

Council

Thursday 8 July 2010

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COUNCIL

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Item 1 – Council Minutes - Amendment

The Worshipful the Mayor has requested a minor amendment to the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 25 May 2010 that at Page 5, (5 Presentation of Medallions to the Immediate Past Mayor and Mayoress) the section commences by reading “***The Mayor, Asad Omar...***”. The proposed amendment is for the section to commence by reading “***The Mayor, Councillor Asad Omar***”.

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LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW
MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS
Thursday 8 July 2010

I have carried out the following engagements since the Annual Council Meeting on Tuesday 25th May 2010:-

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| 26 May | Attended Belmont Theatre Co, Production of 'Rebecca' |
| 27 May | Attended Wiseworks Open Day |
| 28 May | Visited Harrow & Wealdstone Shopmobility
Attended Barclays' "Lets Do It" Awards
Attended Harrow Mosque |
| 29 May | Attended London Kalibari Event |
| 30 May | Attended Reception |
| 31 May | Attended Grim's Dyke Hotel - Annual Open Day |
| 1 June | Attended Harrow & Wealdstone Shopmobility- AGM |
| 2 June | Attended HAFTA Celebration Event
Attended Citizenship Ceremony |
| 3 June | Attended Harrow Heritage Trust- General Meeting |
| 4 June | Attended Opening The Firs' New Garden |
| 5 June | Attended New Mayors' Induction Day, LMA |
| 6 June | Attended Mayor's Shield - Annual Bowls Match |
| 7 June | Attended HAVS Celebration of Independent Visitors Services |
| 8 June | Attended One World Week Event, Heathland School
Attended Opening of Health & Harmony
Attended The Jack Petchey Foundation- Harrow Awards Presentation 2010 |
| 9 June | Visited Shaftesbury High School to see off children to Thorpe Park with Rotary Clubs
Attended POP Walk for over 50's
Attended SMAS Recorder Festival |
| 10 June | Attended GCSE Art and Design textiles Exhibition, Heathfield School
Attended Inter-Cadet Shooting Competition, Harrow School |
| 12 June | Attended St Mary's Church Summer Fete
Attended Kingfisher Swimming Club Gala-House Championship |
| 13 June | Attended West House & Pinner Association of Churches Books of Remembrance Blessing
Attended Harrow Young Musicians' Academy Strings Concert |
| 14 June | Hosted visit from pupils of Grims Dyke School
Attended Opening of Harrow Hair & Beauty
Attended Private view of Art & Photography, Harrow College |

- 15 June Attended Carers' Day in Carers' Week, Niland Centre
 Attended CREATE Awards
 Attended Lord Mayor of Westminster's Reception
- 16 June Attended Cook Book Launch, Canons High School
 Attended St John Ambulance Award Ceremony for Volunteers
- 17 June Attended New Library & Book Reading Event, Stag Lane Middle School
 Attended Celebration of 125 years of SSAFA Forces Help
 Attended Citizenship Ceremony
- 18 June Attended Ovarian Cancer Action Meeting
 Attended Main Carers' Celebration
- 19 June Attended Under One Sky Pre-event (Children's activities/Disabilities Week)
 Attended St Alban's Church Fair
 Attended Girl Guiding UK Event
 Attended Overseas Srilankan Muslim Education Trust – Annual Charity Fundraising Dinner
- 20 June Attended Annual Civic Service, St Mary's Church Harrow on the Hill
 Attended Reception at Harrow School
 Attended Princess Alexandra Home Fete
 Attended Grand Opening of West House, Pinner
 Attended Harrow Athletics Club Presentations
- 21 June Attended Flag Raising Ceremony & Reception – Armed Forces Day
 Attended Funeral of the Late Mrs Eileen Colledge, Past Member & Mayoress
- 22 June Attended Junior Citizen 2010 Event
 Attended Multi-Culture Day – Nower Hill High School
 Attended Mayoress's AGM
- 23 June Attended Pensioners' Forum – 20th Public Mtg
 Attended NHS Brent, Harrow & NW Hospitals Baby Show at Vale Farm Sports Centre
- 24 June Attended International Food Day Celebration at Bentley High School
 Attended Citizenship Ceremony
- 25 June Attended Harrow Tamil Association Elders' Group – Cultural Celebration
- 26 June Attended Regent Learning Speech Day
 Attended Headstone Scouts Summer Fair
- 27 June Attended 'Under One Sky'
- 28 June Attended Somali Carers Forum Lunch
 Attended Song Festival
- 29 June Attended Celebration of 25th Anniversary of Paul Strickland Scanner Centre
 Attended Harrow College – Student Awards Ceremony

30 June	Attended The Vaughan Neighbourhood Resource Centre 5A side Cup Final Mini League Competition Attended Final of Headstone South Safer Neighbourhood Team Competition Interfaith Cricket Attended Harrow in Europe AGM
1 July	Attended Deaf Awareness Event 2010, Northwick Park Hospital Presented Prizes at Heathfield School Leadership Challenge Week Event Attended Echoes of the Heart Courtyard Opening, ACAD Centre, Central Middlesex Hospital
2 July	Attended Community Link Up 1:1 Club Event
3 July	Attended Balfour Beatty London Youth Games, Crystal Palace
6 July	Hosted visit from pupils from Kenmore Park Middle School
7 July	Attended Kingsley High School Leavers' Award Ceremony
8 July	Attended Harrow Police & Barnet FC Inter-Schools Football Competition Attended Harrow & Hillingdon Branch, Alzheimer's Society Tea Party

I was represented by The Deputy Mayor on the following occasions:-

5 June	Attended Edgware & District Reform Synagogue 75 th Anniversary Service
5 June	Attended Kobi Jashimuddin's Fantasy Bengali Dance Drama
6 June	Attended Sickle Cell Society- Remembrance and Thanksgiving Service
12 June	Attended Capel Manor Garden Party Attended Shree Swaminarayam Temple 4 th Anniversary Celebrations
16 June	Attended Pavilion Opera Performance, Aylward School
19 June	Attended Refugee Week 2010 Celebration
25 June	Attended Charity Cycle Event
26 June	Attended Wealdstone Festival
29 June	Attended Citizenship Ceremony
30 June	Attended The North West London Hospitals NHS Trust AGM
1 July	Attended Friends & Neighbours' Tea Party, Bentley Wood School
3 July	Attended The Tamil Association of Brent Event
8 July	Attended Summer Lunch at Stanmore College

I was represented by Past Mayors on the following occasions:-

27 May	Attended 3 rd Pinner (St Luke's) Scout Group AGM
9 June	Attended Yogi Divine Society Celebration
15 June	Attended Red Balloon Centre Reception

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19 June	Attended Harrow Philharmonic Choral Concert
25 June	Attended Rayners Lane Children's Centre Opening
3 July	Attended St Luke's Hospice Summer Fete Attended Kids Can Achieve & ADHD Support – Summer Fun Day
4 July	Attended Edgware & District Reform Synagogue PSALM Enchanted Evening Attended HYM Senior Band Concert
8 July	Attended Harrow & Wealdstone District Scout AGM

The following Harrow residents received Awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours List:-

Borough Commander Dal Babu	OBE
Bill Ashton	OBE
Dr Sukhbir Singh Kapoor	OBE
Beverley Smart	OBE
Prakash Daswani	OBE
Ian Hutcheson	OBE
David Maurice	MBE

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COUNCIL MEETING

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8 JULY 2010

PUBLIC QUESTION (ITEM 6)

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Questioner: Pravin Seedher

**Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson, Leader of the Council and
Portfolio Holder for Finance and Business
Transformation**

Question 1:

“Do you intend to follow the previous Conservative administration's financial strategy to work with the new government on the proposals laid out in their budget to achieve a council tax freeze for Harrow in 2011-12?”

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Questioner: Amir Moshneson

Asked of: Councillor Phillip O'Dell, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety

Question 2:

“Last Friday my wife chased burglars away from our back garden. From the evidence collected and left in the area, it seems that the burglars spent some time, first trying to get in through the front, and then making their way through several gardens to try and get in through the back. All this was done in broad daylight and on a main street. The previous administration has done quite a bit to improve the crime rates in Harrow including initiatives such as smartwater property marking. What does this administration intend to do in order to improve on personal safety and security and to ensure that our children are not scared to go out to their own gardens?”

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Questioner: Jeremy Zeid

**Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson, Leader of the Council and
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Transformation**

Question 3:

“After the elections, one of your members is quoted in the Harrow Times stating ‘This isn’t a surprise, it was on the cards’. Meanwhile your literature made wildly varying claims of anything from 30 to 50 million Pounds in unspecified shortfalls. Assuming that there is any truth in these claims, why after two months have neither you nor the cabinet consulted on, nor published any substantive findings or plans to steer Harrow safely through the next three years, while the government realising the urgency published in 42 days, a week early?”

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QUESTION WITH NOTICE

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Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

Asked of: Councillor Margaret Davine (Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Health and Well-being)

Question 1:

“Can you provide a statement about how Harrow PCT’s financial situation and its impact on the Council, the voluntary sector and our residents?”

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Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

Asked of: Councillor Bob Currie (Portfolio Holder for Housing)

Question 2:

“What is the portfolio holder doing to ensure that Harrow obtains the maximum benefit from the new Government's devolution agenda?”

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Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall

Asked of: Councillor Rekha Shah (Portfolio Holder for Community and Cultural Services)

Question 3:

“Your manifesto states that you intend to promote and facilitate the building of a new function hall to replace Byron Hall. What sort of consultation, feasibility study, and research do you intend to conduct into this pledge, and has a timetable been established for it?”

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Asked of: Councillor Phillip O'Dell (Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety)

Question 4:

"In your manifesto, you promised to sign up to the 10:10 charter; a pledge to reduce the Council's carbon emissions by 10% in 2010. What progress has been made in signing up to 10:10?"

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Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Business Transformation)

Question 5:

“How much is the new Government's decision to scrap the CAA inspection regime expected to save the Council in compliance and other costs over the course of the next four years?”

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Question 6:

“What level of reserves does the Audit Commission require Councils to maintain as a percentage of their budget, and what amount in pounds does this mean for Harrow Council?”

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Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Business Transformation)

Question 7:

"Why, in the June 2010 edition of Harrow People, did you say that "central government cuts mean that we will have to save nearly £50 million over the next three years?"

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Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Business Transformation)

Question 8:

“When London Assembly Members chair certain public meetings, the GLA conducts surveys of the audience members to gain feedback on the performances of the chairmen. Do you think that such an initiative could have a part to play in the Member Development programme of the Council?”

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To amend motion 3 to read after amendment;

Council notes with deep concern the proposal by the Justice Department to cut 103 Magistrates Courts and 54 County Courts including the closure of Harrow Magistrates' Court.

Council believes it is in Harrow's best interest and in the best interests of justice for Harrow Magistrates' to remain open.

Council welcomes the initiative of the Leader of the Council in setting up an officer working group to draft a strong response to the Justice Department's consultation paper which will be considered by the Partnership Board of Harrow Strategic Partnership on July 22.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the three Harrow MPs and the Brent and Harrow London Assembly member to seek their support in opposing the closure of Harrow Magistrates' Court and on a cross-party basis to take any further measures such as seeking meetings with ministers, holding meetings, promoting petitions to further these ends.

Proposed Cllr Bill Stephenson

Seconded Cllr Zarina Khalid

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