MINUTES OF
CEREMONIAL COUNCIL

Friday, 17 May 2019
(7:50 - 8:00 pm)

PRESENT

Cllr Peter Chand (Chair)
Cllr Elizabeth Kangethe (Deputy Chair)

Cllr Andrew Achilleos  Cllr Dorothy Akwaboah  Cllr Sanchia Alasia
Cllr Saima Ashraf  Cllr Abdul Aziz  Cllr Toni Bankole
Cllr Princess Bright  Cllr Sade Bright  Cllr Laila M. Butt
Cllr Evelyn Carpenter  Cllr Josie Channer  Cllr Faruk Choudhury
Cllr John Dulwich  Cllr Edna Fergus  Cllr Irma Freeborn
Cllr Cameron Geddes  Cllr Syed Ghani  Cllr Rocky Gill
Cllr Kashif Haroon  Cllr Jane Jones  Cllr Amardeep Singh Jamu
Cllr Eileen Keller  Cllr Mohammed Khan  Cllr Donna Lumsden
Cllr Olawale Martins  Cllr Mick McCarthy  Cllr Giasuddin Miah
Cllr Dave Miles  Cllr Margaret Mullane  Cllr Glenda Paddle
Cllr Simon Perry  Cllr Moin Quadri  Cllr Foyzur Rahman
Cllr Tony Ramsay  Cllr Chris Rice  Cllr Lynda Rice
Cllr Ingrid Robinson  Cllr Paul Robinson  Cllr Darren Rodwell
Cllr Emily Rodwell  Cllr Muhammad Saleem  Cllr Faraaz Shaukat
Cllr Dominic Twomey  Cllr Lee Waker  Cllr Phil Waker
Cllr Maureen Worby

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bill Turner

5. Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

6. Conferring of the Honorary Freedom of the Borough

The Chair advised that a special meeting of the Ceremonial Council had been
called in order to consider two nominations for the award of the Freedom of the
Borough, the highest honour that a Council could bestow on an individual in
recognition of their outstanding achievements.

Councillor Worby moved and Councillor Twomey seconded the nomination of Mr
Neal Crowley as Honorary Freeman of the Borough. Councillor Worby spoke on
Neal's tireless work on behalf of the local community in relation to a wide range of
equal opportunity and inclusion issues, as well as his roles as Lead Volunteer in
the Borough and advocate for improved access for disabled people. Other notable
achievements included Neal's active role in the Borough’s 50th anniversary
celebrations during 2015, his coaching of athletes from Barking and Dagenham at
the Special Olympics in Sheffield in 2017 and his current role as Chairperson of
the International Day of Disabled People (IDDP).

Councillor Geddes moved and Councillor Kangethe seconded the nomination of Mr Jeff Porter as Honorary Freeman of the Borough. Councillor Geddes drew particular attention to Mr Porter’s service as a Councillor between 1998 to 2006 and his bravery during the 7 July 2005 London terror attacks when, in his profession as a London Underground train driver, he helped the evacuation of passengers caught up in the bombing of a train at Edgware Road station.

The Ceremonial Council resolved to award the Honorary Freedom of the Borough to Mr Neal Crowley and Mr Jeff Porter.