

CITY OF BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF COUNCIL – TUESDAY 11 JULY 2023

ITEM 4 WRITTEN ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LORD MAYOR

HIS MAJESTY THE KING’S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

I am delighted to report that a number of noteworthy local people have been awarded honours in His Majesty The King’s Birthday Honours List.

It is very gratifying that, once again, the hard work and commitment of local people has been recognised in this highly significant way.

I have written to these recipients in our district to congratulate them on their signal achievement and to thank them for their outstanding efforts and the dedication they have shown to their communities.

<i>Honour recipient</i>	<i>Honour</i>	<i>In recognition of</i>
Mr Timothy Michael Morfin	Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE)	Services to Disadvantaged Children and Young People
Mr Nigel Sylvester Guy	Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE)	Services to the Windrush Generation
Mr Adil Rashid	Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE)	Services to Cricket
Mr Anthony Brooke	Medallist of the Order of the British Empire (BEM)	Services to People with Disabilities
Ms Tracey Sandra Tatum	Medallist of the Order of the British Empire (BEM)	Services to People with Dementia

HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE CITY CONFERMENT

On 21 August, the Honorary Freedom of the City will be conferred upon three highly distinguished local cricketers, Jonny Bairstow, Harry Brook and Adil Rashid, MBE.

Their sporting prowess has earned them national and international praise and they are all outstanding role models to our young people.

I am sure Members will agree that it is hugely fitting that these three young men, superstars in the world of cricket, and who have played with great distinction for their county and country, should receive the highest accolade the City can bestow.

I very much look forward to welcoming them next month.

ELLA CURTIS WINS GOLD AT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUMMER GAMES

Members will undoubtedly wish to join me in congratulating Ella Curtis, of Bradford, who has won a Gold medal competing in the 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Berlin.

Ella's success came on 21 June, when she raced in the 1km cycling time trial, in the German capital.

Ella, who represents Bradford Disability Sport and Leisure, won a bronze on three wheels in the 2019 World Games in Abu Dhabi, but went on to teach herself to ride on two wheels during lockdown.

This is a monumental accomplishment and we share the immense pride which Ella, her family and friends will feel in her having taken the gold medal, in the face of stiff international competition.

75TH BIRTHDAY OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

On 5 July, we marked the 75th birthday of the National Health Service.

Treating over a million people a day in England, the NHS has been, for most of us, a constant presence and one which has touched all of our lives.

When it was founded in 1948, the NHS was the first universal health system to be available to all, free at the point of delivery.

The milestone was celebrated by showcasing the best of the NHS in Bradford District and Craven, with the City Hall illuminated clock tower bathed in NHS blue, and many people across the region encouraged to join in NHS 75 activities.

This anniversary rightly places the focus on the innovation and achievement seen across the decades and applauds the hard work and commitment of all staff and volunteers, past and present, who have helped shaped the NHS into what it is today.

WINDRUSH 75

22 June 2023 marked the 75th anniversary of the arrival of HMT Empire Windrush at Tilbury Docks. I have been delighted to attend various events marking this significant anniversary and having the opportunity to join in the community celebrations.

This anniversary has helped highlight and recognise the enormous contributions the Windrush Generation and their descendants have made to the economy, culture, politics, religious life, the arts and beyond.

Bradford has a long, proud history of welcoming migrants and it became home to many members of the Windrush generation. They infused our district with fresh creativity, culture and vitality and a determination to work hard and to make a new life here.

We must acknowledge that settling in a new country was not always easy, and the community had hardships and challenges to face in the UK. Their formidable strength of character and resolve helped to address and overcome the inequalities and problems which often faced them.

The 75th anniversary has presented us with a key opportunity to reflect on the story of the Black British contribution to this country, and the broader post-war migration from across the Commonwealth and beyond, which helped to create the modern Britain that we all share today.

Together, we remember both their sacrifices and their outstanding contributions and I was honoured to join in marking this special occasion.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST UKRAINIANS SETTLING IN BRADFORD

I have also been delighted to help our Ukrainian community in celebrating 75 years since the first Ukrainians settled in the district, arriving here as refugees after World War Two.

At the end of June, the community held a day celebrating their history in the Bradford District, featuring cultural and musical performances, an art exhibition and masterclasses, together with Ukrainian crafts and food.

It was humbling to learn of the warmth of the Bradford welcome the community received from 1948, right through to more recent times when the district has provided refuge to those fleeing conflict in Ukraine.

These are three highly notable 75th anniversary milestones, which it is my privilege to have been able to help celebrate.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF CITY HALL

9 September marks the 150th anniversary of the opening of the then Bradford Town Hall in 1873.

Built in the high gothic revival style, to the plans of Bradford architectural practice Lockwood & Mawson, the building surely ranks as one of the country's most attractive provincial civic buildings, crowned with its distinctive, florid Tuscan campanile.

Festive events are planned for the anniversary including a talk by Dr Simon Ross Valentine, author of a new book celebrating the history of the building, together with an extra special Open Weekend on 9-10 September. This will form part of the nationwide Heritage Open Days scheme, and will feature tours around the City Hall's fascinating interior alongside talks and tours in other prominent city centre buildings.

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