

MINUTES OF CEREMONIAL COUNCIL

Friday, 20 May 2016
(7:00 - 7:36 pm)

PRESENT

Chair: Cllr Simon Bremner, The Mayor
Deputy Chair:

Cllr Tony Ramsay	Cllr Syed Ahammad
Cllr Sanchia Alasia	Cllr Jeanne Alexander
Cllr Saima Ashraf	Cllr Abdul Aziz
Cllr Sade Bright	Cllr Laila Butt
Cllr Evelyn Carpenter	Cllr Peter Chand
Cllr Josephine Channer	Cllr Faruk Choudhury
Cllr Edna Fergus	Cllr Irma Freeborn
Cllr Cameron Geddes	Cllr Syed Ghani
Cllr Rocky Gill	Cllr Kashif Haroon
Cllr Chris Hughes	Cllr Jane Jones
Cllr Elizabeth Kangethe	Cllr Eileen Keller
Cllr Mick McCarthy	Cllr Giasuddin Miah
Cllr Dave Miles	Cllr Margaret Mullane
Cllr James Ogungbose	Cllr Adegboyega Oluwole
Cllr Moin Quadri	Cllr Hardial Singh Rai
Cllr Chris Rice	Cllr Lynda Rice
Cllr Darren Rodwell	Cllr Faraaz Shaukat
Cllr Danielle Smith	Cllr Bill Turner
Cllr Dominic Twomey	Cllr Jeff Wade
Cllr Lee Waker	Cllr Phil Waker
Cllr John White	Cllr Maureen Worby
Cllr Dan Young	Cllr Linda Zanitchkhah

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Melanie Bartlett	Cllr Amardeep Singh Jamu
Cllr Danielle Lawrence	Cllr Linda Reason
Cllr Sam Tarry	

1. Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes - To confirm as correct the minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2015 were confirmed as correct.

3. Appointment of Mayor

The Chair asked Ceremonial Council for nominations for the appointment of Mayor for 2016/2017.

Councillor Ashraf nominated Councillor Eileen Keller. Councillor Chand seconded the nomination. Councillor Ashraf took the opportunity to speak in support of the nomination. Councillor Chand, Councillor Jones, Councillor Turner, Councillor Rodwell and Councillor McCarthy also spoke in favour of the nomination.

The Assembly **resolved** that Councillor Eileen Keller be duly elected Mayor of the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham for the municipal year 2016/2017.

Following the election of Councillor Keller as Mayor, Members were given the opportunity to give their support to Councillor Keller for the ensuing year.

Councillor Keller returned thanks for her election and announced that Reg Keller would act as her Consort and Kira Keller would act as her Mayoress for the coming year.

At this point in the meeting, the incoming and outgoing mayoral parties left the Chamber. On returning, Councillor Keller took the Chair.

The Mayor then appointed Reverend Penny Sayer as her Chaplain for the ensuing municipal year. Reverend Sayer returned thanks for her appointment.

Votes of thanks were made to the Retiring Mayor, Councillor Simon Bremner, the Mayoresses, Mrs Dianna Mary Bremner and Miss Andrea Mary Bremner.

The Leader, Councillor Rodwell, expressed the Council's gratitude for the work of Councillor Bremner during his year as Mayor.

Commemorative badges were presented to the retiring Mayor and Mayoresses.

4. Appointment of the Young Mayor

The Chief Executive, Chris Naylor, advised that a new Young mayor had been appointed by the BAD Youth Forum in February 2016.

The Chief Executive introduced the new Young Mayor, Pelumi Oyewo, and invited her to address the Ceremonial Council.

The Leader then took the opportunity to thank the retiring Young Mayor, Angelica Olawepo, for the able manner in which she had discharged the duties of Young Mayor for the year 2015/2016.