

COUNCIL (ANNUAL) MINUTES

10 MAY 2011

- Present:**
- * Councillor Asad Omar (The Worshipful the Mayor)
 - * Councillor Mrinal Choudhury (The Deputy Mayor)
- Councillors:**
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Husain Akhtar * Sue Anderson * Nana Asante * Mrs Camilla Bath * Christine Bednell * James Bond * Mrs Lurline Champagne OBE * Kam Chana * Ramji Chauhan * Bob Currie * Margaret Davine * Mano Dharmarajah * Tony Ferrari * Keith Ferry * Ann Gate * Brian Gate * David Gawn * Stephen Greek * Mitzi Green * Susan Hall * Graham Henson * Thaya Idaikkadar * Nizam Ismail * Krishna James * Manji Kara * Zarina Khalid * Jean Lammiman * Barry Macleod-Cullinane * Kairul Kareema Marikar * Ajay Maru | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Jerry Miles * Mrs Vina Mithani * Chris Mote * Janet Mote * John Nickolay * Joyce Nickolay * Christopher Noyce * Phillip O'Dell * Paul Osborn * Varsha Parmar * David Perry * Bill Phillips * Raj Ray * Richard Romain * Anthony Seymour * Lynda Seymour * Navin Shah * Mrs Rekha Shah * Sachin Shah * Stanley Sheinwald * Victoria Silver * Bill Stephenson * William Stoodley * Krishna Suresh * Sasi Suresh * Yogesh Teli * Mark Versallion * Ben Wealthy * Simon Williams * Stephen Wright |
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* Denotes Member present

PRAYERS

The meeting opened with Prayers offered by Imam Hafiz Muhammed Akram.

107. PRESENTATION CEREMONY - LONG SERVICE AWARD FOR COUNCILLOR LURLINE CHAMPAGNIE, OBE

Council had previously agreed, by Resolution 192 on 18 July 1985, that Members who completed 25 years' service with the Council be presented with framed, illuminated copy resolutions of appreciation. Councillor Mrs Lurline Champagnie OBE had completed 25 years' service as a Member of the Authority in May 2011, and her resolution of appreciation had been adopted by Council on 14 April 2011.

The Mayor, Councillor Asad Omar, on behalf of the Council, now formally congratulated Councillor Champagnie OBE and presented her with a framed, illuminated copy resolution to mark her long service achievement. Councillors Husain Akhtar, Nana Asante, James Bond, Paul Osborn and John Nickolay spoke in appreciation of Councillor Champagnie's service.

Councillor Champagnie returned thanks for her presentation.

108. PRESENTATION CEREMONY - LONG SERVICE AWARD FOR FORMER COUNCILLOR JOHN COWAN

Council had previously agreed, by Resolution 192 on 18 July 1985, that Members who completed 25 years' service with the Council be presented with framed, illuminated copy resolutions of appreciation. Councillor John Cowan had given 25 years service to the Authority, and his posthumous resolution of appreciation had been adopted by Council on 14 April 2011.

The Mayor, Councillor Asad Omar, on behalf of the Council, formally congratulated the family of past Councillor John Cowan and presented his sons, Richard and Martin Cowan, with a framed, illuminated copy resolution to mark the long service achievement, expressing his sadness at Councillor Cowan's recent death. Councillors Christine Bednell, Kareema Marikar, Chris Noyce and Richard Romain spoke in appreciation of Councillor Cowan's service.

Richard and Martin Cowan thanked the Council and briefly spoke on the memory of their father.

109. 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 Ajay Maru nominated and Councillor Bill Phillips seconded that **COUNCILLOR MRINAL CHOUDHURY** be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2011/12.

Councillors Krishna James, Chris Noyce and David Perry also spoke in support of the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the Mayor put the nomination of Councillor Mrinal Choudhury to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrinal Choudhury be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Harrow for the Municipal Year 2011/12.

110. INSTALLATION OF NEWLY-ELECTED MAYOR

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Asad Omar, 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 Mrinal Choudhury, announced that his Mayoress would be his wife, Mrs Rama Choudhury.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrinal Choudhury, returned thanks for his election.

111. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor Brian Gate formally moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Asad Omar, which was seconded by Councillor Phillip O'Dell.

Councillors Susan Hall, Husain Akthar, James Bond, Mrs Camilla Bath, Mrs Lurline Champagnie OBE, Manji Kara, Zarina Khalid, Jean Lammiman, Kareema Marikar, Barry Macleod-Cullinane, Chris Mote, Janet Mote, Chris Noyce, Lynda Seymour and Mark Versallion 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 Councillor Asad Omar for his year of office as Mayor of the London Borough of Harrow for 2010/11.

112. EXPRESSION OF THANKS BY IMMEDIATE PAST MAYOR

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

In recalling his Mayoral Year, Councillor Omar, advised that he had undertaken 650 engagements and had held a faith celebration in the Mayor's Parlour for every major faith which had been open to attendance by officers.

Councillor Omar paid tribute to the voluntary organisations and the volunteers of Harrow. He spoke on his awareness raising of his chosen Special Appeal "Ovarian Cancer", advising that he was confident that this was a charity that was now in the forefront of awareness, noting that approximately £17,000 had also been raised during the year towards its aims and objectives. He also referred to his additional Disaster Appeal in aid of the Pakistan Flood noting that this had raised in excess of £60,000 and had resulted in homes being built in the disaster area for those families in the most need.

Councillor Omar registered his sincere thanks and appreciation of the Mayoral Team for their hard work during his year in office.

Councillor Omar also thanked his Deputy Mayor and Alderman Toms for their contribution to his Mayoral year. He then thanked Nye Toms for chairing the Mayoresses Committee and his family for the support he had received.

He then spoke on the many Councillors who had attended a variety of functions as his Mayoral guest. Finally, he thanked the Members of Council and the people of the Borough for granting him the privilege of serving as Mayor.

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

113. PRESENTATION OF MEDALLION TO THE IMMEDIATE PAST MAYOR

The Mayor, Councillor Mrinal Choudhury, on behalf of the Council presented a replica of the Mayor's Medallion to Councillor Asad Omar in commemoration of his Mayoralty of the Borough 2010/11.

Councillor Asad Omar was then presented with a bouquet in memory of his late wife.

114. 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 Kareema Marikar seconded that **COUNCILLOR NIZAM ISMAIL** be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2011/12.

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

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Nizam Ismail, then returned thanks.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Nizam Ismail be elected Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Harrow for the Municipal Year 2011/12.

115. APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN

The Mayor confirmed to Council that he had appointed **Mr Srutidharma Das** as his religious representative for his Mayoral Year.

116. CIVIC FUNCTIONS

Council received tabled notification of forthcoming events for the Year. The Mayor also nominated Harrow Association of Disabled People (HAD) and Harrow Mencap as his special appeals for the Municipal Year 2011/12.

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

Civic Service at St Mary's Church	Sun 19 June 2011 (10.00 am)
Armed Forces/Veterans Flag Raising Ceremony	Mon 20 June 2011 (10.30 am)
Battle of Britain Thanksgiving Service	Sun 11 Sep 2011 (11.00 am)
Armistice Day Service	Thu 11 Nov 2011 (10.45 am)
Remembrance Day Parade and Service	Sun 13 Nov 2011 (10.15 am)
Mayoress's Committee Ball	Sat 19 Nov 2011 (7.00 pm)

117. EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

RESOLVED: To note that an Extraordinary Meeting of Council would be held on Thursday 12 May 2011.

118. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2011/12

RESOLVED: That the following dates for meetings of the Council in the Municipal Year 2011/12 be confirmed:

Thursday 7 July 2011

Thursday 3 November 2011

Thursday 16 February 2012 (Council Tax Meeting)

Thursday 12 April 2012

(CLOSE OF MEETING: All business having been completed, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.34 pm).