

Sunderland City Council

At an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND, on TUESDAY, 6TH JUNE, 2006 at 2.30 p.m.

Present - The Mayor (Councillor T. Foster) in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor L. Scott)

Councillor	Allan	C. Gofton	Mann	Timmins
	F. Anderson	Grey	L. Martin	P. Walker
	Bainbridge	A. Hall	T. Martin	J. W. Walton
	Bates	G. Hall	Morrissey	L. Walton
	Bell	J. Heron	Porthouse	Wares
	Blyth	R. Heron	Rolph	P. Watson
	Bohill	Higgins	J. Scott	S. Watson
	Carthy	Howe	J. B. Scott	Whalen
	Charlton	Lawson	M. Smith	L. Williams
	Fletcher	Leadbitter	Speding	Wilson
	D. Forbes	Paul Maddison	Symonds	Wood
	M. Forbes	Peter Maddison	Tansey	T Wright
	P. Gibson	Miller	Tate	

The Notice convening the Meeting was read.

The Mayor's Chaplain, Deacon John Hill, offered prayers on behalf of those present.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Ambrose, C. R. Anderson, Dixon, MacKnight, Oliver, Sidaway, Sleightholme, P. Smith, Stewart, J. Walker, B. Williams, N. Wright and Young.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

FREEDOM OF THE CITY – MR RAM K. BANERJEE, SIR TOM COWIE OBE AND DENISE ROBERTSON.

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) inviting the Council to formally confer the Honorary Freedom of the City upon Mr Ram k. Banerjee, Sir Tom Cowie OBE and Denise Robertson.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Mayor extended a warm welcome to all present at the meeting

It was then moved by Councillor Symonds, and duly seconded by Councillor P. Gibson, that the Council formally confer the Honorary Freedom of the City upon Mr Ram K. Banerjee. On being put to the meeting the motion was unanimously agreed and it was:-

RESOLVED that in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council do confer the Honorary Freedom of the City on Mr Ram K. Banerjee TD OBE, as a token of the honour and esteem in which he is held by the citizens of the City and in recognition of his outstanding contributions to medical services in the City and his service to the Country.

Mr Ram K Banerjee then signed the Roll of Honorary Freemen of the City.

The Mayor then presented Ram K Banerjee with a sealed and illuminated copy of the Council's Resolution inscribed on vellum together with a gift.

Ram K Banerjee responded appropriately.

It was then moved by Councillor Symonds, and duly seconded by Councillor P. Wood, that the Council formally confer the Honorary Freedom of the City upon Sir Tom Cowie OBE. On being put to the meeting the motion was unanimously agreed and it was:-

RESOLVED that in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council do confer the Honorary Freedom of the City on Sir Tom Cowie OBE, as a token of the honour and esteem in which he is held by the citizens of the City and in recognition of his outstanding contributions to economic development and education in the City.

Sir Tom Cowie OBE then signed the Roll of Honorary Freemen of the City.

The Mayor then presented Sir Tom Cowie OBE with a sealed and illuminated copy of the Council's Resolution inscribed on vellum together with a gift.

Sir Tom Cowie OBE responded appropriately.

It was then moved by Councillor Symonds, and duly seconded by Councillor L. Scott, that the Council formally confer the Honorary Freedom of the City upon Denise Robertson. On being put to the meeting the motion was unanimously agreed and it was:-

RESOLVED that in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council do confer the Honorary Freedom of the City on Denise Robertson, as a token of the honour and esteem in which she is held by the citizens of the City and in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the City through her writing, charitable works and her promotion of Sunderland as a City Ambassador.

Denise Robertson then signed the Roll of Honorary Freemen of the City.

The Mayor then presented Denise Robertson with a sealed and illuminated copy of the Council's Resolution inscribed on vellum together with a gift.

Denise Robertson responded appropriately.

(Signed) T. FOSTER,
Mayor.

Footnote:

Loyal Greeting

Following the meeting the Mayor received a response to loyal greetings to The Queen which he had sent on the occasion of the conferment upon Mr Ram K. Banerjee, Sir Tom Cowie OBE and Denise Robertson of the Honorary Freedom of the City.

In a letter from the Special Assistant to The Queen's Private Secretary the Mayor was advised that "Her Majesty values your continued support and sends her best wishes to all concerned for a memorable and happy occasion".