

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, 17th MAY 2018
IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR**

Present:

Khalil Ahmed, Marten Clarke, Ray Farmer, Tony Green, Mohammed Hanif, Sarfaraz Khan Raja
Brian Pearce (for Item 1 only)

In Attendance:

Bill Reid, Town Clerk

Apologies:

Lesley Clarke OBE

The Committee agreed to take Item 5 first.

1. Nomination for Mayor's Medals

Immediate past Mayor Brian Pearce read out two nominations for a Mayor's Medal:

- (a) Sonni Murray Powell Thorne
 - (b) Sally Clements
- Copies of recommendations attached.

The Standing Committee decided that Sonni Murray Powell Thorne had not completed enough community work to be presented with a medal. The Committee were unanimous that Sally Clements should be recommended.

These decisions will be put before the next meeting of Charter Trustees for confirmation.

Brian Pearce left the meeting.

2. Appearance of Charter Trustee Julia Wassell at Weighing-in Ceremony.

CT Julia Wassell had not been involved in any of the elements of Mayor Making prior to a late attendance at the Weighing-in. She did not join the procession to the Town Hall nor attend the Reception. The Committee agreed that only CT's who attended the Mayor Making in the Guildhall should be invited to be weighed. The Town Clerk will write to Cllr Wassell and seek an apology for acting other than in the tradition of a CT.

3. Positioning of Radio/TV Station inside the barrier at Weighing-in Ceremony.

The Town Clerk advised the meeting that an Asian Radio/TV Station had infiltrated the barrier at Mayor Making taking up space to the detriment of onlookers. The Committee agreed we could not pursue them as we were not sure who they were but that in future a 'gateman' should be positioned to control entrants inside the barrier at the Town Clerk's discretion.

4. Condition of Chairs at Guildhall

It had been noted at the rehearsal for Mayor Making that some of the chairs and tables in the Guildhall had been damaged. The Town Clerk advised that he had been in touch with the key holder who advised that the Mayor's office had arranged for someone to make repairs to the chairs. The Town Clerk agreed to speak to the former Town Clerk to find out who he had commissioned to do the work.

5. **Email from Paul Lambourne**

Former Mayor Paul Lambourne had forwarded an email with a number of complaints about the Reception. The Town Clerk acknowledged that some points were salient and that he would respond offering to take the points on board for next year.