

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019** AT 6.00 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL, 9 DEVON SQUARE, NEWTON ABBOT.

**PRESENT:**

Councillors R Jenks (Mayor) Presiding  
M Joyce (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors P Bullivant C Jenks  
Mrs C Bunday Mrs A Jones  
D Corney-Walker C N Parker  
C Davieson M Pilkington  
R Hayes M Ryan  
M Hocking Mrs L Sheffield  
D Howe

In attendance: Mr P Rowe – Town Clerk  
Mrs A Robinson – Committee Administrator

177. **STANDING ORDER**

Prior to the start of the meeting the Mayor informed Members that since it was a Special Meeting of the Council conducted to consider specific matters of the Council; that under Standing Order item 34 he would suspend that part of the Standing Order 14 where it referred to 'Standing when Speaking' for the duration of the meeting only.

**RESOLVED** that under Standing Order 34 that the paragraph of Standing Order 14 where it referred to 'Standing When Speaking' be hereby suspended for the duration of the meeting only.

178. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs Karen Crout, Ryan Hall and Brian Hayes and Mrs Sam Scott, Deputy Town Clerk.

179. **INTERESTS**

None declared.

180. **H.M.S. TRIUMPH – FREEDOM OF NEWTON ABBOT**

The Mayor requested the Council give consideration of bestowing the position of Freedom of the Town on the Ships Company of H.M.S. Triumph.

The Mayor suggested that in view of long standing association and the desire to cement and foster the affiliate relationship between Newton Abbot Town Council and HMS Triumph, that it warranted such an honour.

The Town Clerk reported that further to Minute 10/03(387) the Council had formally adopted Section 29 of the Local Democracy, Economic and Construction Act 2009 allowing it to grant the title of Freedom of the Town.

The Clerk further added that the legislation required the decision to be made at a meeting of the Council specifically called for the purpose. Additionally, at least two thirds of the Council needed to vote in favour of the proposal.

Members discussed the matter at length, they considered the scope of the Freedom of the Town and the spirit of honouring the armed forces for their commitment to the people of the Town. Some Members expressed their reservations about unpredicted costs associated with the offer of the Freedom. Overall Members reiterated their full support for the Armed Forces and the opportunity to involve the ships company in future events in the town and to build upon the affiliate relationship.

The Mayor thanked all Members for their participation. Arising from consideration of the matter it was;

**RESOLVED** that a) the Council exercises its power under Section 29 of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended) to admit the Ships Company of H.M.S. Triumph, to the Honorary Freedom of the Town and b) that a Meeting of the Council would be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to declare and present to Commander S A Waller, Commanding Officer the position of Honorary Freedom of Newton Abbot.

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Chairman