

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

Wednesday, 22 November 2017 at 7.15 pm

PRESENT: Sir Steve Bullock (Mayor), Councillors Obajimi Adefiranye (Chair), Chris Barnham, Peter Bernards, Chris Best, Kevin Bonavia, Bill Brown, Suzannah Clarke, John Coughlin, Liam Curran, Brenda Dacres, Amanda De Ryk, Joe Dromey, Damien Egan, Colin Elliott, Alan Hall, Maja Hilton, Simon Hooks, Mark Ingleby, Stella Jeffrey, Liz Johnston-Franklin, Jim Mallory, Sophie McGeevor, Joan Millbank, Hilary Moore, Pauline Morrison, Jacq Paschoud, John Paschoud, Gareth Siddorn, Jonathan Slater, Alan Smith, Luke Sorba, Alan Till, Paul Upex, James-J Walsh and Susan Wise.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paul Bell, Councillor Andre Bourne, Councillor David Britton, Councillor Janet Daby, Councillor Joyce Jacca, Councillor Roy Kennedy, Councillor Helen Klier, Councillor Paul Maslin, Councillor David Michael, Councillor Rachel Onikosi and Councillor Pat Raven.

107. Proposal to Create Honorary Freewoman and Freeman

The proposal to create a new Honorary Freewoman, Wozzy Brewster and a new Honorary Freeman, Sir Ian Mills was proposed by the Mayor who recounted their significant contributions to public life in the borough and urged the Council to support their nominations.

The Mayor indicated there would be individual ceremonies for each recipient in 2018, at which time there would be the opportunity for members to offer individual tributes.

The recommendations were seconded by Councillor Kevin Bonavia, who acknowledged the contribution of Wozzy Brewster and spoke further about the contribution of Sir Ian Mills, who was well known to him owing to his involvement in multiple projects in Blackheath. Both the mover and seconder stressed that the honour was richly deserved and was being awarded by the entire Council on behalf of the whole of the wider Lewisham community.

The Chair then put the recommendations to the vote and these were confirmed to be carried unanimously by 35 votes to nil.

RESOLVED that

(1) Pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, Sir Ian Mills be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the London Borough of Lewisham in recognition of his service to the Borough and its citizens over many years. He has played roles not only in Lewisham but across the city including for the London NHS. He was a transformational chair of Age Exchange leading it to become the key hub it is today for Blackheath. He has been the founding chair Youth First helping to secure quality provision for our young people. His personal contribution to its launch has been extraordinary and he continues to support our young people with an enthusiasm and a commitment that epitomizes a lifetime of service and

demonstrates why he is an appropriate recipient of the highest award the borough can make.

(2) Pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, Wozzy Brewster OBE be admitted as an Honorary Freewoman of the London Borough of Lewisham in recognition of her service to the Borough and in particular its young people. She grew up in Deptford and has been making a difference to young people here ever since helping many of them become involved in music and arts.. She founded the Midi Music Company and is still running it today. Her wider involvement in the life of the borough includes Deptford City Challenge whose board she sat on and she has also been an extraordinary ambassador for Lewisham creating and delivering international youth arts projects in Italy, Lithuania, Ireland, Germany, USA and Mauritius. She has been a marvelous source of advice, encouragement and inspiration to many in Lewisham of all ages demonstrating why she is an appropriate recipient of the highest award the borough can make.

The meeting closed at 7.24pm