

COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2023



PRESENT

The Mayor – Councillor Patricia Quigley
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Daryl Brown

Councillors:

Jose Afonso	Lisa Homan	Rowan Ree
Aliya Afzal-Khan	Laura Janes	Lucy Richardson
Stala Antoniadou	Andrew Jones	Ann Rosenberg
Emma Apthorp	Alex Karmel	Helen Rowbottom
Jackie Borland	Bora Kwon	Alex Sanderson
Trey Campbell-Simon	Adam Peter Lang	Max Schmid
Florian Chevoppe-Verdier	Amanda Lloyd-Harris	Asif Siddique
Ben Coleman	Ross Melton	Nikos Souslous
Liz Collins	Omid Miri	Dominic Stanton
Stephen Cowan	David Morton	Nicole Trehay
Jacelyn Daly	Genevieve Nwaogbe	Frances Umeh
Andrew Dinsmore	Adrian Pascu-Tulbure	Mercy Umeh
Wesley Harcourt	Ashok Patel	Rory Vaughan
Rebecca Harvey	Natalia Perez	Patrick Walsh
Sharon Holder	Zarar Qayyum	

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

8.46pm – Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adronie Alford, Paul Alexander, Sally Taylor, and Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler.

Councillor Ann Rosenburg attended the meeting online.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

8.47pm – There were no declarations of interest.

3. FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

8.48pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

The report and recommendations were then put to the vote:

FOR:	UNANIMOUS
AGAINST:	0
NOT VOTING:	0

The report and recommendations were declared **CARRIED**.

Following the vote, speeches on the report were made by Councillors Stephen Cowan, Emma Apthorp, Laura Janes, Nicole Trehay, Bora Kwon, Patrick Walsh, and Liz Collins (for the Administration) – and Councillors Andrew Dinsmore and Alex Karmel (for the Opposition).

Beryl Foster OBE, Bear Montique OBE, and Barrie Stead addressed the Council and gave speeches of thanks.

8.48pm – RESOLVED

That the Council confer the “Freedom of the Borough” of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham” on:

Beryl Foster OBE

Beryl, one of the two founders of Advance, has been supporting domestic abuse survivors in London. She worked for Women’s Aid in many capacities until 1997 when she was seconded to the Council’s Community Safety Unit to develop the unique partnership which became the ‘Standing Together Against Domestic Violence’ (STADV) project. She established STADV as an independent charity and was instrumental in funding and running the organisation until she retired in 2013.

This award is conferred in recognition of her selfless service to preventing domestic violence and supporting survivors.

Bear Montique OBE

Bear, one of the two founders of Advance, has been supporting domestic abuse survivors in London. She headed Advance for 10 years, continually expanding and building its services for survivors. She also developed a training package for advocates that was used as the basis of what we know today as the professional accreditation. Bear played a key role in bringing the revolutionary Duluth Model to Hammersmith, which takes shifts blame and responsibility away from the victim to the community.

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Barrie Stead

Mr Barrie Stead has been a dedicated public servant throughout his life, being an advocate for more open government and public involvement in decision-making. He has been dedicated to the promotion of, and access to, the arts in the borough, the legacy of which we still enjoy in our community today.

He was elected as a White City Councillor in 1971, a position he held for 8 years until 1978. During his time as the Leader of the Council, he enabled the founding of Riverside Studios Arts Centre, the rebuilding of the Lyric Theatre, and the acquisition of Fulham Palace. Barrie also established Age Concern (now Age UK) Hammersmith & Fulham, a charity which offers lots of services for older people and their carers in the Borough.

This award is conferred in recognition of his selfless service to the Borough.

Meeting started: 8.46 pm
Meeting ended: 9.29 pm

Mayor