



Freedom Applications Committee

Date: TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2015
Time: 9.45 am
Venue: COMMITTEE ROOM - 2ND FLOOR WEST WING, GUILDHALL

Members: Alderman Sir David Wootton (Chairman)
Mark Boleat (Ex-Officio Member)
Deputy Billy Dove (Ex-Officio Member)
Hugh Morris (Ex-Officio Member)

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John Barradell
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

AGENDA
Part 1 – Public Agenda

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **MEMBERS DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
3. **MINUTES**
To approve the public minutes of the last meeting held on 23 July 2015.

For Decision
(Pages 1 - 4)
4. **GUIDANCE FOR MEMBERS**
To note the Guidance on Freedoms circulated to Members.

For Information
(Pages 5 - 6)
5. **LIST OF MULTIPLE NOMINATORS**
Report of the Chamberlain.

For Information
(Pages 7 - 10)
6. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**
7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**
8. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**
MOTION – That under Section 100(a) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Part 2 – Non-Public Agenda

9. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**
To approve the non-public minutes of the last meeting held on 23rd July 2015.

For Decision
(Pages 11 - 14)
10. **WARD LIST APPLICATIONS FOR THE FREEDOM - CHARGES**
Report of the Chamberlain.

For Decision
(Pages 15 - 16)

11. **FREEDOM BY SPECIAL NOMINATION COMPOSITE LIST**
Report of the Chamberlain.

For Decision
(Pages 17 - 22)

12. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

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FREEDOM APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE Thursday, 23 July 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Freedom Applications Committee held at Committee Room - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 23 July 2015 at 10.00 am

Present

Members:

Alderman Sir David Howard
Mark Boleat
Deputy Billy Dove
Hugh Morris
Alderman Sir David Wootton

Officers:

Peter Kane	The Chamberlain
Michael Cogher	Comptroller and City Solicitor
Paul Double	City Remembrancer
Murray Craig	Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court
Simon Murrells	Assistant Town Clerk
Angela Roach	Principle Committee and Members Services Manager

- 1. APOLOGIES**
There were no apologies.
- 2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
There were no declarations.
- 3. MINUTES**
The public minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2014 were approved.
- 4. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN**
The Committee proceeded to elect a Chairman. Alderman Sir David Wootton being the only Member expressing willingness to serve was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year and took the Chair.
- 5. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**
There were no questions.
- 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**
There were no urgent items.

7. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

MOTION - That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act:-

Item Nos.	Paragraph(s) in Schedule 12A
8-10	3 and 1

Part 2 – Non-Public Agenda

8. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2014 were approved.

9. **GUIDANCE FOR MEMBERS**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk concerning guidance to be issued to Members to assist with the new arrangements for the Freedom agreed by the Court on 5 March 2015.

In response to a number of suggestions it was agreed that the Guidance be amended in consultation with the Committee to reflect those suggestions and that the final version be circulated to all Members of the Court of Common Council.

10. **FREEDOM BY SPECIAL NOMINATION**

The Committee considered a list of examples of the sort of people who should be considered for a Freedom by Special Nomination (FSN) which had been prepared by the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.

Members discussed the names of potential recipients and agreed a way forward.

11. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There were no urgent items.

The meeting ended at 10.45am

Chairman

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Guidance for Members – The Freedom

1. The Freedom of the City of London is a unique part of London's history to which many people who have lived or worked in the City have been proud to be admitted. People of any nationality may be admitted either through nomination or by being presented by a Livery Company. The City of London is keen to maintain the Freedom as a living tradition and those admitted represent a very broad cross-section of the population.

2. The Court of Common Council recently reviewed aspects of the Freedom including the introduction of Freedoms by Special Nomination and strengthening the governance arrangements. The purpose of this note is to provide Members with some guidance on the Freedom and how those new arrangements work. This is restricted to nominations for the Freedom that come before the Court of Common Council for approval rather than those put forward by the various Livery Companies for approval by the Court of Aldermen.

Freedom by Redemption

3. Freedoms granted by the Court of Common Council (excluding the Honorary Freedom) continue to require the applicant to be nominated by two persons being either Aldermen, Common Councilmen or Liverymen of at least one year's standing and the payment of the requisite fee (currently £100). Nominators must certify that the person they are proposing is known personally to them and is, in their opinion, a fit and proper person for admission to the Freedom.

Honorary Freedoms

4. The rarest Freedom is the Honorary Freedom and is generally only awarded to Royalty, Heads of State or to figures of global renown. It is the highest honour that the City of London Corporation can bestow and takes place in the presence of the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs and Aldermen. One example would be the Honorary Freedom granted to Archbishop Desmond Tutu in November 2013.

Freedoms by Special Nomination

5. The Court has introduced a new category known as Freedoms by Special Nomination. The Freedom Applications Committee will select a limited number of people for this category although the granting of the Freedom remains with the Court of Common Council. The aim of Freedoms by Special Nomination is to recognise individuals who have made a significant contribution to the life of the Capital or in the fields of culture, politics and diplomatic life. The ceremonies will usually be accompanied by publicity and hospitality provided by the City Corporation. Recipients are sometimes asked to deliver a master class or a question and answer session to further enrich what is hopefully a special occasion.

6. Bearing in mind the special nature of this Freedom, the Freedom Applications Committee will decide who is best to nominate the individual. Nominators are likely

to be senior City Corporation Members including the Lord Mayor, the Chief Commoner and the Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee.

Governance

7. All applications under any of the categories above will be subject to some basic checks by the Chamberlain's Court to ensure that they are people that the City Corporation would be happy to grant the Freedom ie: that they are of good character. The checks include information available in the public domain such as that found on search engines like Google or on social media.

8. The names of the applicants and their nominators are passed to members of the Freedom Applications Committee for some added informal scrutiny before the application goes before the Court.

9. In the event that there is a concern over a particular applicant, the Chamberlain's Court will seek clarification from the applicant and from the nominators and can refer the matter to the Freedom Applications Committee for consideration prior to submission to the Court of Common Council.

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Committee: Freedom Applications	Date: 15 October 2015
Subject: List of Multiple Nominators	Public
Report of: Chamberlain	For Information

Summary

1. Following the last meeting of the Committee, a comprehensive list of those nominating recipients of the Freedom between April and July 2015 was produced at the request of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.
2. The Chairman found the information to be useful and felt that it would be useful for the Committee to be provided with an abbreviated version of the list nominators i.e. those who made three or more nominations between April and July 2015. A list of multiple nominators is therefore attached for your information.

Recommendation

3. Members are asked to note the content of the list.
- Appendix – List of Multiple Nominators of the Freedom.

Background Papers

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Nominators: April 2015 - July 2015

Name	Livery	Members	No of nominees	Notes
Smail, John Alexander	Distiller		13	Master of Guild of Freemen who traditionally nominate throughout their year
Lunn, John Donald	Fan maker		12	Past Master of Guild of Freemen
McIlwaine, Simon Peter	Clockmaker		11	
Tough Ian Wilson	World Trader		11	Guildable Manor of Southwark, an annual ceremony with several recipients
Newman, Barbara Patricia	Turner	cc	9	
Fraser, Stuart John	Fletcher	cc	8	
Warman, Alan Leslie	Clockmaker		8	
Taylor, Terence	Clockmaker		7	
Chadwick, Roger Arthur Holden	Bowyer	cc	7	
				Watermen and Lightermen, a peculiar in that they are not a Livery Company through history and by choice so
Goddard, Richard Stuart	Shipwright		7	their candidates are nominated through CC and not Court of Aldermen
Grant, Michael Steele Keith	Information Technologist		7	
Springford, Richard Leslie	Carmen		6	Watermen and Lightermen, always nominates with Goddard above
Parmley, Andrew Charles	Musician	Ald	5	
Rogula Elizabeth		cc	5	
Bennett, John Alfred	International Banker	Dep	4	
Cross, Alistair Robert Sinclair Bassett			4	
Everett, Kevin Malcolm	Fletcher	cc	4	
Fraser, William Barrie	Gardener	cc	4	
Gentry, Gorden Mark	Baker		4	Past Master of Guild of Freemen
Martin, Clive Sir	Stationer		4	
Maclellan, Ian Kenneth Robert	Fletcher		4	
McMillan, Andrew Campbell	Fletcher		4	Guild of Mercers Scholars, 3 or 4 multi ceremonies per year
Mead, Wendy	Glover	cc	4	
Rossiter, Phillipe Raymond	Innholder		4	Master Innholders, one annual ceremony where several are admitted all together
Shiels, Jonathan Patterson	Joiner		4	Parish Clerks, similar to the Watermen above
Woodhead, Anthony John Keith	Tax Adviser		4	Past Master of Guild of Freemen
Batty, Steven Leslie	Woolman		3	
Boleat, Mark John	Insurer	cc	3	Nominating in capacity as Chairman of Policy & Research
Bridgen, Colin James	Carmen		3	
Campbell, Malcolm Alistair	Woolman		3	
Capon, George Henry	Blacksmith		3	
Emms, Henry John	Gardener		3	
Hailes, Timothy Russell	International Banker	Ald	3	
Jones, Henry Llewellyn		cc	3	
Longman, Scott Marcus	Blacksmith		3	
Mainelli, Michael Raymond	World Trader	Ald	3	
McGuinness, Catherine Sidony	Solicitor	cc	3	
Moore, Gareth Wynford	Joiner	cc	3	
Sibley, Julia	Innholder		3	
Upton, Robert Harry	Fletcher		3	
Watson, Neville John	Fletcher		3	Guild of Mercers Scholars, 3 or 4 multi ceremonies per year
Williams, Jeffrey Charles	Carmen		3	
Woodhouse, Philip	Grocer		3	

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