

**STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL****SPECIAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES****Date: Wednesday 10 June 2014****Time: 8.45pm****Place: Council Chamber**

- Present:** The Mayor 2014/2015, S Batson MBE DL CC and Councillors D Bainbridge, L Bell, P Bibby, R Broom, J Brown, H Burrell, M Cherney-Craw, L Chester, G Clark, E Connolly, D Cullen, J Gardner, M Gardner, L Harrington, R Henry CC, J Hollywell, P D Kissane, C Latif, Mrs J Lloyd, J Lloyd CC, A McGuinness, M McKay, L Martin-Haugh, J Mead, M Notley, R Parker CC, R Raynor, C Saunders, G Snell, S Speller, P Stuart, S Taylor OBE CC, H Tessier, J Thomas, S Walker, V Warwick and A Webb.
- In Attendance:** A Mboho (Youth Mayor 2013/14), S Field (Youth Mayor 2014/15) and J Barnes (Chair of Youth Council)
- Start/End Time:** Start Time: 8.45 p.m.  
End Time: 9.05 p.m.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

An apology was received from Councillor L Briscoe.

There were no declarations of interests.

**2. HONORARY ALDERMAN**

The meeting had been convened to consider a Motion to confer the title Honorary Alderman on Brian Underwood.

Councillor D Cullen in moving the motion paid tribute to Brian Underwood's outstanding service to the town as a Councillor. He informed the meeting that during the 31 years' service given by Brian Underwood, not only had he represented the residents of the Bedwell Ward but also served as a council representative to organisations such as Age UK, Council for Voluntary Service (CVS), Stevenage World Forum for Ethnic Communities and Stevenage Homes Board. He commended Brian's passion and tireless work in the community, most notably assisting constituents with housing issues. He added that Brian and his wife Nong had also served as Mayor and Mayoress in 2005/2006 when they had proved to be great ambassadors for Stevenage. In conclusion Councillor Cullen expressed

his thanks, and those of his fellow Bedwell Ward Councillors, for all the support Brian had given them.

Councillor L Harrington formally seconded the Motion and stated that she wholeheartedly agreed with the comments made by Councillor Cullen.

Councillor S Taylor spoke in support of the Motion. She paid tribute to the work of Brian Underwood on the Council and highlighted his work as Chair of the Bedwell Area Committee.

Other Councillors also spoke in support of the Motion (Councillors P Bibby, S Speller, J Mead and A Webb). Councillor Webb then took the opportunity to also pay tribute to Bob Clark who had also stood down in May from his seat in Shephall Ward but had not wished to be considered for an Honour. He had served on the Council for over 40 years and had been Mayor on two occasions.

It was then **RESOLVED:**

‘That in accordance with the provisions of the Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, this Council confers the title of Honorary Alderman on Brian Underwood who has rendered over 30 years eminent service as a Councillor representing the people of the Town, particularly in the Bedwell Ward’.

The Mayor indicated that as Brian Underwood was currently unwell and would not be able to attend a Council meeting to accept the Honour, she would be arranging to visit him in the near future to present him with the certificate of office.

**Mayor**