

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - THURSDAY, 5 MAY 2022

### Present:

Councillor Cross (in the Chair)

### Councillors

Baker	Cox	Kirkland	Sloman
Benson	Critchley	Matthews	Smith
Brookes	Farrell	M Mitchell	Stansfield
Burdess	Galley	O'Hara	Taylor
Cain	Hobson	Robertson BEM	Walsh
Mrs Callow JP	Hugo	Roberts	L Williams
Clapham	Hunter	D Scott	T Williams
D Coleman	Hutton	Mrs Scott	Wilshaw
Collett	Jackson	R Scott	

### In Attendance:

Neil Jack, Chief Executive

Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships / Monitoring Officer

Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance

Sarah Chadwick, Democratic Governance Senior Adviser

Jenni Cook, Democratic Governance Senior Adviser

## 1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## 2 BLACKPOOL MEDAL

Members were aware that at the meeting in May 2021, the Council had agreed to amend the criteria for the award of the Blackpool medal to posthumous recipients and that at the same meeting had agreed to posthumously award the medal to former Councillors Peter Callow and Mrs Lily Henderson MBE. It was also noted that at the September 2021 Council meeting, members had agreed to posthumously award the medal to former boxer Brian London and that the meeting had been convened in respect of all three recipients.

**Motion 1:** Councillor T Williams proposed (and Councillor L Williams seconded):

‘To posthumously award the Blackpool Medal to the family of former Councillor Peter Callow in recognition of his eminent service to the Borough’.

Councilor M Mitchell also paid tribute to Councillor Callow.

During the speeches, reference was made to Councillor Callow representing the residents of Norbreck and to his time as Leader when the decision had been taken to buy the Tower and Winter Gardens, bringing them into public ownership and sparking new investment, as well as Councillor Callow securing funding to save the Blackpool tramway.

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Members noted that Councillor Callow had also introduced the award of the Blackpool Medal and had served as Mayor during 2015 to 2016.

**Motion 1 carried:** The motion was carried unanimously.

Following presentation of the medal and certificate, family members thanked the Council.

**Motion 2:** Councillor Clapham proposed (and Councillor Hunter seconded):

‘To posthumously award the Blackpool Medal to the family of former Councillor Mrs Lily Henderson MBE in recognition of her eminent service to the Borough’.

Councillors M Mitchell and Stansfield also spoke in tribute.

Members noted that Councillor Mrs Henderson MBE had served the residents of Highfield ward and had been the oldest councillor in the country to retain her seat when she was re-elected at the May 2019 local elections.

Councillors also paid tribute to her term of office of Mayor and as a recipient of an MBE for her services to scouting, along with her support and promotion of sporting activities, in particular tennis.

**Motion 2 carried:** The motion was carried unanimously.

Following presentation of the medal and certificate, family members thanked the Council.

**Motion 3:** Councillor T Williams proposed (and Councillor Hunter seconded):

‘To posthumously award the Blackpool Medal to the family of former British and Commonwealth boxing champion Brian London in recognition of his eminent service to the Borough’.

Councillors M Mitchell also spoke on the proposal.

During the speeches, Brian’s sporting achievements were acknowledged in particular the accolade of being the British and Commonwealth champion and the world heavyweight title fights during his career.

The Council also noted that Brian had moved to Blackpool from Hartlepool when he had become a successful businessman in the town.

**Motion 3 carried:** The motion was carried unanimously.

Following presentation of the medal and certificate, family members thanked the Council.

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### Mayor

(The meeting ended at 7.00 pm)

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