

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## 25 MAY 2010

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

\* Denotes Member present

## **PRAYERS**

The meeting opened with Prayers offered by the Rabbi Mendel Lew.

### **1. 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 Navin Shah nominated and Councillor Susan Hall seconded that **COUNCILLOR ASAD OMAR** be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

Councillors Nizam Ismail, John Nickolay, Nana Asante and John Nickolay also spoke in support of the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the Mayor put the nomination of Councillor Asad Omar to the meeting.

**RESOLVED: That Councillor Asad Omar be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Harrow for the Municipal Year 2010/11.**

### **2. INSTALLATION OF NEWLY-ELECTED MAYOR**

The retiring Mayor, Mr Eric Silver, 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 Asad Omar, announced that in tribute to the memory of his late wife he named her posthumously his Mayoress. He advised that it was his intention that he would invite Councillor colleagues to attend ceremonial events with him, where appropriate.

**The Mayor, Councillor Asad Omar**, returned thanks for his election.

### **3. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR**

Councillor Anthony Seymour formally moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress, Mr and Mrs Eric Silver, which was seconded by Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane.

Councillors Mrinal Choudhury, Lurline Champagnie OBE, Brian Gate and Chris Noyce endorsed the vote of thanks.

The Council also agreed to hear from Honorary Alderman Toms who added his support to the vote of thanks.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council place on record its unanimous appreciation and sincere thanks to Mr Eric & Mrs Evelyn Silver for their year of office as Mayor and Mayoress of the London Borough of Harrow for 2009/10.

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

Mr Eric Silver congratulated the incoming Mayor, Councillor Asad Omar, on his appointment and thanked Members of Council for their kind words.

In recalling his Mayoral Year, Mr Silver, expressed that he had attended many functions within the borough. He had also been fortunate to have the opportunity to meet the people of the Borough.

Mr Silver paid tribute to the voluntary organisations and the volunteers of Harrow. He spoke on the generous funding towards his Special Appeal "Easi-Riders Wheelchairs", advising that approximately £55,000 had been raised during the year.

Mr Silver registered his heartfelt thanks and appreciation of the Mayoral Team for their hard work during his year in office particularly during a period of significant change and challenge. He also thanked the Deputy Lieutenant and his Rabbi for their support at the many functions he attended.

He then thanked his wife for serving as his Mayoress and for the commitment and skill she had brought to her role and in serving alongside him. Finally, he thanked the Members of Council and the people of the Borough for granting him the privilege of serving as Mayor.

Mr Eric Silver then left the Dais and was escorted by the Macebearer to his seat in the Council Chamber.

#### **5. PRESENTATION OF MEDALLIONS TO THE IMMEDIATE PAST MAYOR AND MAYORESS**

The Mayor, Asad Omar, on behalf of the Council presented a replica of the Mayor's Medallion to Mr Eric Silver in commemoration of his Mayoralty of the Borough 2009/10.

The Mayor then presented to the immediate past Mayoress, Mrs Evelyn Silver, a Medallion to commemorate her year as Mayoress of the Borough 2009/10.

#### **6. 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 Bill Stephenson nominated and Councillor Phillip O'Dell seconded that **COUNCILLOR MRINAL CHOUDHURY** be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

There being no other nominations, the Mayor put the nomination of Councillor Mrinal Choudhury 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 Mayor then invested the Deputy Mayoress, **Mrs Rama Choudhury**, with her Medallion of Office.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrinal Choudhury, then returned thanks.

**RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrinal Choudhury be elected Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Harrow for the Municipal Year 2010/11.**

#### **7. APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN**

The Mayor confirmed to Council that he had appointed Imam Hafiz Muhammad Akram as his religious representative for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

#### **8. RETURN OF COUNCILLORS AND NOTIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF POLITICAL GROUPS INCLUDING LEADERS, DEPUTY LEADERS AND PARTY WHIPS**

**RESOLVED: That the report detailing the return of Councillors elected at the Borough Council Elections on 6 May 2010, including the membership of the respective political groups, be noted.**

#### **9. APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED: That Councillor Bill Stephenson be elected Leader of the Council.**

#### **10. COUNCIL MINUTES**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15 April 2010 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.**

#### **11. CIVIC FUNCTIONS**

Council received tabled notification of forthcoming events for the Year. The Mayor also nominated Ovarian Cancer Action as his special appeal for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

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

Civic Service at St Mary's Church	20 June 2010
Armed Forces / Veterans Flag Raising Ceremony	21 June 2010
Battle of Britain Thanksgiving Service	12 September 2010
Remembrance Day Parade and Service	14 November 2010
Mayoress' Committee Ball	27 November 2010

**12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared.

**13. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS**

No Procedural Motions were moved.

**14. EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED: To note that an Extraordinary Meeting of Council would be held on Thursday 27 May 2010.**

**15. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2010/11**

**RESOLVED: That the following dates for meetings of the Council in the Municipal Year 2010/11 be confirmed:**

Thursday 8 July 2010

Thursday 11 November 2010

Thursday 17 February 2011 (Council Tax Meeting)

Thursday 14 April 2011

Thursday 12 May 2011 (Annual Meeting)

**(CLOSE OF MEETING:** All business having been completed, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.05 pm).