

FREEDOM APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 8 June 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Freedom Applications Committee held at Virtual meeting on Tuesday, 8 June 2021 at 3.00 pm

Present

Members:

Jeremy Mayhew (Chairman)
Alderman Sir David Wootton (Deputy Chairman)
Tijs Broeke
Dominic Christian
Deputy Tom Hoffman (Ex-Officio Member)
Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Ex-Officio Member)
Deputy Brian Mooney (Chief Commoner) (Ex-Officio Member)

Officers:

Murray Craig	- Clerk of the Chamberlain's Court
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- The Chamberlain
Rhiannon Leary	- Town Clerk's Department
Emily Garland	- Town Clerk's Department
Bruce Hunt	- The Remembrancer's Office

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Sheriff Christopher Hayward.

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

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED, that:

the public minutes and the non-public summaries of the meeting on 27 April 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

Vote of Thanks to the Past Chairman

A Vote of Thanks, moved by Chief Commoner Brian Mooney and seconded by the Chairman, was read.

It was **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

that the Members of the Freedom Applications Committee wish to record their sincere appreciation to

ALDERMAN SIR DAVID WOOTTON

for the dedication he has shown in all aspects of his work on their Committee in his time as Chairman of from October 2015 to February 2021.

Sir David brought to the office a wealth of experience and knowledge of the Freedom Applications process. As a former Lord Mayor, he was well placed to lead the Committee and his contribution to the Committee's work was particularly valuable at a time of change, given the Corporation-wide governance review conducted during his Chairmanship. His wise counsel and guidance were very much appreciated.

He paid particular attention to ensuring that the Freedom Applications Committee enhanced its strategic role, emphasising good communication and links with all members. Sir David guaranteed that the work of the Committee progressed in an inclusive way, to the mutual benefit of the Corporation and recipients alike.

Sir David navigated a route for the Committee through choppy waters. He exercised dispassionate judgement in the revocation of a Freedom - the first time in the history of the Corporation that such an event has taken place.

In taking their leave of Sir David as Chairman, his colleagues are united in conveying their thanks for the outstanding contribution he has made and look forward to his continued input as their Deputy Chairman.

At the request of the Chairman, the Order of Business was then changed as follows:

4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS LIST

The Committee considered the Outstanding Actions List, which had been introduced at the request of the Chairman since the last meeting on 27 April 2021. It was noted that actions 1-4 were complete and would be removed from the list, whilst action 5 would be implemented following this meeting.

Resolved: that:

- (i) the Outstanding Actions List be noted; and
- (ii) that completed items be removed from the list.

5. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were none.

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 27 April 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

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

There was one question.

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. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

The Committee considered the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2021.

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

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk.

12. **LIST OF HEADS OF MISSIONS**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk.

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

The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain.

14. **VIP FREEDOMS AND HOSPITALITY**

The Committee received a report of the Chamberlain.

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

There were none.

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

There was one item which was considered under any other business.

The meeting ended at 4.26 pm

Chairman

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