



MINUTES
of the
SPECIAL MEETING
of the
COUNCIL
of the
LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW
held on
THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2004

Present: **The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Mano Dharmarajah)**
 The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Lurline Champagne)

Councillors:

R. Arnold
 David Ashton
 Mrs Marilyn Ashton
 Mrs Camilla Bath
 Miss C A Bednell
 F. Billson
 Alan Blann
 H. Bluston
 J. Branch
 K. Burchell
 M. Choudhury
 Mrs Janet Cowan
 John Cowan
 Bob Currie
 Margaret Davine
 Sanjay Dighé
 A.T. Foulds
 Brian Gate
 Mitzi Green
 Ann Groves

T. Idaikkadar
 M. Ingram
 N. Ismail
 M. Kara
 Mrs E.M. Kinnear
 M. Kinsey
 A.C. Knowles
 Jean Lammiman
 D. Lavingia
 A. Lent
 Miss Paddy Lyne
 Myra Michael
 Jerry J. Miles
 Vina Mithani
 Chris Mote
 Mrs Janet Mote
 J.W. Nickolay

Mrs Joyce Nickolay
 Marie-Louise Nolan
 Phillip O'Dell
 A. Omar
 P. Osborn
 Anjana Patel
 A. Pinkus
 R. Ray
 R.D. Romain
 Anthony Seymour
 Navin Shah
 Mrs Rajeshri Shah
 E. Silver
 Bill Stephenson
 Keekira Thammaiah
 S. Thornton
 Keith Toms
 M. Versallion
 A.E. Whitehead
 G. Williams

PRAYERS

The meeting opened with Prayers offered by the
 Mayor's Chaplain, Deacon Tony Martin

A **GENERAL****147.** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:****RESOLVED:**

TO NOTE THAT WERE NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST MADE BY MEMBERS IN RELATION TO THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED AT THIS SPECIAL MEETING.

148. **COUNCIL MINUTES:****RESOLVED:**

TO DEFER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 OCTOBER 2003 UNTIL THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL, WHICH WAS TO FOLLOW THIS SPECIAL MEETING.

B **HONORARY FREEDOM****149.** **CONFERMENT OF THE FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH:**

At the meeting of the Cabinet held on 16 December 2003 a Recommendation was made to hold a Special Council meeting to consider under the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 the proposed conferment of Honorary Freedom of the Borough and the associated costs in recording the granting of the Freedom in an Illuminated Scroll in accordance with the provisions of Section 249(6).

A report submitted to this Special Council Meeting formally proposed that the Honorary Freedom be conferred on Sir Roger Bannister.

Sir Roger Bannister was born in Harrow on 23 March 1929 and was educated in the Borough. He became the first person to run 1 mile in just 3 minutes and 59.4 seconds, breaking the four minute barrier, which has been recognised as the most significant athletic feat of the 20th Century.

It was proposed that the honour be conferred in 2004 to mark the 50th anniversary of the outstanding sporting achievement of Sir Roger Bannister in joint celebration with the 50th anniversary of the Borough's Incorporation. Members unanimously welcomed the proposal.

RESOLVED:

THAT (1) FURTHER TO CABINET RECOMMENDATION II (16 DECEMBER 2003) AND THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 249(5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, AS NOW AGREED UNANIMOUSLY (WITH NO VOTES CAST AGAINST), THE COUNCIL DO CONFER THE HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH ON SIR ROGER BANNISTER AND APPROVE ASSOCIATED COSTS IN RECORDING THE GRANTING OF THE FREEDOM IN AN ILLUMINATED SCROLL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 249(6).

(2) THE FOLLOWING FORMAL RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED:-

"THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 249(5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

**DO CONFER THE
HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH
ON
SIR ROGER BANNISTER**

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ACHIEVEMENT ON 6 MAY 1954 IN ESTABLISHING THE THEN WORLD RECORD OF RUNNING THE MILE DISTANCE IN LESS THAN FOUR MINUTES FOR THE FIRST TIME

AND

THAT THIS HONOUR OF FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH BE NOW SO CONFERRED ON SIR ROGER BANNISTER APPROPRIATELY IN THE CURRENT YEAR OF 2004 IN FURTHER JOINT COMMEMORATION AND CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HARROW'S CHARTER OF INCORPORATION AS A BOROUGH ON 4 MAY 1954."

(CLOSE OF MEETING: All business having been completed, the Mayor declared the Special Meeting closed at 7.35 pm).