



EPSOM AND EWELL

Minutes of the Meeting of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH of EPSOM AND EWELL held at the Town Hall, Epsom on 24 April 2018

PRESENT -

The Mayor (Councillor Liz Frost); The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Neil Dallen); Councillors Michael Arthur MBE, Tony Axelrod, Richard Baker, John Beckett, Kate Chinn, Alex Clarke, Alex Coley, George Crawford, Hannah Dalton, Robert Foote, Chris Frost, Rob Geleit, Eber Kington, Omer Kokou-Tchri, Jan Mason, Barry Nash, Peter O'Donovan, Martin Olney, Jane Race, David Reeve, Humphrey Reynolds, Vince Romagnuolo, Clive Smitheram, Jean Steer, Alan Sursham, Mike Teasdale, Clive Woodbridge and Tella Wormington

Absent: Councillors Rekha Bansil, Steve Bridger, Lucie Dallen, Graham Dudley, Tina Mountain, Guy Robbins, Peter Webb and David Wood

The Meeting was preceded by prayers led by the Mayor's Chaplain

39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by councillors regarding items on the Agenda.

40 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 20 February 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

41 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS/BUSINESS

The Mayor announced that members would shortly be asked to review their registration of interests – this was not to be confused with the recent declaration required in relation to related party transactions for accountancy purposes. She also informed members that volunteers were needed to marshal the hugely successful annual Round the Borough Bike Ride event and thanked those who

had sponsored the Mayor's and Consort's participation in the Charity Walk for Peace on Sunday 29 April 2018, adding that there was still time to do so.

42 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

No questions from councillors had been submitted.

43 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT, CRIME & DISORDER AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

In accordance with Article 6 of the Council's Constitution, the Annual Report of the Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee was presented to the Council.

Councillor David Reeve **MOVED** its reception, highlighting in particular the outcome of the Routecall Review, which had secured improvements for residents as well as greater efficiencies for the Council. Upon being put, it was thereupon **CARRIED** (without a division) and

RESOLVED that

the annual report of the Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.

44 ADOPTION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICIES

Council received a report from the Head of Housing and Community regarding the adoption of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policies.

Councillor Eber Kington **MOVED**, and Councillor Clive Smitheram **SECONDED** the recommendation in the report.

Upon being put, the recommendation was **CARRIED** (without a division).

Accordingly, it was

RESOLVED that

Council adopt the revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy attached at Annexe 1 to the report as amended in accordance with the decision of the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee on 25 January 2018.

45 MOTIONS TO COUNCIL

Pursuant to FCR 79, Councillor Kate Chinn **MOVED** and Councillor Rob Geleit **SECONDED**, the following Motion:

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when on 4 June 1913 Emily Davidson was fatally injured at the Epsom Derby under the hooves of the King's horse.

I propose it is appropriate that this Council agrees to support, as far as they are possibly able, the erection of a statue of Emily Wilding Davidson in the market place to include the installation of a bench for the statue to be seated on"

Following consideration of advice given by the Chief Executive, Council consented to debate the motion.

Upon the motion being put, it was **MOVED** by Councillor Eber Kington and **SECONDED** by Councillor Tony Axelrod that:

"the motion be amended as follows:

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This Council therefore welcomes and supports the community initiative to fund and place a statue of Emily Davison in Epsom and notes and endorses the work already undertaken by the Chairman of Strategy and Resources and Borough officers to support and facilitate the project, which includes:

- *Nominating the Chairman of Strategy and Resources and the Chief Legal Officer as the lead Member and Officer to liaise with the Emily Davison Memorial Project Group (EDMP), in order to ensure effective and efficient decision making in all areas where the Borough Council has a role and remit*
- *Agreeing to draft a Memorandum of Understanding which will see the Borough Council take ownership of the statue should all the necessary legal and planning arrangements be in place"*
- *Providing EDMP with Officer advice and support on the historical context of events being planned alongside the installation of the statue*
- *Liaising with SCC on any aspects of the work or location which require SCC permissions"*

Upon being put, the amendment was **ACCEPTED** by Councillor Kate Chinn and it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

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46 VOTE OF THANKS

The Council passed a vote of thanks to the Mayor for her stewardship of meetings during her Mayoral Year. The Mayor, in turn, thanked Officers for their support and councillors for their conduct at meetings.

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 8.14 pm

COUNCILLOR LIZ FROST
MAYOR