

City of London

Annual Wardmotes March 2010

Details of the proceedings for the following Wards:

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MINUTES OF A COURT OF WARDMOTE FOR THE WARD OF BASSISHAW

HELD AT THE BASSINGHALL SUITE GUILDHALL IN THE CITY OF

LONDON ON FRIDAY 12TH MARCH 2010

BEFORE SIR DAVID WILLIAM BREWER C.M.G., JP. THE ALDERMAN OF THE SAID WARD

PRESENT:

KENNETH EDWIN AYERS M.B.E., Deputy

ROBERT MERRETT C.C.

IAN SEATON C.C.

MICHAEL DALEY THE WARD BEADLE

RICHARD HILLEBRON HON. WARD CLERK

AND

A NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND THOSE INTERESTED IN THE WARD

1. There was a procession in by the Beadle, the Hon. Ward Clerk and, the Alderman.
2. The Wardmote was opened by the Beadle in the customary manner.
3. The Alderman welcomed those present to the Ward meeting.
4. The Alderman explained that one of his functions was to appoint his Deputy for the year. He appointed Kenneth Edwin Ayers to be Deputy for the year.
5. He then appointed Richard Leslie Hillebron as Honorary Ward Clerk for the year.
6. The Alderman invited the Candidates to address the Wardmote in turn.
7. Ken Ayers thanked the Alderman for appointing him as Deputy, he was grateful for the renewal. He then paid tribute to the Alderman who had tendered his resignation as

Alderman following some 14 years during which he has discharged his duties with skill and humour and with great success. He was also a tremendous Lord Mayor in his year. He has resigned because were he to seek re-election it would be for another year only.

Consequently there will be an Aldermanic election very shortly and so holidays should not be planned! At this stage it is usual for Councilmen to give an indication of their activities during the year. This year Ken has been on the committees dealing with Policy, Resources and Finance. The finance situation has been very difficult. The City has been squeezed by Government (like all authorities) . It is difficult to make ends meet when the City gets a small government grant from central government which is never enough. The City has to rely on its investment income. There are restrictions on how this is allowed to be invested. In general terms this is money market investments and because rates are low the income is very small at present. There has been some reorganisation of how the assets are invested but in any event the City has had to dip into reserves.

8. For the last several years, Ken has Chaired or been vice Chair of the Community and Children services committee. He has served this committee for 8 years which he has found very rewarding. He has now passed membership on to Ian Seaton. Ken has also been on the Board of the Museum of London which has been very exciting. There is shortly to be revealed street level windows which will allow a view of the Lord Mayor's coach. This will give greater presence to the museum with clear identity and position. He has also served the City Bridge Trust which is the charity arm of the City which has donated 15m per annum to London charities. This role has also been very rewarding.
9. The Alderman then announced that very recently Ken had attended Buckingham Palace to receive an M.B.E. he had been awarded in the new year's honours list for services to the City. He was congratulated on this honour.
10. Ian Seaton said he had been appointed a year ago and had served on the Libraries Archives and Guildhall Art Gallery committee and further, the Planning and Transportation

committee. He was also a Governor of the City of London Boys School. This year, a particularly notable event has been the amalgamation of the City Business Library with the Guildhall Library. There are 62 computers available for the public together with research functions. It is now also open on Saturdays. The archive is being digitised and to give an indication of the magnitude of the task, there are now 77m names digitised which is about one eightieth of the archive to be completed. This is an enormous task.

11. On the Planning committee, there are no applications for major work in Bassishaw. There has been considerable development in the north east of the Ward including Standard Chartered and Legal and General Offices. There will shortly be 2 cycle docking stations within the Ward being part of the cycle scheme of the London Mayor. These will include a payment station illuminated map and screen. There are some pre-application discussions also being conducted. Part of the remit of the committee is to preserve the architectural heritage of the City as well as providing for the 340,000 workforce. The City has 600 listed buildings, 26 conservation areas, 48 historic monuments as well as gardens of special note. The City is an architectural gem. There are 10,000 cycle commuters and we need to plan for more. There is a Bassishaw web site containing much information which Ian commended to the meeting.
12. The Alderman thanked Ian Seaton for his comments and made specific note of the volume of paper which he had to deal with particularly on the Planning committee.
13. Robert Merrett said his year has passed very quickly indeed. It was a great honour to represent Bassishaw. One of his roles is promoting the Open Space Committee and he has taken a special interest in Love Lane Garden which has been much improved and is an area cherished by the workforce. He is also a member of the Port Health and Environmental Services committee and is happy to report the streets remain clean. Robert made special reference to an educational fishing trip to Kent to experiment and test the quality of the fish

in the water of the river Thames. It was a great day out attended by the Lord Mayor and sheriffs.

14. The Markets Committee has dealt with renewal of the Smithfield Leases and the overview is that the Butchers should pay a fair but appropriate rent. There is a role of promoting the City during the economic downturn. He mentioned in particular a visit to South Africa by the Lord Mayor which he will also attend.
15. Robert also referred to the Bassishaw breakfast meeting to take place on 19th May on the subject of the economic climate for the new UK Government.
16. The Alderman thanked the Councilmen for their addresses. He also referred to the fishing trip to Kent which was a regular annual venture. He recalled a catch of 752 flounders although as they were thrown back in it was not clear if it was the same fish 752 times caught!
17. There followed an invitation for questions. David Morris asked about forthcoming boundary changes. This was explained to relate to equalisation of numbers of electors within the City and would take some time to complete. The proposal was to take 125 London Wall into Bassishaw.
18. The Ward Constable was unable to be at the Wardmote. The Alderman referred to the good system of reporting throughout the Ward.
19. Philip Remnant gave thanks to the Alderman and Common Councilmen for their work on behalf of the Ward throughout the year. Their report were very informative. He made particular reference to the work done by the Alderman (and his wife) during a very successful 14 years.
20. The Alderman gave his closing remarks.
21. The Ward Beadle then closed the Wardmote in the customary manner which was followed by a procession out by the Beadle the Honorary Ward Clerk and the Alderman.

**CITY OF LONDON
WARD OF BILLINGSGATE
MINUTES OF THE WARD MEETING HELD ON
FRIDAY 12th MARCH 2010, 12.30p.m.
at St Mary at Hill Church, Lovat Lane, EC3R 8EE
BEFORE THE WORSHIPFUL ALDERMAN JOHN R.C.WHITE TD**

Present:

Michael Welbank and Anthony Llewelyn-Davies, Common Councilmen
6 electors and 14 other people.

In Attendance: Richard S. Fowler, Hon Ward Clerk and James Shrubbs, Ward Beadle.

1. OPENING OF WARD MEETING

The meeting was opened by the traditional Proclamation given by the Beadle.

2. WELCOME BY ALDERMAN

The Alderman welcomed all those present and outlined the origins of Wardmotes.

3. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY

The Alderman appointed Michael Welbank as Deputy for the ensuing year.

4. APPOINTMENT OF HON. WARD CLERK

The Alderman appointed Richard Fowler as Honorary Ward Clerk for the ensuing year.

5. FURTHER INTRODUCTIONS

The Alderman then introduced the following people to the Meeting:-

a. Revd. Canon Flora Winfield in charge of St Mary at Hill Church; she mentioned the Fish Harvest Festival Services held in the Church (in 2010 to be on Sunday 10th October) and in Billingsgate Market (in 2010 to be on Thursday 7th October) and also the Church's forthcoming St Botolph's Day Celebration on 17th June 2010.

b. John Bowman, Secretary of the Billingsgate Ward Club; and

c. P.C. Barry Tuckfield, the Ward Constable for Billingsgate and Bridge Wards and Community Police Officer for the area. He spoke briefly about crime in the City confirming that theft was the main crime in the City and this Ward. He also reported that crime was down by 13% whilst detection was up to 34%.

6. PRESENTATION ON THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF WATERMEN AND LIGHTERMEN by the Clerk, Colin Middlemiss

The Alderman then introduced Colin Middlemiss who attended the Ward Meeting with the Master and Assistant Clerk of his Company.

He gave an amusing address on the history and present work of the Company which had been established by an Act of Parliament in 1555 to control the Watermen on the tidal part of the River Thames responsible for the movement of goods and passengers. Because its control went beyond the City boundaries, the Company did not seek to be a City Livery Company, but it was generally treated as such.

Its Hall, which is within the Ward of Billingsgate, is Georgian and can be visited on request. The Company now numbers over 1,000 members; they have approximately 120 apprentices who do a 5 years' apprenticeship. They have 620 Journeymen Freemen and 400 (approx) Craft Owing Freemen. Membership of the Company still depends on having a close connection with the River. The Company also has a number of connected charities including 61 almshouses on 2 sites in East Sussex.

7. PRESENTATION ON THE CITY MARKETS INCLUDING BILLINGSGATE

by David Smith, Director of Markets,

The Alderman then introduced David Smith, Director of Markets for the City of London Corporation, who gave an interesting address on the markets for which the City Corporation is responsible, primarily Billingsgate, Smithfield and New Spitalfields.

The City's markets still thrive despite the advent of supermarkets and direct buying from producers. In the past the City's markets had traditionally served the butchers, fishmongers and greengrocers of London and the South East, but this has changed. Now the customers mainly comprise food service companies, restaurants, hotels and mini-market stores. In Billingsgate the customers still include traditional fishmongers and fish and chip shops, but also many private consumers, especially on Saturdays. An average of 25,000 tonnes of fish and fish products are sold through Billingsgate's merchants each year. Approximately 40% of that tonnage comprises fish imported from abroad. The annual turnover is more than £200m, with over 150 different varieties of fish sold.

Spitalfields Market moved to a new 32 acre site in Leyton in 1991 and has now established itself as the UK's leading horticultural market with the largest number of food wholesalers in the UK with a turnover in the region of 650,000 tonnes per year. Approximately 120,000 tons of meat and poultry and associated products pass through Smithfield Market each year.

The Markets combined have a turnover of about £1.05 billion per year with more than 25,500 customers per week.

8. WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Alderman encouraged electors and other interested parties to take part in the consultation process, which is running until 2nd April. There are proposals to expand the Ward on its eastern boundaries. Alderman White explained that the number of Common Councilmen was linked to the number of electors in a ward and that for the Ward's Common Councilmen to cover all the main committees of the Common Council it would be preferable if the Ward could have a minimum of 3 Common Councilmen instead of the current 2. That required the Ward to have a larger number of electors which could only be achieved currently by expanding the Ward's boundaries at the expense of neighbouring larger wards.

9. VOTES OF THANKS

The Alderman thanked everyone for attending, and asked for any further questions. He particularly encouraged those connected with the Ward to maintain regular dialogue with their elected representatives.

On the proposal of the Alderman, votes of thanks were passed:

- a. to our speakers for their excellent talks and to the Ward Constable for his attendance and contribution;
- b. to the Revd Canon Flora Winfield and the church of St Mary At Hill for the use of the Church for the Ward Meeting;
- c. to the Deputy and the other Ward Common Councilman for the time and attention they had given to their duties in the past year; and
- d. to the Hon Ward Clerk and the Ward Beadle for their work.

A vote of thanks was then passed to the Alderman for his chairing of this Ward Meeting, proposed by the Deputy and he returned thanks.

11. PROCLAMATION BY BEADLE

The Beadle closed the Ward Meeting by the traditional proclamation at about 1.30 p.m.

12th March 2010

At the Court of Wardmote held at the Parish Room St Botolph's Churchyard, Bishopsgate, London, EC2 on 12th March 2010 before Neil Graham Redcliffe, Alderman of this Ward.

The Alderman welcomed electors to the meeting of the Bishopsgate Ward.

The Alderman appointed Mr Stanley Ginsburg as his Deputy for the Ward Within and Mr Philip Willoughby as his Deputy for the Ward Without for the ensuing year.

The Alderman appointed Mr Richard Morris as the Honorary Ward Clerk of this Ward for the ensuing year.

The Alderman then addressed the Ward by first referring to the ancient history of Wardmotes in the City of London and then describing his own connections with this Ward and finally confirming the importance and significance of the activities carried out by the Lord Mayor and the respective Wards before referring specifically to the important activities affecting this Ward, including Crossrail, the Olympic Games in 2012, the renovation of the Bishopsgate Institute, the Boundary Review being undertaken throughout the City and the "Bishopsgate Think Tank" a strategy group recently formed to consider and improve life in the Ward and neighbouring Boroughs.

The Alderman then invited electors to ask questions of himself and the Common Councilmen.

Mr Colin Harris noted that since the previous Boundary Review of 2003 the electoral rolls in the City Wards had declined and in this Ward numbers had dropped from over 2500 to around 1260 electors and therefore asked what was being done to deal with the decline.

Mr Billy Dove CC responded by saying that whilst all the Common Councilmen regularly visited local businesses to encourage them to register themselves and their employees as voters, many businesses failed to do so. The economic climate meant that many small businesses had reduced their numbers or closed. This could have repercussions in this Ward, if the City subsequently allocated part of this Ward to smaller adjoining Wards and Bishopsgate lost, for example, the Leathersellers Livery Company. It was therefore the intention of the Common Councilmen of this Ward to fight any such changes and to encourage local businesses to register their voters.

Mr Philip Willoughby Deputy added that since many of the large professional practices in the Ward had converted from partnerships to Limited Partnership status, they no longer had a lengthy list of partners to register for electoral purposes so the number of their voters reduced accordingly.

Mr Stanley Ginsburg Deputy confirmed from his own experience many local businesses did not understand that they could have a vote in the City in addition to their local elections in their respective home towns. The problem of persuading local businesses to register and vote was a citywide issue which the Corporation's own public relations department was addressing but

the Common Councilmen of this Ward should in his view not only fight to retain existing boundaries but argue for a return to the previous larger boundary for this Ward.

Mr Patrick Streeter (although not an elector in this Ward) referred to the problem raised in previous Wardmotes of the pollution caused by taxis waiting outside Liverpool Street Station with their engines running. He queried if the taxis might be moved to another pitch and the area pedestrianized.

Mrs Dorothy Robinson CC responded by saying that whilst this problem was being kept under constant review her preferred solution to the pollution issue was to see some of the many bus stops around the station moved and a reduction in the number of buses using the area. However any plans under consideration would need to take account of the changes that would inevitably occur with the introduction of Crossrail.

Mr Stanley Ginsburg Deputy added that the problem was exacerbated by the illegal taxis ranking in Bishopsgate, although he knew that the police have been trying to curb this activity.

The Alderman then asked Mr Philip Willoughby, as Chairman of the City Finance Committee, to report on City finances.

Accordingly Mr Willoughby outlined the recent substantial rise in the City budget deficit due largely to the loss of interest rates on its investments. The City is aiming to balance this deficit by 2013 and has invested in various property projects to increase its level of returns. Nevertheless the Bridge House Trust fund was still able to make donations to other local boroughs and charities in the region of £15 million last year and would continue to do so. The City was also aiming to maintain its level of services to the public and to make savings by improving efficiency where possible.

M/s Pam Willis raised the problem of traffic congestion outside the Leathersellers Hall which blocked the pedestrians trying to cross. The further problem of the Pinnacle development which seemed to extend over the pavement and reduce the walking area made this potentially dangerous at rush hour times.

Mr Archie Galloway CC responded by saying that he was aware that the roof did overhang the road at this area but if the pavement had been reduced so that it was insufficient then he would ask the police (the Ward Constable being present at this meeting) to look into it.

Mr Nigel Pullman (although not an elector in this Ward) asked whether it would be preferable for the Leathersellers Company to remain in this Ward or as part of the Boundary Review to become part of a new Ward. Both the Alderman and Deputy Willoughby responded by saying that whilst there were many factors to be considered, the close historic links between the Ward and the Company and the long service given by many of the Common Councilmen of this Ward should not be lightly discarded. Mr Richard Hardy endorsed these comments and noted the close relationship between St Botolphs Church and the Leathersellers Company. The Revd Dr Alan McCormack, Rector of this Parish, confirmed this relationship and added that from his own experience of other Wards, this Ward was particularly active and the "Bishopsgate Think Tank" previously mentioned by the Alderman, was a good example of this.

The Rector was then invited to address the Wardmote concerning the forthcoming plans for the St George's Day celebrations on Friday 23rd April which would include a church service at 1,10pm, followed by "slaying the dragon" in the afternoon and an evening hog roast event to be opened by the Alderman.

The Ward Constable PC Phillip Taylor then addressed the Wardmote to explain that he and PC Mike Bainbridge had taken over from PC Alisdair Bray but they now jointly administered both Bishopsgate and Broad Street Wards to ensure that cover was always available .He further reported on the good performance of crime detection in the City and in Bishopsgate in particular. The crime reduction rate was also at a good level and at the recent Community Panel meeting the effects of increased dog activity detecting drugs outside Liverpool Street station under Operation Battleship, action against theft from pubs and against antisocial behaviour and the closure of brothels had all been noted. The Panel had set priorities against illegal begging and touting, illegal taxis and road traffic offences, particularly cyclists.

The police have established a presence in Tescos in Cheapside to liaise with the public and gain feedback and electors are welcome to contact either Ward Constable with comments or views on policing matters in the Ward. Finally he mentioned rough sleepers in the Ward of which numbers were down from 49 to 29 but some entrenched sleepers refused help from local charities.

Mr Stanley Ginsburg Deputy, then proposed a vote of thanks to the Alderman for his courtesy and ability in presiding on this occasion. This was seconded by Mrs D. Robinson, Common Councilman and unanimously carried.

The Alderman replied and thanked the Wardmote.

There being no further business the proceedings were closed.

W A R D O F B R E A D S T R E E T

MINUTES OF THE WARDMOTE HELD AT 25 CANNON STREET, LONDON E.C.4 AT NOON ON FRIDAY MARCH 12th 2010 ALDERMAN SIR MICHAEL SAVORY, ALDERMAN OF THE WARD, PRESIDING

The Wardmote proceeded in accordance with the Agenda, a copy of which is attached.

One elector attended together with Mr. R. Malhotra, Associate Director Public Policy FIL Investments International representing the hosts, and Mr. K. Stern, Chairman Bread Street Ward Club.

The Alderman appointed Dr. G.R.E. Shilson as his Deputy and Mr. M.N. Evans as Honorary Ward Clerk for the year ensuing.

A formal vote of thanks was recorded to P.C. Mark Dilliway for his work as Ward Constable. He has now moved to a role as a student officer trainer at the City of London Police Learning and Development Department. His successor as Ward Constable, P.C. Roger Kelly, was warmly welcomed and gave a report prepared for him on developments over the past year. Crime in the Ward is exceptionally low in comparison with the rest of the City. Overall crime was down by 13% and detection up by 34%

The Alderman in his address referred to the Boundary Review currently in progress, which is likely to alter the present Ward boundaries and increase the electorate. The present proposals would result, inter alia, in the loss of Bracken House, Scandinavian House and St. Nicholas Cole Abbey but would bring St. Paul's Cathedral into the Ward (at present only the Choir School is within our boundaries) together with the College of Arms. Under the draft we could gain an additional member of Common Coouncil. The Alderman also spoke as to the plan to close the existing coach park and convert it into a garden.

Mr. Deputy Shilson and Mr. Lodge reported on their activities on the Committees on which they sit. Reference was made to the forthcoming 400th Anniversary of the Irish Society and the second round of consultation on Ward Boundary changes.

The elector present enquired as to the likely size of the electorate. The Alderman pointed out that this was presently unknowable, depending as it did, on occupancy levels. It was understood that pre-letting of 1 New Change was advanced.

Votes of thanks to the Alderman and Fidelity Investment Services having been proposed and seconded, the Wardmote closed at 12.36 p.m.



M. N. EVANS
Honorary Ward Clerk

**WARD OF BRIDGE AND BRIDGE WITHOUT AT A COURT OF WARDMOTE
HOLDEN AT THE FISHMONGERS' HALL, LONDON BRIDGE, BEFORE THE
WORSHIPFUL ALDERMAN ALAN YARROW AT 12.00 NOON ON WEDNESDAY
10 MARCH 2010**

The Beadle opened the Court by Proclamation.

The Beadle commanded silence.

The Alderman welcomed everybody to the Wardmote and gave a short address. He remarked that last year he had commented on the financial crisis. It was disappointing that not all his peers had behaved as well as they might have but the City was recovering well. It should be remembered that only £8 billion of the total government overspend of £177 billion had gone to support banks. The return to prosperity in the City at a time of rising unemployment and the unrest caused by some extreme right wing fringe parties would heighten crime risks and it was good to see the police representatives here.

The Alderman appointed Mr John Owen-Ward as his Deputy for the ensuing year.

Mr Owen-Ward returned thanks.

The Alderman then appointed Mr Andrew Dyke as Honorary Ward Clerk for the ensuing year.

Mr Dyke returned thanks.

The Alderman introduced Mr Victor Callister from the Planning Department who gave a presentation about the street scheme improvements which had been made in Carter Lane and were planned for St Paul's Churchyard. Much of these works were driven by the far greater number of people visiting the City. Footfall across the Millennium Bridge was 5 million a year – ten times what had been predicted – and the new shopping centre under construction at New Change would bring in still more people.

The Alderman then introduced the Ward Constable, PC Barry Tuckfield, who was accompanied by Sergeant John Zuber. PC Tuckfield introduced himself as the new Ward Constable and explained that he was available to all within the Ward on an informal basis and could be contacted via the City Police website. He said that crime clear-up rates in the City had improved. Both officers spoke about the efforts to remove rough sleepers to hostel accommodation (Operation Poncho) and urged voters to attend one of the community partnership meetings run regularly by the police.

During both presentations there were many questions from voters and particular concerns were expressed about the growth in the night economy of the City and the need to control clubs and late bars.

There was no other business.

It was proposed by Mr John Owen-Ward and seconded by Mr Ivan Whitting:

“That the very best of thanks of this Wardmote be accorded to the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers for their kindness in allowing this Wardmote to be held on their premises”.

Which proposal was resolved unanimously.

The Alderman added his thanks to the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers for their kindness in offering at their expense some refreshments after the Wardmote.

It was proposed by Mr John Owen-Ward:

“That the very best of thanks of this Wardmote be given to Alderman Alan Yarrow, for the able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the Wardmote”.

Which proposal was resolved unanimously.

The Alderman then called upon the Beadle to close the Wardmote.

CITY OF LONDON WARD OF CANDLEWICK

MINUTES OF ANNUAL WARDMOTE held on Friday 12 March 2010 at the Church of St Clement Eastcheap Clements Lane King William Street EC4

PRESENT

Alderman Mrs Fiona Woolf CBE
Deputy Keith Knowles
Honorary Ward Clerk Sheila Robinson TD

ATTENDEES

6 of whom 4 were electors

1. The Alderman gave a welcome address

2. The Ward Constable PC Graham Frost gave a presentation

He reported that a new shopping outlet open 7 days a week was opening in Eastcheap He warned people using cash point machines and card machines in pubs to make sure there was nobody on their shoulder watching. It was a common crime to make a note of the pin number and then steal the card later. 3 people had been picked up doing this a few days ago. One of the most common crime was still thefts in offices. Employees needed to be vigilant and challenge anyone they did not know to identify themselves
Businesses could sign up to receive crime reports by e-mail . He held a surgery at St Clement's once a month

3. Stanley Keith Knowles was appointed Deputy for the ensuing year

4. Sheila Mary Robinson was appointed Honorary Ward Clerk for the ensuing year

5. The Alderman gave Councilman Kevin Everett's apologies he had been struck down with suspected food poisoning on the way to the meeting

On matters of interest in the Ward :

She and the Deputy sat on the Planning and Transportation Committee. There were big issues on street works and the inability to control what all the utilities were doing. There needed to be a legal framework to impose penalties. The City was working to get utilities to co-ordinate

The Deputy reported that the Committee still met every 3 weeks. There was a thin agenda with few applications but things were starting to look up.

He was on the Police Committee and the meeting had heard the Ward Constable's report
Councilman Everett sits on the Finance Committee. There was a freeze on expenditure and outgoings. The Ward News was now only going to be published twice a year
Boundary changes were due for consideration again . The second consultation stage had been reached. Changes will come into effect for the 2013 election. It was proposed to extend Candlewick's boundary as far as the Bank with a triangle of land bordered by King William Street and Cornhill
On the Shrieval Election in June he was delighted to report that Alderman Fiona Woolf had been nominated by the Court of Alderman. There were currently only 2 candidates for the two Shrieval appointments. The Sheriffs take office each September a year

6. Questions raised were largely to do with transport and utilities.

The City were aware of the problems but the utility contractors were a law unto themselves.
The City was pressing for Transport for London to review bus routes many being historical
The City was vulnerable to power cuts and there was a need for emergency power. This was thought to be more of a problem for the National Grid than EDF's delivery

7. Votes of thanks were made

APPROVED



CASTLE BAYNARD ANNUAL WARD MEETING

Friday 12 March 2010

Members present

Mr Catt
Mr Challis
Mr Hudson
Miss McGuinness, Deputy
Ms Priest
Mr Simons

Also present

Miss Hart, Honorary Ward Clerk
PC Mike Bostock, Ward Constable

Apologies were received from Mr Hunt, CC.

1. Procession in

The Ward Beadle and Ward Deputy processed into the Annual Ward meeting.

2. Opening of the Ward meeting

- The Ward Beadle opened the meeting by proclamation.

3. Welcome by the Deputy

- The Deputy welcomed all those present and informed them that she would be presiding over the meeting today since the Alderman for the Ward, Ian Luder, was currently in purdah following his mayoralty;
- The Deputy briefly touched upon the issue of the Ward Boundary Review since she suspected that many of the attendees had come to voice their concerns on the proposals outlined in the consultation paper. The Deputy informed the meeting that this would be dealt with in detail later in the agenda.

4. Appointment of Deputy

- The Deputy read the text of a letter from Alderman Ian Luder, appointing her as Deputy of the Ward for the time being.

5. Appointment of Honorary Ward Clerk

- The Deputy read the text of a letter from Alderman Ian Luder, appointing Louise Hart as Honorary Ward Clerk for the ensuing year.

6. Response to Resolutions of 2009 Wardmote

- The Deputy reminded the ward meeting that two resolutions were submitted to the Grand Court of Wardmote following last year's wardmote and adjourned wardmote;
- The first resolution was as follows:-

“That the Grand Court of Wardmote takes note of the fact that the sole polling station in Castle Baynard Ward was, without consultation amongst the candidates, situated in one extremity of the Ward, thereby deterring electors in the other extremities of the ward from voting, and that steps are taken to ensure that for future elections the polling station is more centrally situated or (if more than one) evenly distributed so as not to disadvantage particular areas of the Ward.”
- The Deputy informed the meeting that this resolution was dealt with as part of the major review of the elections

process which took place immediately after the elections in March. The Town Clerk's office agreed that in future, the Alderman and Deputy of the Ward would be fully consulted before polling stations for elections were booked;

- The second resolution was as follows:-

“In view of the fact that Castle Baynard Ward has the third highest number of registered electors, an urgent review be carried out of its representation on ward committees, where it has fewer seats than some other wards with smaller electorates.

- The Deputy informed the meeting that a report was considered by the City's Policy and Resources Committee and it was agreed that "Members of the Ward of Castle Baynard be advised that the issue of representation on Ward committees should not be looked at on an adhoc basis but should instead be looked at as part of the forthcoming governance review as planned." That review was yet to be held.

7. Report from Common Councilmen

- All members of the Ward present at the meeting introduced themselves to the meeting attendees and informed the electorate of their membership on the City's Committees and outside bodies and apprised them of those important issues being addressed by the Committees at the current time.

8. Ward Boundary Review

- The Deputy briefly introduced the consultation paper currently in circulation relating to the Ward Boundary Review. She informed the meeting that she had asked a representative from the Town Clerk's office to be present to answer questions on the issues although it was not possible as there were not enough officers to attend the 20 Ward meetings taking place;
- The Deputy provided the background to the review and informed the meeting that the principles of the review were to protect the residential vote, to protect those smaller wards

and to produce some common sense boundaries within the City;

- The Deputy then apprised the Ward meeting of the three options relating to the Ward of Castle Baynard currently being consulted on. She emphasised that the members of the Ward were vigorously opposing the suggested options since the historic heart of the Ward would be removed. Since the Ward members recognised the need for change, they had put forward a suggestion which would mean losing a small corner of the Ward but would mean that Castle Baynard would retain its historic links;
- The Chairman of the Castle Baynard Ward Club, Anthony Trinick, informed the meeting that without exception, there was no support for the options outlined in the consultation document. He informed the meeting that the Ward Club appreciated the need for change although by pressing ahead with these options, the historic core would be taken away from the Ward and this was vital for the Club's heritage and future. He emphasised that the options outlined were unsustainable and therefore unacceptable and would take away all Royal patronage from the Ward;
- The Chairman of the Castle Baynard Ward Club informed the meeting that there seemed to be no rationale for increasing the size of Bread Street when other such Wards would remain a similar size. If it were essential to increase the size of the electorate, this could be done by extending the western boundary of Bread Street into Farringdon Within. He informed those attending that he would be putting his concerns into writing to the Town Clerk and urged them to do so;
- The past Chairman of the Ward Club, Tony Rodgers, informed the meeting that whilst he understood the objectives of the review, there were still inelegancies in terms of the boundaries under the current proposals. He was concerned at the loss of the historic links. Tony then read out a letter from Ms Joanna Thomas, deputy chairman of the Ward Club and the daughter of a past Common Councilman for the Ward, who was unable to attend the Ward meeting

but who shared the concerns of those within the Ward over the current proposals;

- In response to a question over whether the Ward members had made representations to the Town Clerk, the Ward meeting was informed that in response to the first round of consultation, there was more representation from Castle Baynard Members than any other Ward;
- Whilst the Rector of St Andrew by the Wardrobe was not able to be present, a minute from the recent Parish meeting was read aloud to the Ward meeting. It stated that whilst the Parish was not resistant to change, it had concerns at losing its link with the Ward were the proposals set out in the paper to be implemented which would result in the church being incorporated into Bread Street. The church had enjoyed a long link to the Ward Club and the Rector was recently the Alderman's mayoral chaplain. The Parish were also concerned over the short period of consultation;
- The Deputy informed the attendees that all Ward members would be writing to the Town Clerk highlighting their objections to the proposals and urged others to do so. One of the Ward members then explained the review process in terms of consideration of proposals once the consultation period had drawn to an end;
- The Ward meeting decided that it would be appropriate to submit a formal resolution to the Grand Court of Wardmote which was proposed by an elector in the following terms :-

“This Ward meeting unanimously opposes the Ward boundary proposals for the Ward of Castle Baynard as set out in the stage two consultation documents, which disregard the historical origins of the Ward and would seriously and adversely affect it.”

This was duly seconded by a further elector, and unanimously supported by all present (approximately 30).

9. Presentation by the Ward Constable

- PC Mike Bostock, the Ward Constable gave a brief presentation and highlighted the current issues affecting the City and particularly the Ward of Castle Baynard. He highlighted some of the operations currently underway to address the issues around cyclists, the homeless, handbag thefts and the night time economy. He informed the meeting that the current Ward priorities were public order, traffic offences including cyclists and commercial burglaries;
- The Ward Constable answered questions raised on homelessness, the reason for the increase in burglaries and the current level of security in the City at the present time.

10. Question and Answer session

- One of the electorate within the Ward informed the meeting that she was really pleased with the representation the Ward had. In response to a question, the attendees were informed that a newsletter would be circulated to the electorate of the Ward in advance of any decisions on the Ward Boundary Review.

11. Votes of Thanks and close of the meeting

- A vote of thanks was proposed and seconded to Deputy Catherine McGuinness for presiding over the Ward meeting. Thanks were also expressed to the Honorary Ward Clerk and the Beadle.

12. Procession Out

- The Ward Beadle and Ward Deputy processes out of the Annual Ward meeting.

WARD OF CHEAP

**MINUTES OF THE WARDMOTE HELD AT NOON ON THURSDAY 11 MARCH 2010 AT
WAX CHANDLERS' HALL, 6 GRESHAM STREET, LONDON EC2V 7AD**

1 Alderman Jeffrey Evans took the chair. The Ward Beadle announced the opening of the Wardmote by proclamation.

2 The Alderman appointed Mr Robin Anthony Eve as the Deputy for the ensuing year.

3 The Alderman appointed Mr David Anthony Cox as the Honorary Ward Clerk for the ensuing year.

4 The Common Councilmen were invited to address the meeting. Mr Eve referred to the preliminary proposals relating to the Ward boundary review which had recently been published. Ward boundaries had remained the same from Saxon times until 2004. The latest proposed amendments involved a small loss and gain for the Ward. It was also proposed that there would be a third member with effect from 2013. This would spread the workload somewhat. There would however still be some Wards with only two Common Councilmen. Submissions in response to the preliminary proposals are due by early April.

The Alderman commented that we were very privileged to be situated in the heart of the City.

5 Mrs Pembroke referred to recent Streetscene improvements such as seating, greenery and the addition of statues. Funding had been from car park fines and section 106 agreements with developers. She referred to the new Ward of Cheap website which would include news.

6 An elector referred to recent upheaval in the streets and the recent authority to enable utility suppliers to coordinate their works. Another elector mentioned that traffic management appears on the Corporation of London website.

7 Another elector referred to the recent Post Office closures. Mr Eve explained that this remained an issue. The Corporation is trying to establish places where members of the public can buy stamps and mail packages. There have been many closures in and outside the Ward despite the fundamental need for Post Offices. Mr Clive Grimley proposed a motion to be raised at the Grand Court of Wardmote,

commenting upon the serious lack of Post Offices within the Ward and the City generally and asking the Corporation to try to ensure that proper and adequate Post Office facilities are provided throughout the City. This was seconded by Mr Paul Dyson and passed unanimously.

8 Mr Mike Dudding raised a question with regard to the proposed resurfacing of Cheapside.

9 The Alderman raised a question of free newspapers and Mr Eve commented that these are less of a problem than in the past.

10 The Alderman invited electors present to raise any other topics. An elector raised the question of cyclists who do not respect lights, especially at the junction of Cheapside and King Street in the evening rush hour. Mrs Pembroke pointed out that this is a police matter. Mr Eve added that a police unit has helped in the past and this could be raised at a police surgery held in the Parish Church.

11 Mr Eve proposed a vote of thanks to the Alderman. He thanked him for chairing the meeting with his customary charm and courtesy. The Alderman thanked the Wax Chandlers for the use of their hall. He thanked all electors for attending.

12 The Beadle closed the Wardmote by proclamation.

In attendance: Alderman Jeffrey Evans
Mr R A Eve, CC
Mrs A M F Pembroke, CC
Mr D A Cox, Honorary Ward Clerk
Mr P Chancellor, Beadle
28 electors and members of the Ward of Cheap Club

WARD OF CORDWAINER

Minutes of the Wardmote held on Friday 12th.March,2010
At the Guild Church of St.Mary Aldermary, Watling Street,EC4
Commencing at 12 noon.

Present: Alderman Michael Roger Gifford
Mr. George Marr Flemington Gillon CC
Mr. Mark John Boleat CC

In attendance: Mr. Thomas Francis Ackland Hon Ward Clerk
Mr. Alan Warman Ward Beadle

And four electors of the Ward

1. The Wardmote was formally opened by proclamation.
2. An apology for absence from Sir Michael Snyder, the Ward Deputy, was duly recorded.
3. The Alderman welcomed all present and then appointed Sir Michael Snyder as the Deputy and Mr. Thomas Francis Ackland as the Honorary Ward Clerk for the year ensuing.
4. Mr. George Gillon then gave a presentation of events in the Ward over the past year mentioning ,inter alia, the following:

The opening of the newly refurbished Bow Churchyard attended by the Deputy Mayor of the City of Cordoba (Spain)

The Cheapside redevelopment and the imminent redevelopment of Bucklersbury House

The proposed alterations to the Ward boundaries.

The frequent incidence of road-works in the Ward.

There were no questions from the electors present.
5. Mr. Gillon then proposed a vote of thanks to the Alderman for presiding and the Alderman returned thanks, also thanking the Priest-in-charge for the use of the Guild Church premises.
6. The Wardmote was then closed by Proclamation.

WARD OF CORNHILL

At a Court of Wardmote held in the Vestry of St. Michael, Cornhill on Friday 12 March 2010 before the Right Worshipful Alderman Sir David Howard Bt. in the Chair.

Present were the Alderman, the Acting Honorary Ward Clerk, the Beadle, the Ward Constable, Deputy the Revd. Stephen Haines and Mr. Peter Dunphy, Common Councilman, together with four electors of the Ward.

The Beadle opened proceedings by Proclamation.

The Alderman, in welcoming everyone to the meeting, informed the Wardmote that the Honorary Ward Clerk, Mr. Rodney Petty, was unable to attend the meeting as he was currently undergoing an operation. The Alderman wished Mr Petty a speedy recovery and welcomed Mrs. Jenny Sansom, of the Town Clerk's Office, who had agreed to Clerk the meeting in his absence.

The Minutes of the Wardmote held on 13 March 2009 and 16 July 2009 were taken as read and approved (it being noted that an up-to-date photograph of the Ward Members should be taken and enclosed within the minute book).

The Alderman reappointed Revd. Stephen Haines to be his Deputy for the ensuing year.

The Alderman reappointed Mr. Rodney Petty to be the Honorary Ward Clerk for the ensuing year.

Whilst acknowledging that there was no need to reappoint the Ward Beadle, Mr Robert Collins, he thanked Mr Collins for his continued dedication to the Ward.

The Ward Constable, Kevin Eyles, delivered his report on policing in the Ward stating that Cornhill remains statistically one of the lowest crime Wards in the City. There had recently, however, been a further armed robbery of the jewellers at Haines and Co., which was currently being investigated.

P.C. Eyles advised that the Community Partnership Meeting had identified shoplifting, anti-social behaviour and rough sleeping as local priorities for the coming months.

P.C. Eyles updated the Wardmote on the proposed taxi rank on Cornhill and advised the meeting that following a trial, it had been decided that this would not be pursued. The Wardmote heard about the installation of the proposed 'Urilifts', semi-permanent toilets, to be installed at the Royal Exchange and on Cornhill.

Deputy Haines advised that a Licensing Review had been requested for the Jamaica Wine House. He further outlined those Committees on which he had been appointed

to represent the Ward, namely Licensing, Community and Children's Services, Port Health and Environmental Services and the City Lands & Bridge House Estates Committee. Furthermore, he had been elected onto the Board of Governors of the City of London School, where he was currently serving as Chairman. Likewise, Mr Dunphy advised the Wardmote that he had been appointed onto the Planning and Transportation Committee, the Markets Committee and the Libraries, Archives and Guildhall Art Gallery Committee. The Alderman advised the Wardmote of his Aldermanic workload, and provided an update on his involvement with "TheCityUK", where he had been appointed onto the Overseas Promotion Committee.

The issue of the imminent Ward Boundary Review was discussed in detail and the process was explained to those present at the Wardmote. The Alderman expressed his serious concerns about the impact on the Ward which, under the current proposals, was set to lose the Royal Exchange, an iconic landmark. It was agreed that Mr Dunphy would work up some counter-proposals. The Alderman stressed that he and his Ward colleagues were committed to ensuring that the Ward of Cornhill remained a cohesive community.

Deputy Haines, seconded by Mr Dunphy, proposed a vote of thanks to the Alderman for presiding over the afternoon's proceedings.

The Alderman thanked those electors present for their attendance and also thanked the Ward team for their work throughout the year.

The Beadle closed the Wardmote by Proclamation.

WARD OF CRIPPLEGATE

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE WARDMOTE held at St Giles Cripplegate, Fore Street, Barbican, London, EC2 on Friday 12th March 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

Apologies for absence had been received from Steve Quilter CC, the Beadle for Cripplegate Within and Mary Piper.

Alderman Mr David Graves presided over the Wardmote, attended by the Hon Ward Clerk and the Beadle for Cripplegate Without. The number of persons present was forty-seven including the Common Councilmen for the Ward.

The Wardmote was opened by proclamation by the Beadle and the Alderman welcomed those present at this, the first meeting to be held in the evening instead of at mid-day.

Dealing with the business matters required at the meeting, the Alderman appointed Mr John Alfred Barker and Miss Stephanie Ella Maureen Currie to be his deputies and Miss Sandra Watson to be the Honorary Ward Clerk for the ensuing year.

The Alderman informed the meeting that there were two points which he wanted to draw to their attention and thereafter there would be the opportunity for those present to ask any questions they may have, regarding the Ward, which he and the elected members would answer.

Ward Boundary Review.

Everyone has the opportunity to make representations as the closing date is Friday 2nd April. There are proposals to make three changes to the boundaries of the Ward:-

1. To incorporate Milton Court (a new residential tower block of approximately 280 flats). This is currently in Coleman Street Ward.
2. To move to Bassishaw Ward the residential properties on the south side of Monkwell Square together with the commercial building occupied by J P Morgan at 125 London Wall.
3. To transfer to Aldersgate Ward the part of Cripplegate that comprises Bryer Court, Bunyan Court, Cobalt Building, Bridgewater House and Tudor Rose Court. This transfer is proposed as Cripplegate will have the increased electorate with the inclusion of Milton Court and with the residential use for Frobisher Crescent. As its total number of electors will increase, Aldersgate will have an additional Common Councilman, 6 instead of 5. Cripplegate will continue to have 9 Common Councilmen.

Website.

There is now a website for Cripplegate – www.cripplegateward.org.uk

The Alderman then invited questions.

Residents' Associations

Q Under new government legislation effective from 1st April this year, social housing estates who have Residents' Associations, if they wish to negotiate with Local Authority Housing Departments, will be required to have a committee comprising 60% of tenants and all the elected Officers must be tenants. As Golden Lane is an equal split between tenants and leaseholders, residents should be able to elect officers from both tenants and leaseholders best able to serve the Association. Any feedback that elected members can obtain from the Housing Department as to how this new legislation can be implemented would be helpful.

A (Alderman) Duly noted. This does seem unfortunate, especially as the Golden Lane Tenants and Long Leaseholder Associations have combined not that long ago into a single Residents' Association. (Mr. Moore) Housing Department is aware that legislation is divisive and is looking at the implications.

Great Arthur House

Q Great Arthur House is to have new cladding to the structure. Leaseholders can expect a bill of £40/50,000 for this work. There is talk that the City will offer a 3 year loan to assist with the cost of this work but as some leaseholders are on fixed incomes this will prove difficult to repay in 3 years. Can Members get Officers to try to arrange 'soft loans' help from Mortgage Lenders?

A (Alderman) A number of elected Members are aware of this situation and are following events and looking at the most sensible of the possible options. (Mr. Moore) Director of Housing is talking to the Finance Department who are looking at the possibility of a 10 year loan with first three years interest free. They will keep everyone informed.

Milton Court Planning Consent

Q The Planning consent for the building of Milton Court residential tower block included conditions to ensure security for Willoughby House which are not being complied with.

A (Alderman) Aware of security issues for car parking but as the whole project is behind time there is no immediate issue as there are no residents occupying Milton Court.

Q The concerns are with the builders of Milton Court and their access.

A (Alderman) We can talk to the Planning Department and ask them to look at the conditions of the consent and ask them to follow it up. Mrs Starling confirmed she will do this.

Public House and Hotel

Q Uncertain as to what matters can be discussed at this meeting but as an Andrews House resident I am concerned at the application to extend the Public House's licensing hours and include outside dining and the proposal for a hotel at Roman House on Wood Street/Fore Street opposite the public house (the Wood Street Bar).

A (Alderman) The hotel proposal faces challenges in obtaining change of use from offices to hotel. The City commissioned a report looking at how hotel accommodation can be increased in the City to enhance tourism, but notes that any hotels must be in the right locations as residential properties and hotels do not mix well. The Barbican Association will be opposing the application for change of use.

As to the Public House's licensing application, the Licensing Panel granted a limited permission allowing outside dining for a 3 hour period in a designated area (unlikely to be able to seat 20 people). This permission has been challenged and an appeal to the Magistrates is to be heard. As to the outside dining there are also issues as to a tables and chairs licence for the walkway. The Licensing decision does not remove the requirement to obtain a tables and chairs licence, which is not automatically granted.

Vested Interests

Q An elected member who is a resident did not sit on the Licensing Panel as they had a vested interest. Do the residents suffer?

A (Alderman) No. The Panel includes elected Members who are resident elsewhere in the City so are free to sit in relation to Barbican matters.

(Mrs Starling) Roman House is not in Cripplegate. (Alderman) Elected Members will not be constrained as members of the Planning Committee unless they prejudge the Application when made.

(Mr Tomlinson) Do not assume that the Licensing Panel is made up of only business ward members, but they do understand the issues as do members from residential wards.

Q The licensing permission for the Bar to serve 20 diners outside for a 3 hour period is not “limited” in its effects for those in the immediate vicinity.

A (Alderman) I accept this. I referred to the application being “limited” in the sense that the permission granted to the Bar was a reduction in the hours originally requested. The time allowed for this operation has been limited.

Q As someone who regularly uses the Bar I agreed to support the application and do not understand what is the objection.

A (Alderman) By way of example, my flat overlooks a roof terrace and when the residents are using this terrace I am aware of noises of cutlery on china, conversations, etc. but accept that these are neighbours enjoying their premises. When the noise comes from a commercial operation it causes problems for the neighbours. It can be disruptive. (Mrs Littlechild) I live 10 floors above the Bar and in the evening I can hear patrons outside the bar phoning for taxis. If you live next door the noise must be very intrusive. The Landlord of the Bar might want to extend the hours further. There is also the further problem of people smoking outside the licensed premises which affects neighbouring properties. (Alderman) As the permission granted to the Bar is the subject of an appeal to the Magistrates I do not think we can usefully debate this point any further.

Pedestrian Traffic

Q With the increase in resident numbers when Milton Court is completed and with the opening of Crossrail what proposals are in hand to limit pedestrian traffic within the Barbican? I live in a sub-podium flat immediately below the walkway.

A (Alderman) I understand the concern for the residents of sub-podium flats. There will be a degree of footfall which was known when you took the property. This is a difficult area as walkways cannot be closed. There are proposals for the up-grading of Barbican/Golden Lane public environment to be phased in over 3/5 years and there will be consultation with residents regarding this. Section 106 funding and other money is available for these works. The proposed move of Cinemas 2 and 3 to beneath Ben Jonson House may give rise to the opportunity to remove the corridor to the podium that leads to the escalators to the Exhibition Halls. (Mrs Starling) Milton Court will not have a walkway. All exits will be at ground level. (Alderman) As Crossrail will be completed and running in 2017 the extra pedestrian traffic this will create will be the subject of future consultation. The City’s Local Development Framework assumes a significant increase in footfall. This will need to be managed appropriately.

Q Milton Court highwalk at City Point does have stairs that lead nowhere.

A (Alderman) The new building on Milton Court will not have a highwalk. The stairs connected to the highwalk route that ran through Milton Court and connected to the Barbican.

Venue

Q Is this an appropriate venue for this meeting as I cannot hear what is being said as the acoustics are dreadful.

A (Mr Bradshaw) The acoustics are very good for orchestral work but we should be using the P.A. System. (Alderman) I will speak louder.

Tudor Rose Court and Cycle Lanes

Q I am a resident in Tudor Rose Court and would like more information regarding the boundary changes, how the new legislation regarding Residents Associations will affect Tudor Rose Court and the loss of cycle lanes in Cheapside.

A (Alderman) A booklet regarding the boundary changes has been printed. The information can be downloaded from the City of London website or you can request a copy of the booklet by telephoning the Town Clerks Department. Tudor Rose Court provides special sheltered housing and should not be affected by the new legislation. (Mr. Moore) I will provide you with details of who you need to contact at Guildhall regarding this and also with regard to cycle lanes.

Disabled Parking

Q Not a question but the opportunity to thank Mrs Starling for arranging for the disabled parking spaces in Bridgewater Square by the surgery to be increased from 1 to 3.

Open and Public Spaces

Q I am concerned that the consultation to upgrade the open and public spaces in the Barbican did not include St. Giles Terrace.

A (Alderman) This is to be the first area upgraded. Proposals will be made via consultants who have been appointed and there will be a full consultation process later in the year.

City's Finances

Q I would like to know the state of the City's finances. Are these in difficulties?

A (Alderman) The City's finances are constrained so economies are being sought but I am not aware of any programmes to benefit this Ward being abandoned or delayed. Consistent with other Local Authorities, Council Tax is not being increased other than the slight increase of £15 or so for the City Police budget. (Mr Tomlinson) The Finance Committee expects no increase in Government Funding and are making plans in preparation for any future cuts in these funds. Barbican residents can take comfort from the fact that their residential services are provided from the service charges they pay.

Debates

Q You said this was not the place to debate the licensing permission granted to the Bar, where can we have such a debate?

A (Alderman) When the application to the Licensing Panel was first made, that was when the matter was discussed by Residents and objections were made. Those objections were noted by the Panel and the limited permission granted. As Residents were not happy with this decision they appealed and the Magistrates Court will make a decision. In general all Residents have the opportunity to debate matters affecting the Ward at this annual Wardmote, the four public meetings held each year (2 each in Barbican and Golden Lane) and at House Group Meetings.

Q Where are these meetings advertised?

A (Alderman) In the Ward Newsletter, on the notice boards within the residential blocks and in future they will be advertised on the Ward website.

Leisure Centre

Q As a keen swimmer I find that the public use of the Swimming Pool is very restricted.

A (Mr Moore) Finance is in place to repair and refurbish the pool and leisure facilities. In August there will be another round of consultations as to their use and you will have the opportunity to voice your concerns.

(Alderman) There is a User Group and I suggest you contact them to make them aware of your difficulties.

Mr Moore took the opportunity to publicly thank Mrs. Tomlinson for her help with the Gardening Group.

There being no further questions Mr Barker proposed a vote of thanks to the Alderman for presiding at the meeting which Miss Currie seconded.

The Beadle proclaimed the meeting closed.

The meeting ended at 8.35p.m.

WARD OF DOWGATE

Minutes of the Wardmote held at Tallow Chandlers' Hall on Friday 12 March 2010 at Noon

Present

Members:

Alderman Alison Gowman (Chairman)
Deputy Robin Sherlock
Henry Pollard

Officers:

Michael Stewart, Honorary Ward Clerk
Peter Webster, Ward Beadle

Others:

Seven electors
Dr David Parsons, Chairman of Vintry and Dowgate Wards Club
Pauline Burchell
Police Sergeant John Zuber, City of London Police
John Caidou, Police Community Support Officer, Ward Officer for Dowgate
Steve Presland, Environmental Services
David Hiddleston, Laing O'Rourke Construction (also an elector)

1. Opening of the Wardmote

The Ward Beadle opened the Wardmote by proclamation.

Alderman Alison Gowman welcomed all those present and introduced the Members and Officers.

2. Appointment of Deputy

Alderman Alison Gowman appointed Robin Sherlock as Deputy for the ensuing year. Mr Sherlock accepted the appointment.

3. Appointment of Honorary Ward Clerk

Alderman Alison Gowman appointed Michael Stewart as Honorary Ward Clerk for the ensuing year.

4. Election of Ward Beadle

Alderman Alison Gowman nominated Peter Webster as Ward Beadle for the ensuing year and he was duly elected by the Wardmote.

5. **General business**

The general business of the meeting was taken after completion of the formal part of the Wardmote.

6. **Votes of thanks**

The following votes of thanks were proposed and seconded:

to the Master and Wardens of The Worshipful Company of Tallow Chandlers for allowing the Wardmote to be held at Tallow Chandlers' Hall, which the Honorary Ward Clerk was charged with conveying to them;

to the Common Councilmen for the services they had rendered in the previous twelve months, to which they returned thanks;

to the Alderman for presiding at the Wardmote, to which she returned thanks.

7. **Closure of the formal part of the meeting**

The Ward Beadle closed the formal part of the Wardmote by Proclamation.

The meeting resumed more informally and heard presentations by:

Police Sergeant John Zuber, City of London Police
Steve Presland, Environmental Services
David Hiddleston, Laing O'Rourke Construction (also an elector)

P.S. Zuber introduced John Caidou, Police Community Support Officer, the Ward Officer for Dowgate. P.S. Zuber explained that he was representing the South Area Policing Team, which covered 12 of the 25 City wards. He encouraged voters to attend the quarterly community partnership meetings, which helped in setting priorities for City policing. The next meeting would be on 10 June at a location not yet set. Details would be on the website (www.cityoflondonpolice.gov.uk).

P.S. Zuber reported that crime in the area was 13% down on the previous year, with a detection rate of 34%. There had been a slight rise in thefts of cycles and thefts of personal items in such places as bars and coffee bars.

In Dowgate there had been no offences involving violence, two thefts of motorbikes and recurrent thefts from gym lockers. Looking to the future, he expected an impact on crime levels from the new cycle hire scheme at Cannon Street and from the shopping development at 1 Cheapside (he anticipated an impact on shoplifting).

Discussion followed on the issues of rough sleepers and begging.

An elector raised the problems associated with a rough sleeper sometimes to be found next to Innholders Hall. P.S. Zuber said that the City Police had had great success in reducing the numbers of rough sleepers (and the attendant problems of urination etc) and intended to reduce the number to zero by the time of the Olympics. He described how Operation Poncho worked closely with the charities Broadway and Veterans Aid to try and move rough sleepers into hostels (with a 92% success rate) and also worked with the Polish government on issues of repatriation. Discussion followed on the hostels within the City, including The Lodge which had opened the previous week in association with St Mungo's. There was also a new hostel in Leather Lane.

P.S. Zuber discussed the proactive campaign against beggars. This was not a problem in the ward, but 4 arrests had been made in Bridge ward.

A question was raised about checking the genuineness of charitable bucket-shakers – should they carry proof of registration as genuine collectors? It was confirmed that collectors should carry documentation to prove that they are registered collectors if collecting in public places. However, this did not apply to collections in private places such as railway stations and Paternoster Square. He suggested that anyone who had doubts about a collector should ring the control room centre. P.S. Zuber was thanked.

Steve Presland, who had responsibilities within Environmental Services in relation to highways and cleansing, spoke about budget pressures and his wish to save expenses by reducing cleansing issues. He spoke of his drive to reduce smoking related litter by raising awareness and signage, encouraging smokers to use pouches. The Police had been very supportive and had started to issue fixed penalty notices to fag-end droppers. 4 had been issued in connection with the Cannon Street development (£80 reduced to £40 if paid as indicated). Steps had been taken to increase the weighting which contractors gave to smoking-related litter as part of the Considerate Contractors Scheme. A similar approach was being taken with businesses, working with them on training staff to deal with litter and promoting smoking cessation classes.

There was discussion about the impact of these measures and the issue of people who caught trains at Cannon Street and threw away fag-ends as they reached the station. A suggestion was made that they needed to be tackled at the peak time of 4.30 – 5.15pm.

Electors expressed their appreciation of the sweepers who came round several times a day.

A question was asked about the number of refuse lorries which went down College Street. Mr Presland said there were 6 collection services round the City collecting different categories of waste. They were sometimes wasteful of resources in that they did not always return with full payloads. New contracts from October 2011 were being negotiated; one possibility being considered was vehicles with split bodies which could collect various types of waste simultaneously. It was hoped that this would save resources as well as pollution, including noise pollution.

A question was asked about the width of the time bands for refuse collection. An example was given of empty bottles which were put out for collection at 8am (as directed) but sometimes waited several hours for collection. In the meantime members of the public threw inappropriate waste on top. This was an issue Mr Presland was working on. He was intending to narrow the time bands for collection so that refuse was out on the street for the minimum period. Mr Presland was thanked.

David Hiddleston from the contractors Laing O'Rourke spoke to the meeting about the progress of the Cannon Place works. He said that demolition would be complete in another 8 weeks and that the steel work was now up to the full height of the building. Work on the cantilevering would start the following month. The fit-out date was June 2011 with work continuing on the underground till December 2011. He thanked the voters for putting up with the noise and disruption, including many night deliveries of wide or extra long loads. Despite problems with the demolition, everything had gone well. There had been no serious incidents. He encouraged electors to arrange site visits and to come and see the marketing suite. Mr Hiddleston was thanked.

In answer to a question, there was discussion about the consultation on the St Paul's coach park and the new coach circulation route and drop off point. Electors were reminded that the consultation period had been extended.

Alderman Alison Gowman recommended that electors should visit the City of London website (www.cityoflondon.gov.uk) where there was a facility to register to receive emails on various topics.

Finally, the Alderman raised the question of the timing of the Wardmote. Would it be better to hold it at another time of day, perhaps before or after work? The electors present were content to leave it at it was.

CITY OF LONDON

WARD OF LANGBOURN

MINUTES OF WARDMOTE

held Friday 12th March 2010 at 12 Noon

at St Edmund's Vestry Hall, the Church of St Edmund the King,
Lombard Street, London EC3V 9EA

before **THE WORSHIPFUL DAVID WOOTTON, ALDERMAN** and **SHERIFF**

Present: Janet Owen and John Chapman, Common Councilmen

20 other persons were present

In attendance: D Lynn John, Hon Ward Clerk, David Boston, Ward Beadle

- 1 The meeting was opened by the traditional Proclamation by the Beadle.
- 2 The Alderman welcomed the electors and others and expressed gratitude that so many were in attendance.
- 3 The Alderman appointed Janet Owen as Deputy for the ensuing year.
- 4 The Alderman appointed D Lynn John as Honorary Ward Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 5 The Alderman expressed gratitude to David Boston for his services as Ward Beadle.
- 6 The Alderman introduced a discussion and question session with a report on the proposed changes to Ward boundaries and how in particular they would affect the Langbourn Ward, and on the proposal that the number of Common Councilmen for the Langbourn Ward should be increased to three.

A lively discussion about the proposed change to the boundaries of the Langbourn Ward then ensued. Eight of the attendees all expressed concern and disquiet about the detrimental effect these changes would have on the character of the Ward, having regard in particular to the fact that, if implemented, no Churches, not even St Edmund the King, would fall within the Langbourn Ward.

Concern was also expressed at the possibility that the licence for the Jamaica Inn may not be renewed as a result of objections being made by a neighbour.

7 The Ward Constable, Graham Frost, reported that crime in the City had decreased over the past year. He expressed a degree of concern about the future, having regard to the City becoming increasingly livelier on Saturday nights with clubs remaining open until 4.00am on Sundays, and the new retail development in Cheapside which would be open 7 days a week.

8 Vote of Thanks

A vote of thanks to the Alderman was proposed by Janet Owen and passed by the Wardmote for presiding at this Wardmote and for his courtesy and ability in the chair.

9 The meeting was closed by the traditional Proclamation by the Beadle.

Report on the Lime Street Wardmote, held at Lloyd's on 12th March 2010

The meeting was opened by the Alderman, Sir John Stuttard, who welcomed the seven electors who attended the Wardmote.

He first appointed Mrs. Christine Cohen as his deputy and John Bristow as the honorary Ward Clerk, for the coming year.

The Alderman then spoke to the meeting about the proposed changes to the Ward boundaries, which were currently under discussion at Guildhall. In essence, it is proposed that Lime Street Ward would lose the area south of Leadenhall Place but acquire from Bishopsgate Ward a corner piece of land bordered by Camomile Street and Bishopsgate. He explained that there would be no change in the number of Lime Street Common Councilmen.

The question was raised from the floor as to whether losing a part of the Leadenhall Market properties would lose any of our insurance connections. The Alderman replied that most of the properties in question were retail outlets and that the continued presence of Lloyd's, Royal Sun Alliance, and Hiscox, amongst others, still gave the Ward a very strong insurance connection.

There being no other questions, a vote of thanks to the Alderman and the Common Councillors was proposed by Simon Meyer and seconded by Robert Hollamby.

Deputy Christine Cohen, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Rogula proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the Corporation of Lloyd's for their hospitality in hosting the Wardmote.

Both votes of thanks were passed unanimously.

The meeting was declared closed at 12.28 pm



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WARD OF QUEENHITHE

WARD MEETING 12th MARCH 2010

The Annual Wardmote was held at Painters' Hall, Little Trinity Lane, London EC4 on Friday 12th March 2010.

The Wardmote was opened by proclamation by the Beadle.

Alderman Gordon Haines welcomed everybody and said he was glad to see so many present.

The Alderman appointed Alastair King as Deputy for the ensuing year and thanked him and Brian Mooney for their work as Common Councilmen and their help and support during the past year.

The Alderman appointed Keith Harrison as Honorary Ward Clerk for the ensuing year.

The Alderman and Common Councilmen responded to a number of questions raised by those present

Mr Mooney said the question of Queensbridge House was raised year after year but any progress depends on the reconstruction of the building and nothing is likely to happen until the economic situation changes,

The Alderman said he was embarrassed about the continuing gap in the riverside walkway at Queensbridge House. It was suggested that a temporary walkway could be constructed through Queensbridge House but it was thought this was unlikely to be possible due to the condition of the building.

The Alderman said the current review of Ward boundaries, which is out for public consultation and would not take effect until 2013, was not likely to affect the boundaries of the Ward but could result in an additional common councilman for the Ward.

The inclinator leading to the Millennium Bridge is still causing problems and Mr Mooney says he chases the Corporation every time it breaks down.

The Alderman mentioned the possibility of a mural on the land side of the east wall of Queenhithe Dock which would be supported by the Painter-Stainers Company and Arts First.

Clare Thomas, the director of the City Bridge Trust gave a very interesting presentation about the history of the trust going back to the building of the first London Bridge and the work that trust now does in supporting charities in Greater London.

Mr King proposed a vote of thanks to the Alderman for presiding at the meeting and to the Painter-Stainers Company for the use of their Court Room

The Wardmote was closed by proclamation



WARD OF TOWER

MINUTES OF A WARDMOTE

Held at St Olave's Church, Hart Street
at 12 noon on Friday, 12th March 2010

1. Procession In

12.02pm

Procession to enter the Wardmote was as follows:

The Beadle

The Honorary Ward Clerk

Marianne Fredericks CC James Tumbridge CC
John Bird CC Roger Chadwick CC

Deputy

The Alderman

The Alderman took the Chair.

2. Opening of Proceedings

The Ward Beadle announced the opening of the Wardmote as follows:

Beadle:

"OYEZ, OYEZ, OYEZ

All manner of persons who have anything to do at this Court of Wardmote for the Ward of Tower holden here this day before the Worshipful Alderman Sir Paul Judge of this Ward, draw near and give your attendance.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN"

3. Welcome by the Alderman

12.05pm

All took their seats.

4. Appointment of Deputy

The Alderman appointed Gerald AG Pulman as his Deputy for the ensuing term.

5. Appointment of Honorary Ward Clerk

The Alderman appointed Christine Chadwick as the Honorary Ward Clerk for the ensuing term.

12.08pm

6. A Presentation by the Ward Constable

The Alderman introduced PC Elise Eaton to the assembly.

A short presentation was then made by PC Eaton, giving details of the officers attached to the Ward, regular meetings with the community, and stressing that the Police look to the voters to advise them of problem areas. A handout was available for those who wished to have a copy, giving contact details etc.

Followed by Police Sergeant Garry Freire, reiterating the above, (Community Partnership) and inviting voters to liaise with them after conclusion of Mote.

The Alderman invited any questions for the Police Officers from the floor.

Mr Barry Carpenter (resident voter) asked a question of Sgt Freire (see attached).

12.20pm

12. General Business (Questions from Voters)

The Alderman introduced each Common Councilman to assembly, starting with himself.

Each Ward Representative introduced themselves, and gave details of the Committees on which they sit.

The Alderman then opened the floor to Electors present. (See attached).

The Alderman closed questions when no more forthcoming.

12.40pm

8. Vote of Thanks

A vote of thanks was passed to the Alderman for presiding at the Wardmote. Proposed by the Deputy and seconded from the floor. (Mr Barry Carpenter, who also thanked the CC's and Police Officers).

9. Reply by Alderman

Reply by the Alderman, returning thanks.

Declared Wardmote closed.

10. Closing of Proceedings

The Beadle closed the Wardmote by proclamation as follows:

“OYEZ, OYEZ, OYEZ

All ye good people of the Ward of Tower summoned here to this Wardmote may depart hence and give your attendance when again summoned. And hereof fail not.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

11. Procession Out

The party processed out in the following order:

The Beadle

The Alderman

Deputy

John Bird CC Roger Chadwick CC
Marianne Fredericks CC James Tumbridge CC

The Honorary Ward Clerk

12.45pm

Details of Questions raised by Voters/Wardmote Ward of Tower Friday 12th March, 2010

To Police Officers:

Mr Barry Carpenter, residential voter, raised the question of the overflow onto narrow pavements/into road of clientele at drinking establishments in the Ward. Have there been any accidents caused as a result?

Sgt Freire replied that there had been none to his knowledge, advised that this was a specific issue, and under the joint partnership approach, should be referred to the Police formally.

PC Eaton added that this was particularly relevant in the Summer, and could be treated as a priority.

The Alderman advised Mr Carpenter that the Licensing Rules had changed and that voters with licensing concerns should now contact their Elected Representatives direct as the latter were now allowed input on licensing issues.

To Alderman/Common Councilmen:

1. Mr Phil Manning (business voter) – Church Manager/St Olaves: wished to express gratitude to Marianne Fredericks CC for her efforts on behalf of the Ward, especially regarding the licensing situation.

The Rector and his family were severely affected.

The Alderman: confirmed that he was personally aware of the Rector's problems, as he had received an email timed at 5am, advising that it was the third occasion that night on which the Rector and his family had been woken by street disturbance.

2. Mr Barry Carpenter: There had been a Financial Times article stating that "the City was taking on the West End..."(from a licensing/shop point of view) – is this the case?

Bearing in mind the development on Cheapside, within an historical and traditional venue – is it the policy of the City/Policy & Resources Committee to encourage such developments?

The Alderman: Current Licensing and the provision of clubs etc are the result of the new laws.

They are not specifically aimed at the City. The encouragement of same is definitely not City policy, but a result of national legislation.

Where shops are concerned, it is important to achieve the right balance. Advance planning is required. 300,000 work within the City, creating a good catchment area Monday to Friday. The City has no wish to compete with the West End.

Barry Carpenter: Produced map showing density of licensed premises [7] within approximate square 100 metres of Minories – all in close proximity to residential and

hotel premises, (sleeping environments). Copies later passed to all Ward Representatives. There seems to be a lack of balance and co-ordination between Planning and Licensing.

He attached a copy email sent by a UBS employee who lived at 136/148 Minories. Her life became such a nightmare due to noise and unacceptable behaviour that she eventually left the area altogether. UBS were made aware of the problems.

The Alderman: These are matters for Licensing, not Planning.

Objections need to be statutory. The Law is not well drafted for the protection of 'pockets' of residents. Works better in an 'estate' environment.

Incidents must be documented; maintain a diary; take photos. Negative information must be evidence-based**.

Licensed premises must be allowed to run their businesses, but not to detriment of vicinity. Stressed**.

3. Rev. Oliver Ross (residential voter): Wished to express gratitude to Marianne Fredericks CC for her help and deep concern regarding problems arising from local licensed premises.

While it might be possible to photograph vomit on the pavements, lewd behaviour in doorways is somewhat more difficult to record without repercussions.

The Rector expressed a wish that the Corporation are aware that local voters are willing "to strengthen the arm and lend support" in any taking on of the extended licensing laws.

The Alderman: expressed sympathy and gratitude (he was aware of the Rector's ongoing problems), and reiterated the need for written evidence.

A separate advice has been given to Guildhall on the Rector's offer of support etc.

4. Jamie Ingham Clark: (not on Tower Ward List) Introduced himself as having previously stood for election in Ward.

Asked whether Boundary Review is being challenged.

The Alderman: At present, proposals only, subject to consultation. No decisions have been made.

There is a proposal to reduce Tower and increase Billingsgate by virtue of moving one of the Ward Livery Halls. We don't feel this is a good idea – neither do the relevant Masters. We could lose Great Tower Street, after which the Ward is named (originally Tower Streete Ward), or St Olaves Church Hall.

Anyone may submit comments/objections.

The Ward Representatives are meeting after the Wardmote to develop submissions.

MINUTES

of the proceedings at the Court of Wardmote for the general business of the Ward of Vintry held on Friday 12th March 2010 at noon at the Church of St. James Garlickhythe, Garlick Hill, London EC4V 2AL within the Ward before the Alderman ANDREW CHARLES PARMLEY, PhD, MusM, FRCO (Chm), FTCL.

1. By direction of the Alderman, the Beadle opened the Wardmote by proclamation.
2. By direction of the Alderman, the Honorary Ward Clerk read out the Minutes of the last Wardmote, which were approved by the electors and then signed by the Alderman. No matters arising from the Minutes were raised.
3. The Alderman appointed William Barrie Fraser as his Deputy for the ensuing term.
4. The Alderman appointed Richard William Lloyd-Hart as Honorary Ward Clerk for the ensuing term.
- 5(a) The Alderman called on the elected members of the Ward to give a presentation on: Streets and Walkways; Planning; and Business Matters and Employee Volunteering.

(b) The Deputy said that everyone from the Queen downwards was conscious of the disruption being caused by the present road works. He had recently escorted the Queen round Tower Bridge; of her own initiative she had rejected the opportunity then provided for her to open it, because of the delays to traffic that would result. The City's ability to reduce disruption was limited by utility companies and Transport for London having a controlling voice for their works. Again, the works for the Mansion House gyratory system had been carefully planned to minimize disruption, but the plans had been impaired when a deadline for spending the money had been imposed. The payment of overtime to ease the situation was being considered.

The gap in the Riverside Walkway to the West of the Ward should be filled through a proposed development of the area, but this would not be for a while, and a temporary solution was being considered.

A new room for St. James Garlickhythe had been opened by the Bishop of London. The top floor of No. 64 Queen Street was at last let, to a foreign bank. Hopefully this would encourage others to fill a long empty building. In general, the lettings market seemed to be picking up.

Employee volunteering was encouraged by the City, particularly when

done in schools. The Deputy described the City Brokerage Scheme, which encouraged businesses to give internships to 17 year olds. He knew of one case where a 17 year old had come on three successive years to the same business to do a summer internship; had then joined the business; and was now prospering. The Deputy commended the scheme.

(c) Tom Hoffman, after giving the apologies of Hans-Juergen Queisser, the Executive Managing Director of the Bank of Montreal, for being unable to attend the Wardmote, said that the Victorian water mains were causing problems all over London, including the City, and quite a lot of work remained to be done. The Mansion House gyratory system had attracted many complaints, both to the Ward and to the City. When completed, however, it would help pedestrians to cross the roads safely, since traffic lights would stop the traffic for them; not all vehicles stopped for the existing zebra crossings, and fatal accidents had occurred there. If any future issues like this arose, voters should contact him to take on the matter.

6(a) On the Alderman inviting questions on the Ward generally from those present, Mr Trenham Weatherhead raised two matters: firstly, what was the City's attitude to the cycle ways being introduced by Boris Johnson, the Mayor of London, and where were they to go? Secondly, what was happening to Bucklersbury House, and, in the event of its demolition, by what route would the vast quantity of resulting rubble leave the site?

On the first matter, the Deputy said that the City encouraged cycling and would be seeking to implement the Mayor's proposed route across London. The City also encouraged the provision of cycle parks. The Alderman said that two routes were to be opened in the near future, one ending near St. James Garlickhythe; the Ward was investigating what was to happen to the cyclists at that point, Tom Hoffman adding that many more spaces for cycles were needed than were now available.

On the second matter, Tom Hoffman said that the present proposals for Bucklersbury House showed Cannon Street as continuing to be used both ways. If the removal of rubble was to cause problems, he should be told. The site was a very important one, with J P Morgan a possible lessee.

(b) The Deputy reported that the City was reviewing the boundaries of the Wards. A Committee had produced an interim report for discussion. It proposed for Vintry Ward that it continue with two Common Councilmen, but that it be extended to include land around Friday Street and Queen Victoria Street. Even so the Ward would probably remain the smallest, with the fewest voters.

7. A Vote of Thanks to the Rector and Churchwardens of the Church of St. James Garlickhythe for the use of the Church was proposed by Mr Hoffman. It was seconded by Mr Weatherhead and passed unanimously.

8. A Vote of Thanks to the Alderman for presiding at the Wardmote was proposed by the Deputy, who said that he could speak not only as Deputy but also as Chief Commoner. The latter post had recently come to the Ward in twenty-year cycles; Ralph Peacock in 1969; Peter Revell-Smith in 1989; and himself in 2009. He expressed his gratitude for the support given to him in the post by Penny, his wife; by the Alderman; and by Tom Hoffman. The Deputy mentioned the high regard in which the Alderman was held by a wide range of people in the City; he was very active in the liveries, and got through a vast amount of business. The motion was seconded by Tom Hoffman, and passed unanimously.

9. The Alderman, in returning thanks, said that the Ward had two of the hardest working Councilmen in the City. He mentioned that Tom Hoffman was now the Chairman of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama - a post held in the past by both the Alderman and the Deputy. He also thanked the Beadle and the Honorary Ward Clerk for their work.

10. By direction of the Alderman, the Beadle closed the Wardmote proclamation.

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WARD OF WALBROOK

Ward Mote

on
Friday 12 March 2010
held at
the Mansion House, London EC4
before Alderman John Garbutt, Alderman of the Ward of Walbrook
with Common Councilmen Pauline Halliday and Martin Farr attending

1. The Alderman gave an opening welcome.
2. The Alderman appointed Pauline Halliday as his Deputy for the ensuing year.
3. The Alderman appointed Charles Hicks Honorary Ward Clerk for the ensuing year.
4. The Alderman announced that Wilfred Jones, having been appointed Beadle in 2006 having resigned, he had appointed Leslie Grout as Ward Beadle.
5. Martin Farr of Common Council gave an update on the large number of developments that had taken place or were taking place in the Ward.
6. Philip Everett, Director of Environmental Services for the City of London gave a talk on the wide-ranging responsibilities of his Department from Sheerness to Heathrow, and took questions.
7. There were no questions to the Alderman or Common Councilmen.
8. Votes of thanks to the Lord Mayor for the use of the Mansion House and to the Alderman for presiding at the Ward Mote were passed unanimously.
9. There were five electors in attendance, seven "Ward Officials" and two members of the public.

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C A Hicks
Honorary Ward Clerk
15 March 2010