

FREEDOM APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE
Monday, 13 November 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Freedom Applications Committee held at Committee Room 1 - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Monday, 13 November 2017 at 9.00 am

Present

Members:

Alderman Sir David Wootton (Chairman)
Alderman Vincent Keaveny
Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Ex-Officio Member)
Sir Mark Boleat (Ex-Officio Member)
Wendy Mead (Chief Commoner) (Ex-Officio Member)

Officers:

Edward Gilbert	-	Town Clerk's Department
Peter Kane	-	The Chamberlain
Murray Craig	-	Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court
Michael Cogher	-	Comptroller and City Solicitor
Bruce Hunt	-	City Remembrancer

1. APOLOGIES

There were none. Simon Duckworth was absent.

2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

3. MINUTES

The Committee agreed that item 6 of the minutes of the previous meeting (Nominating Ambassadors for the Freedom of the City) should be amended to state that ambassadors should not automatically be awarded a Freedom by Special Nomination. The Committee further agreed that the agreed process also applied to senior political figures, and that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office will only be consulted on any such nomination once the Committee has agreed for that nomination to proceed.

RESOLVED – That, with those amendments made, the public minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th October 2017 be agreed as a correct record.

4. **FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS**

The Committee agreed that, in order to accommodate the new process for nominating ambassadors and other significant political figures, it should meet on a bi-monthly basis going forward.

The Town Clerk undertook to confirm future meeting dates for 2018/2019.

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5. **OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

There were none.

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

There were none.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There was none.

8. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – 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.

Part 2 – Non-Public Agenda

9. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th October be agreed as a correct record.

10. **REMOVAL OF THE HONORARY FREEDOM**

The Committee considered a report regarding the removal of the Honorary Freedom.

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

There were none.

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

The Committee discussed the nomination of a potential recipient of the Freedom of the City, whose name was not included in the list of outstanding Freedoms (item 14).

Part 3 – Confidential Agenda

13. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the confidential minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th October 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

14. OUTSTANDING FREEDOMS

The Committee received a report of the Town clerk which set out a list of outstanding potential recipients for the Freedom of the City which required input from the Committee.

The meeting ended at 10.05 am

Chairman

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