

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

Wednesday, 12 July 2023 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Damien Egan (Mayor), Yemisi Anifowose, Tauseef Anwar (Chair), Chris Barnham, Peter Bernards, Chris Best, Bill Brown, Natasha Burgess, Suzannah Clarke, Will Cooper, Laura Cunningham, Liam Curran, Brenda Dacres, Sophie Davis, Amanda De Ryk, Billy Harding, Stephen Hayes, Coral Howard, Edison Huynh, Mark Ingleby, Mark Jackson, Liz Johnston-Franklin, Louise Krupski, Ayesha Lahai-Taylor, Aisha Malik-Smith, Joan Millbank, John Muldoon, Rosie Parry, Jacq Paschoud, John Paschoud, Stephen Penfold, Kim Powell, James Rathbone, Rudi Schmidt, Sakina Sheikh, Liam Shrivastava, Luke Sorba, Eva Stamirowski, Hau-Yu Tam, James-J Walsh, Luke Warner, Carol Webley-Brown and Susan Wise

ALSO PRESENT: Emma Campbell Smith, Jeremy Chambers and Jennifer Daothong

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paul Bell, Councillor Andre Bourne, Councillor Juliet Campbell, Councillor Ese Erheriene, Councillor Eva Kestner, Councillor Jack Lavery, Councillor Hilary Moore, Councillor Rachel Onikosi and Councillor Aliya Sheikh

1. Minutes

The Speaker MOVED, the Deputy Speaker SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2023 be agreed as a correct record.

2. Declaration of Interests

None.

3. Announcements or Communications

The Speaker announced that 11 July had been Srebrenica Memorial Day, marking 28 Years since the 1995 genocide. The Council observed a minute's silence to commemorate the genocide victims.

Cllr De Ryk delivered an obituary to the late Glenda Jackson, actor, politician and Blackheath resident who had died in June.

The Mayor and Cllr Dacres paid tribute to John Berylson, who had been the chairman of Millwall FC until 4 July when he had perished in car accident.

The Council observed a minute's silence in remembrance of Glenda and John.

Cllr Krupski announced that Lewisham had launched a new campaign encouraging residents to recycle their food waste, in a bid to boost recycling rates.

Lastly, Cllr Barnham announced plans to completely revitalise and expand Riverside Youth Club in Deptford. He reported that renovation work was due to begin this summer and would see the creation of a state-of-the-art 3G football pitch and games area, gym, indoor sports, kitchen, and flexible learning spaces for young people and the community.

4. Petitions

None.

5. Public Questions

33 questions were received and written answers supplied. Some questioners that were present at the meeting asked supplementary questions, and these were answered by the relevant Cabinet Members, Chair of Overview and Scrutiny or the Mayor.

6. Member Questions

Seven questions were received from Members and written answers supplied. Some Members asked supplementary questions and these were answered at the meeting.

7. Deptford St Paul's Charity - appointment of Trustee

Cllr Dacres MOVED, Cllr Schmidt SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Cooper as a nominative Trustee to the Deptford St Paul's Charity.

8. Pay Policy Statement 2023/24

Cllr De Ryk MOVED, Cllr Rathbone SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that the Pay Policy Statement 2023/24 be agreed.

9. Motions

The Speaker advised that Cllr Campbell had nominated Cllr Anifowose to propose the motion in her absence. Cllr Anifowose introduced the motion, which was seconded by Cllr Webley-Brown. The Mayor also spoke in support of the motion.

Cllr Anifowose MOVED, Cllr Webley-Brown SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that the Council would:

Support Cassius Burton and his campaign for Race Equality to become adopted as the 18th Sustainable Development Goal by

- Writing to the Foreign Secretary encouraging them to raise this issue with the United Nations
- Writing to our three local MPs asking them to support this campaign in Parliament, and
- Encouraging more local schools to join this campaign

The meeting ended at 8:47pm.