

Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 9 October 2013

Present: The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor Councillor Hassan – in the Chair

Adams, Ahmed, Akbar, A. Ali, N. Ali, Sameen Ali, Shaukat Ali, Amesbury, Andrews, Austin, R. Battle, Boyes, Chamberlain, Chohan, Clayton, Cooley, Cowell, Cox, Craig, Curley, Davies, Di Mauro, Ellison, Evans, Fairweather, Fender, W. Fisher, Flanagan, Fletcher-Hackwood, Gillard, Green, Grimshaw, Hackett, Hassan, Hennigan, Hewitson, Hitchen, Hughes, Hyde, Judge, Kamal, Karney, Keegan, Keller, Khan, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leese, Lewis, Longsdon, Loughman, Lone, Midgley, M. Murphy, N. Murphy, P. Murphy, S. Murphy, E. Newman, S. Newman, Ollerhead, Barbara O'Neil, Brian O'Neil, Paul, Priest, Pritchard, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Richards, Royle, Siddiqi, Simcock, Shone, Smith, Smitheman, Stone, Strong, Swannick, Tavernor, Taylor, Trotman, Walters, Watson and Wheale

Honorary Aldermen of the City of Manchester-

William Egerton JP, Peter Morrison, Keith Whitmore

CC/13/60 Filming of the Proceedings

In accordance with Procedural Rule 28, the Council agreed to the proceedings being filmed and photographs being taken during the meeting.

CC/13/61 Honorary Freedom of the City of Manchester – Professor Andre Geim and Professor Konstantin Novoselov

Motion made and seconded

That the Council hereby records its view that the powers entrusted to it by law of recognising distinctive and eminent service would be properly exercised by conferring the Honorary Freedom of the City of Manchester upon Professor Andre Geim and Professor Konstantin Novoselov.

The professors are world renowned for their ground-breaking work at the University of Manchester on the material graphene. Graphene can be described as a single free-standing atomic layer of carbon, 200 times stronger than steel, thinner than a sheet of paper and more conductive than copper.

Professor Geim and Professor Novoselov, who are residents of Manchester, are widely recognised for their work to isolate this material at The University of Manchester. It was this work and their ground breaking experiments which resulted in each of them being awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 2010 and undoubtedly led to Manchester being considered at the forefront of the global graphene revolution.

The professors' continued work on graphene has also helped to secure considerable additional research and collaborative contracts in Manchester. The Professors lead a successful research group in Manchester and continue to innovate, with substantial new advances in two-dimensional materials being published in the scientific literature. A new graphene facility currently under construction will develop and establish Manchester and the UK as a graphene research and technology "hub". The

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The work of the professors is an illustration of the importance of The University of Manchester to the growth and regeneration of the city. The University is at the forefront of innovation and research and is exemplary at exploiting the critical mass of academic and research activity to drive not just research and academic excellence but also the city's wider economic and social goals. The Council's partnership with The University of Manchester goes back a long way and we have worked closely with them on a number of important initiatives, not least The Corridor Partnership.

In the opinion of this Council it is altogether fitting and proper to confer upon Professor Andre Geim and Professor Konstantin Novoselov the highest honour that is within the power of the City Council to bestow, and the Council accordingly resolves -

That pursuant to the powers contained in the Local Government Act, 1972, the Council being desirous of recognising distinctive and eminent service by Professor Andre Geim and Professor Konstantin Novoselov, hereby confers upon Professor Andre Geim and Professor Konstantin Novoselov the Honorary Freedom of the City of Manchester.

Resolution

The motion, having been put and voted on, the Lord Mayor declared that it was **CARRIED**.

Decision

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