



## **LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT**

### **Minutes of the SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held on Monday 24 June 2013 at 7.00 pm**

#### **PRESENT:**

**The Worshipful the Mayor**  
Councillor Bobby Thomas

**The Deputy Mayor**  
Councillor Kana Naheerathan

#### **COUNCILLORS:**

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|-----------------|-------------|
| Aden            | Adeyeye     |
| Al-Ebadi        | Arnold      |
| Ashraf          | Mrs Bacchus |
| Beswick         | Brown       |
| Butt            | Cheese      |
| Chohan          | S Choudhary |
| A Choudry       | Colwill     |
| Crane           | Cummins     |
| Daly            | Denselow    |
| Gladbaum        | Harrison    |
| Hashmi          | Hector      |
| Hirani          | Hopkins     |
| Hossain         | Hunter      |
| Jones           | Kabir       |
| Kansagra        | Kataria     |
| Leaman          | Long        |
| Lorber          | Mashari     |
| Matthews        | McLennan    |
| Mitchell Murray | J Moher     |
| R Moher         | Moloney     |
| Ogunro          | Oladapo     |
| CJ Patel        | HB Patel    |
| RS Patel        | Pavey       |
| Powney          | Ms Shaw     |
| Ketan Sheth     | Krupa Sheth |
| Singh           | Van Kalwala |

#### **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from: Councillors Baker, Beck, Green, John, BM Patel and HM Patel

**1. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interests**

None declared.

**2. Proposed Conferment of Honorary Freedom of the London Borough of Brent**

The conferment of Honorary Freedom of the Borough is to recognise persons of distinction who have rendered eminent services and have a connection to the London Borough of Brent. The Council proposed to confer this honour on Nelson Mandela.

The Mayor drew attention to the supplementary report that had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

Councillor Butt thanked the South African High Commission for their support of the Council in making this award. He stated that in the London Borough of Brent, one of the most diverse areas of Britain, the struggle for freedom and equality by Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress and the modern South African nation had been followed and supported. He referred to Nelson Mandela's visit to the borough in 1962 and again after he was freed from prison in 1990. Nelson Mandela had been an inspiration to everyone and had strengthened the cause of racial equality and respect throughout the world. On behalf of the Council, Councillor Butt stated it was a proud moment to confer the Honorary Freedom of the Borough on Nelson Mandela.

Councillors from all Groups on the Council paid tribute to Nelson Mandela, expressing sorrow that he was currently ill but also recollecting his imprisonment and long fight for freedom for all races.

The Mayor submitted the resolution to the meeting which was passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council of the London Borough of Brent:

(i) invoke the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 to confer the honour of Freedom of the Borough of Brent on Nelson Mandela in recognition of his dedication and work in relation to freedom of speech and democracy over many years and that this honour of Freedom of the Borough be now so conferred on Nelson Mandela;

(ii) that the granting of the Freedom be presented in an illuminated scroll and decorated casket.

The Leader symbolically handed the casket and scroll to a representative of the South African High Commission who thanked the Council for the award and requested continued support for South Africa.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm

COUNCILLOR BOBBY THOMAS  
Mayor