CEREMONIAL COUNCIL

Friday, 20 May 2011
(7:00 - 8:24 pm)

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor N S S Gill, The Mayor
Deputy Chair: Councillor J Davis, The Deputy Mayor

Councillor S Alasia
Councillor S Ashraf
Councillor G Barratt
Councillor L Butt
Councillor J Clee
Councillor C Geddes
Councillor D Hunt
Councillor I S Jamu
Councillor E Keller
Councillor M A McCarthy
Councillor M Mullane
Councillor J Ogungbose
Councillor B Poulton
Councillor A K Ramsay
Councillor T Saeed
Councillor D Twomey
Councillor J Wade
Councillor P T Waker
Councillor M M Worby

Councillor J L Alexander
Councillor A Gafoor Aziz
Councillor P Burgon
Councillor R Douglas
Councillor E Carpenter
Councillor R Gill
Councillor A S Jamu
Councillor E Kangethe
Councillor G Letchford
Councillor M McKenzie MBE
Councillor E O Obasohan
Councillor T Perry
Councillor H S Rai
Councillor A Salam
Councillor G M Vincent
Councillor L R Waker
Councillor J R White

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor R Baldwin
Councillor H J Collins
Councillor M Hussain
Councillor D S Miles
Councillor C Rice
Councillor L A Smith

Councillor J Channer
Councillor L Couling
Councillor J E McDermott
Councillor L A Reason
Councillor D Rodwell
Councillor S Tarry

1. Declaration of Members' Interests

None

2. Minutes - To confirm as correct the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2011

Agreed

3. Appointment of the Mayor and Chaplain

Appointment of Mayor
The following nomination was received for the appointment of the Mayor:

Councillor Milton McKenzie MBE (Moved by Councillor White and seconded by Councillor Wade.

Councillors N Gill, Hunt, Jamu, Perry and L Waker spoke in support of the nomination.

The vote was unanimously carried that Councillor Milton McKenzie be duly elected Mayor of the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham for the municipal year 2011/12.

Councillor McKenzie duly read the declaration and signed the Acceptance Book which was witnessed and signed by the Chief Executive.

Councillor McKenzie returned thanks for his election to the Office of Mayor and announced that his wife, Mrs Jemma McKenzie would be his Mayoress, and that Miss Gillian McKenzie, Miss Simone McKenzie and Miss Teresa Anderson would act as his Consorts.

Flowers were presented to the Mayoress and Consorts.

At this point in the meeting the incoming and outgoing Mayoral parties left the Chamber in order that the Mayor could put on his mayoral robes and chains.

The Mayor announced Living the Dream and Sickle Cell as the charities to be the beneficiaries of his Charity Appeal.

Appointment of Religious Chaplain

The Mayor appointed Reverend Martin Court as his Chaplain.

Reverend Court duly signed the Acceptance Book which was witnessed and signed by the Mayor, who also presented him with the Cross.

Reverend Court gave a short response.

4. Vote of Thanks

Vote of Thanks to the retiring Mayor, Mayoress and Consort

A vote of thanks was moved by Councillor P Waker and seconded by Councillor Geddes to the retiring Mayor (Councillor Nirmal Gill), the Mayoress (Mrs Mohinder Kaur Gill) and Consort (Councillor Rocky Gill). The vote was unanimously carried.

The Mayor presented commemorative badges to Councillor N Gill, Mrs Mohinder Kaur Gill and Councillor R Gill. Additionally flowers were presented to Mrs Mohinder Kaur Gill.

Councillor N Gill spoke in response giving thanks to all those that had supported him during his year of office, and in particular helping to raise substantial funds for his chosen charity Help for Heroes.
Vote of Thanks to the retiring Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress

A vote of thanks was moved by Councillor Twomey and seconded by Councillor McCarthy to the retiring Deputy Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor Davis and Mrs Pat Cullender). The vote was unanimously carried.

Councillor Davis gave a short response expressing particular thanks to Mrs Pat Cullender for the support she provided him. Flowers were presented to Mrs Cullender.