

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Deputy Mayor Councillor Mercy Umeh

Dear Madam Mayor,

I am writing to support granting of the Freedom of the Borough to former Mayor Michael Cartwright. I believe this is the highest honour that a Council can bestow on an individual.

I have known Mike since 2002 as a co-councillor. He acted as my mentor when I joined the council showing me the ropes. Throughout his tenure as a Councillor on the planning committee particularly as a Chair, he was quick to respond to all my queries assisting numerous residents over many years. Come rain, snow or sunshine, he never missed any of the Remembrance Sunday services at Shepherd Bush. This is a big tribute to him.

He was kind to all people he met. A man dedicated to his work as a councillor, school governor and magistrate. He had a took great interest in the welfare of our residents resulting in a very large caseload. As a school governor, he was enthusiastic and very supportive of Sacred Heart School, and Larmenier and Sacred Heart Primary School. He also provided dedicated public service as a Magistrate and the Chair of Mortlake Crematorium from 2004 to 2018.

Warm Regards,

Cllr Mercy Umeh

Shepherds Bush Green Wards

Councillor Patricia Quigley

Dear Madam Mayor,

I am very happy to support the Leader of the Council in his suggestion that the former Mayor of Hammersmith and Fulham, Kenneth Michael Cartwright be awarded the Freedom of the Borough and be given the title "Honorary Aldermen" in recognition of all his achievements and his service to public duty, he really has done so much which has benefitted so many people in the borough and beyond.

It was a hounor and privilege be elected as councillor for Hammersmith Broadway Ward when Mike retired in May 2018. It was great to see councillors from all parties, as well as council officers, and members of the public give him the standing ovation that he truly deserved, and I could see the affection he is held in.

He was my ward councillor for 26 years, I first met him at a local function in 1998, when I along with other local residents were fighting a hideous development, he fully supported us in the community, little did I think nearly 20 years later that I would be following in his footsteps.

Although I don't know Mike as well as Steve and PJ do, I have read what they have written about him, and I am truly amazed by the contributions he made to pubic life, he really is someone who you can say served the public to the best of his ability, and I have no doubt that there were times where he went above and beyond the call of duty.

Kenneth Michael Cartwright epitomises the role of Councillor and Mayor and I am very proud and delighted to say he deserves to be given this honour and recognition.

Your sincerely
Patricia Quigley

Cllr. Patricia Quigley
Hammersmith Broadway Ward

Councillor PJ Murphy

Dear Madam Mayor,

I am pleased to support the Leader of the Council in proposing that Mike Cartwright be conferred with the honour of the award of Freedom of the Borough and to be conferred with the title 'Honorary Aldermen' in recognition of his achievements and public service which has hugely benefitted our council, and the residents of our borough and the wider London community.

You will have witnessed the extraordinary scenes when Councillors of all political persuasions, along with officers, gave Mike a prolonged standing ovation when he stood down last year. To say he is universally respected and admired doesn't do full justice to the affection and esteem he is held in.

As you know Mike stood down for health reasons and at all the residents association meetings I subsequently attended I was constantly asked how he was and how people could help.

I was touched by the wide variety of people who mentioned how Mike had helped them and just how much he would be missed.

Two in particular come to mind, one resident at the Queen Caroline Estate Tenant's Association told me that Mike was personally responsible for ensuring she was properly housed when she left an abusive relationship and, at The Brackenbury Resident's Association, one of his fellow magistrates described how he tempered justice with sensitivity when deciding upon and communicating sentencing decisions.

He was genuinely loved and appreciated not just his residents but by all who came into contact with him.

I first joined Mike and Steve as a Hammersmith Broadway councillor in 2010. It's no exaggeration to say he was a role model to me and I benefited greatly from his wise council and care for his constituents.

All councillors owe a debt of gratitude to the wisdom, foresight and sense of civic duty Mike provided.
He exemplified exactly what it means to be a Councillor.

I can think of nobody better suited to this honour.

Yours sincerely

PJ Murphy

Hammersmith Broadway Ward

Andy Slaughter MP

Dear Mayor Daryl,

May I add my support to the Leader's proposal. Mike has given almost 50 years of the highest public service and I can think of no one who currently merits these honours more.

Andy Slaughter MP

Kevin McGrath OBE DL



Dear Madam Mayor,

I am please to confirm my full and whole-hearted support for this proposal from the Leader of the Council.

Kind Regards

Kevin

Kevin McGrath OBE DL
Representative Deputy Lieutenant

Councillor Colin Aherne

Dear Madam Mayor,

I fully support the recommendation by Cllr Stephen Cowan, Leader of the Council to award Mike Cartwright the Freedom of the Borough and to appoint him as an Honorary Alderman as I believe that there is no one more deserving of these honours than Mike Cartwright.

Regards,

Colin Aherne

Mary Smith (Local Resident)

Dear Madam Mayor,

I would like to support everything that PJ has said.

When PJ and I first became involved with the local Labour Party, Mike was always a reassuring presence, and we knew that he would always be a friend.

I know Mike best from when he first became ill in approximately 2011. He was steadfast in the face of this adversity, and took nothing for granted. Even then his constituents' welfare came first, and he was unwavering in his support of the local community.

I remember canvassing with Mike in the 2014 council election campaign. Although Mike found such activity tiring and painful because of the effects of his illness, his conscience would not allow him to step back and let us canvas on his behalf. He was always determined to give his best.

Overall, Mike is a thoroughly decent man, who deserves recognition.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Smith