrs Camilla Bath	* John Nickolay
* Christine Bednell	* Joyce Nickolay
* James Bond	* Christopher Noyce
* Mrs Lurline Champagnie OBE	* Phillip O'Dell
* Kam Chana	* Asad Omar
* Ramji Chauhan	* Paul Osborn
* Bob Currie	* Varsha Parmar
* Margaret Davine	* David Perry
* Mano Dharmarajah	* Bill Phillips
* Tony Ferrari	* Raj Ray
* Keith Ferry	* Richard Romain
* Ann Gate	* Anthony Seymour
* Brian Gate	* Lynda Seymour
* David Gawn	* Navin Shah
* Stephen Greek	* Mrs Rekha Shah
* Mitzi Green	* Sachin Shah
* Susan Hall	* Stanley Sheinwald
* Graham Henson	* Victoria Silver
* Thaya Idaikkadar	* Bill Stephenson
* Krishna James	* William Stoodley
* Manji Kara	* Krishna Suresh
* Zarina Khalid	* Sasi Suresh
* Jean Lammiman	* Yogesh Teli
* Barry Macleod-Cullinane	* Ben Wealthy
* Kairul Kareema Marikar	* Simon Williams
* Ajay Maru	* Stephen Wright
* Jerry Miles	

\* Denotes Member present

## PRAYERS

The meeting opened with Prayers offered by Mr Srutidharma Das.

### 204. ELECTION OF MAYOR

The Mayor called formally for nominations for the Office of the Mayor of the London Borough of Harrow for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor Bill Stephenson nominated and Councillor Graham Henson seconded that **COUNCILLOR NIZAM ISMAIL** be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2012/13.

Councillors Susan Hall, Thaya Idaikkadar, Zarina Khalid, John Nickolay and Chris Noyce also spoke in support of the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the Mayor put the nomination of Councillor Nizam Ismail to the meeting.

**RESOLVED: That Councillor Nizam Ismail be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Harrow for the Municipal Year 2012/13.**

### 205. INSTALLATION OF NEWLY APPOINTED MAYOR

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Mrinal Choudhury, vacated the Chair and, after a short interval for robing, the newly elected Mayor, having made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, took the Chair.

The Mayor, Councillor Nizam Ismail, announced that his Mayoress would be his wife, Mrs Zahafaran Ismail.

The Mayoress, Mrs Zahafaran Ismail, was then invested with her Medallion of Office.

**The Mayor, Councillor Nizam Ismail**, returned thanks for his election.

### 206. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor Navin Shah formally moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Mrinal Choudhury, which was seconded by Councillor David Perry.

Councillors Sue Anderson, Camilla Bath, Margaret Davine, Jean Lammiman, Vina Mithani and Chris Noyce endorsed the vote of thanks.

**RESOLVED: That the Council place on record its unanimous appreciation and sincere thanks to Councillor Mrinal Choudhury for his year of office as Mayor of the London Borough of Harrow for 2011/12.**

## **207. EXPRESSION OF THANKS BY IMMEDIATE PAST MAYOR**

Councillor Mrinal Choudhury congratulated the incoming Mayor, Councillor Nizam Ismail, on his appointment and thanked Members of Council for their kind words.

In recalling his Mayoral Year, Councillor Choudhury, advised that he had undertaken 584 engagements during his Mayoral year. The Deputy Mayor had undertaken 88 events and the Honorary Alderman 56 engagements.

Councillor Choudhury registered his sincere thanks and appreciation to the Chief Executive and all members of staff particularly the Mayoral and Democratic Services Teams for their hard work during his year in office.

Councillor Choudhury reflected that he had the opportunity to attend a number of different religious and community institutions which he had enjoyed immensely. These had included attending, synagogues, churches, temples, mosques. Councillor Choudhury commented that he had been humbled by meeting residents who had reached the age of 100 years and on the proud occasion of meeting Sir Richard Attenborough as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Councillor Choudhury also commented that other highlights of his Mayoral Year included meeting the Archbishop of Westminster, conferring the Honorary Freedom of the Borough on Sir Paul Nurse and the good work he had been involved in with Harrow in Europe on building cultural links.

He thanked the Members of Council and the people of the Borough for granting him the privilege of serving as Mayor. He also thanked his fellow Edgware Ward Councillors for their additional support in the constituency during his Mayoral Year.

Finally, Councillor Choudhury thanked his Chaplain and his wife for the support that they had provided him.

Councillor Mrinal Choudhury then left the Dais and was escorted by the Macebearer to his seat in the Council Chamber.

## **208. PRESENTATION OF MEDALLION TO THE IMMEDIATE PAST MAYOR**

The Mayor, Councillor Nizam Ismail, on behalf of the Council presented a replica of the Mayor's Medallion to Councillor Mrinal Choudhury in commemoration of his Mayoralty of the Borough 2011/12.

The Mayoress, Mrs Zahafaran Ismail, presented to the immediate past Mayoress, Mrs Rama Choudhury, a Medallion to commemorate her year as Mayoress of the Borough 2011/12.

## 209. ELECTION AND INVESTITURE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor called formally for nominations for Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Harrow for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor Asad Omar nominated and Councillor Margaret Davine seconded that **COUNCILLOR NANA ASANTE** be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2012/13.

There being no other nominations, the Mayor put the nomination of Councillor Nana Asante to the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor, having been duly invested with the Deputy Mayor's robe and Badge of Office, occupied the Deputy Mayor's Chair.

The Mayoress, **Mrs Zahafaran Ismail**, then invested the Deputy Mayoress, **Ms Awula Serwah**, with her Medallion of Office.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Nana Asante, then returned thanks.

**RESOLVED: That Councillor Nana Asante be elected Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Harrow for the Municipal Year 2012/13.**

## 210. APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN

The Mayor confirmed to Council that he had appointed **Imam Anas Mohamed** as his religious representative for his Mayoral Year.

## 211. CIVIC FUNCTIONS

Council received tabled notification of forthcoming events for the Year. The Mayor also nominated Age UK Harrow as his special appeal for the Municipal Year 2012/13.

**RESOLVED: That the dates of the following Civic Functions be noted:**

Civic Service at St Mary's Church	Sun 24 June 2012 (10.30 am)
Armed Forces/Veterans Flag Raising Ceremony	Mon 25 June 2012 (10.30 am)
Battle of Britain Thanksgiving Service	(Date to be confirmed)
Remembrance Day Parade and Service	Sun 11 November 2012 (10.15 am)
Mayoress's Committee Ball	Sat 17 November 2012 (7.00 pm)

**212. EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED:** To note that an Extraordinary Meeting of Council would be held on Thursday 24 May 2012.

**213. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2012/13**

**RESOLVED:** That the following dates for meetings of the Council in the Municipal Year 2012/13 be confirmed:

Thursday 5 July 2012

Thursday 8 November 2012

Thursday 21 February 2013 (Council Tax Meeting)

Thursday 18 April 2013

**(CLOSE OF MEETING:** All business having been completed, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.51 pm).