



Freedom Applications Committee

Date: TUESDAY, 27 APRIL 2021

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: https://youtu.be/Xiyrx_UBWyk

Members:

Sir David Hugh Wootton (Alderman)	Sheriff Christopher Michael Hayward (Ex-Officio Member)
Jeremy Mayhew	Tom Hoffman, Deputy (Ex-Officio Member)
Tijs Broeke	Catherine McGuinness, Deputy (Ex- Officio Member)
Dominic Gerard Christian	Brian Desmond Francis Mooney, Deputy (Ex-Officio Member)
Sir Roger Gifford (Alderman)	

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John Barradell
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**

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

3. **ORDER OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

Order of the Court of Common Council, 15 April 2021, appointing the Committee and approving its Terms of Reference.

For Information
(Pages 1 - 2)

4. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 29.

For Decision

5. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 30.

For Decision

6. **MINUTES**

To agree the public minutes of the meeting held on Friday 19 February 2021.

For Decision
(Pages 3 - 6)

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

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

9. **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.

For Decision

10. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

To agree the non-public minutes of the meeting held on Friday 19 February 2021.

For Decision
(Pages 7 - 8)

11. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**
12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

13. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

To agree the confidential minutes of the meeting held on Friday 19 February 2021.

For Decision

14. **FREEDOMS DASHBOARD AND APPLICATIONS REQUIRING DISCUSSION**

Report of the Town Clerk.

For Information

15. **LIST OF HEADS OF MISSIONS**

Report of the Town Clerk.

For Information

16. **FREEDOMS BY SPECIAL NOMINATION - COMPOSITE LIST OF POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS**

Report of the Chamberlain.

For Decision

17. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

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

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Agenda Item 3

RUSSELL, Mayor	RESOLVED: That the Court of Common Council holden in the Guildhall of the City of London on Thursday 15 th April 2021, doth hereby appoint the following Committee until the first meeting of the Court in April, 2022.
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FREEDOM APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

1. **Constitution**

A Non-Ward Committee consisting of:-

- two Aldermen nominated by the Court of Aldermen
- one Member of the Policy and Resources Committee, appointed by that Committee
- two Members elected by the Court of Common Council, at least one of whom shall have fewer than five years' service on the Court at the time of their appointment
- the following ex-officio Members:-
 - the Chief Commoner
 - The immediate past Chief Commoner until the election by Common Council of his or her successor
 - The Chief Commoner designate once elected by Common Council
 - the Chairman and a Deputy Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee (or, in their absence, a nominated representative of each Member)

2. **Quorum**

The quorum consists of any three Members.

3. **Membership 2021/22**

ALDERMEN

- 7 Sir David Wootton
- 1 Sir Roger Gifford

COMMONERS

- 3 (3) Tijs Broeke
- 3 (3) Dominic Gerard Christian

together with the Members referred to in paragraph 1 above.

4. **Terms of Reference**

- (a) To examine and report back on any applications for the Freedom referred to the Committee by the Court of Common Council.
- (b) To consider informally any non-livery nominations that may be referred to it, prior to their submission to the Court of Common Council.
- (c) To examine, consider, and report back on issues concerning the rules and principles relating to, and criteria for, the Freedom;
- (d) To consider matters relating to the general use of the Freedom, such as for City of London Corporation policy objectives;
- (e) To consider, and to provide guidance to Members of the Court of Common Council, and Livery Companies, on, the criteria for and processes relating to the award of the Freedom; and
- (f) To consider matters relating to the Honorary Freedom.

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FREEDOM APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE
Friday, 19 February 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Freedom Applications Committee held at Virtual meeting held via Microsoft Teams on Friday, 19 February 2021 at 3.30 pm

Present

Members:

Alderman Sir David Wootton (Chairman)
 Jeremy Mayhew (Deputy Chairman)
 Tijs Broeke
 Alderman Vincent Keaveny
 Sheriff Christopher Hayward (Ex-Officio Member)
 Deputy Tom Hoffman (Ex-Officio Member)
 Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Ex-Officio Member)
 Deputy Brian Mooney (Chief Commoner) (Ex-Officio Member)

Officers:

Peter Kane	- The Chamberlain
Murray Craig	- Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court
Laura Miller	- Deputy Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court
Rhiannon Leary	- Town Clerk's Department
Bruce Hunt	- Remembrancer's Department
Andrew Buckingham	- Public Relations Office

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Dominic Christian.

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

There were no declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that:

the public minutes and the non-public summaries of the meeting on 24 November 2020 be agreed as a correct record.

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

The Chief Commoner, Deputy Brian Mooney, made reference to the recent coup in Myanmar and enquired whether the Chairman had reflected on the revocation of the Freedom of the City previously bestowed upon Aung San Suu Kyi. The Chairman, in response, noted that this was a military coup and Ms Suu Kyi was now under arrest; in terms of reflections, the Chairman commented that a clearer perspective in terms of rights and wrongs could sometimes only be provided via the path of history.

5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

6. **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.

Item No.	Paragraph(s) in Schedule 12A
8-9	1
10	-
11-14	1
15	-

7. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that:

the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2020 be agreed as a correct record.

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

There were none.

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

There was no other business.

10. **FREEDOMS DASHBOARD AND APPLICATIONS REQUIRING DISCUSSION**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk.

11. **LIST OF HEADS OF MISSIONS**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk.

12. **FREEDOMS BY SPECIAL NOMINATION - COMPOSITE LIST OF POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS**

The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain.

13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 4.27 pm

Chairman

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