

Minutes of: SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF BURY

Date of Meeting: 17 October 2017

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor D Gunther) in the Chair;
Councillors P Adams, R Cathcart, M Connolly, M D'Albert, J Daly, E FitzGerald, J Grimshaw, M Hankey, J Harris, R Hodgkinson, T Holt, K Hussain, D Jones, G Keeley, J Kelly, A McKay, J Mallon, E O'Brien, C Preston, I Schofield, R Shori, A Simpson, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, R E Walker, S Walmsley, M Whitby, S Wright and Y Wright

Apologies: Councillors N Bayley, I Bevan, J Black, S Briggs, R Caserta, A Cummings, I Gartside, S Haroon, M James, S Kerrison, O Kersh, K Leach, J Lewis, S Nuttall, T Pickstone, A Quinn, D Silbiger, R Skillen, S Smith, Sarah Southworth and J Walker

Public attendance: 60 members of the public attended the meeting including the personal guests of the Honorary Freeman.

C.199 HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH – MRS LILY REID; MR ALAN MATTHEWS; AND THE 207 (MANCHESTER) FIELD HOSPITAL

It was moved by Councillor Y Wright and seconded by Councillor Holt and:-

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

That the Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, admit Lily Reid, to the Honorary Freedom of the Metropolitan Borough in recognition of the valuable and devoted services which she has rendered to the town of Bury for over forty years and, in recognition of the work she has tirelessly carried out to raise the profile of mental health issues and support people living with mental illness and their carers across the Borough of Bury. In recognition also that due to her selfless work she was given the title of the very first 'Bury Woman of the Year' in 1998 and was awarded an MBE by her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2007.

It was moved by Councillor Whitby and seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald and:-

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

That the Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, admit Mr Alan Matthews, to the Honorary Freedom of the Metropolitan Borough in recognition of the eminent, valuable and devoted services which he has rendered to the Bury Metropolitan Borough as a Member

of the Council for thirty eight years and in recognition of the service he has provided the residents of Besses Ward with distinction and dedication including holding the office of Mayor of the Borough from May 1989 to May 1990.

It was moved by Councillor Shori and seconded by Councillor D'Albert and:-

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

That the Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, admit the 207 (Manchester) Field Hospital, to the Honorary Freedom of the Metropolitan Borough in recognition of the service given to support National Security Requirements and the hard work and dedication to recruit, train and provide Medical Professionals and other volunteers from the Borough of Bury to British Military Operations in times of conflict or humanitarian need. In recognition of the strong links forged with local businesses and the local community to provide developmental opportunities and community based activities.

The worshipful the Mayor asked each to sign the Freeman's Declaration and presented each with an illuminated Scroll and Medallion.

COUNCILLOR DOROTHY GUNTHER

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

(NOTE: The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.55 pm)