
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held in Sheerness East Working Men's Club, 47 Queenborough Road, Minster, Sheerness, Kent ME12 3BZ on Wednesday, 6 October 2021 from 6.30 pm - 6.43 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mike Baldock, Cameron Beart, Monique Bonney, Lloyd Bowen, Derek Carnell, Simon Clark (Deputy Mayor), Richard Darby, Steve Davey, Mike Dendor, Oliver Eakin, Simon Fowle, Tim Gibson, Alastair Gould, James Hall, Angela Harrison, Mike Henderson, Alan Horton, James Hunt, Ken Ingleton, Carole Jackson, Elliott Jayes, Denise Knights, Peter Macdonald, Peter Marchington, Ben J Martin, Pete Neal, Richard Palmer, Ken Pugh, Ken Rowles, Julian Saunders, David Simmons, Bill Tatton, Eddie Thomas, Roger Truelove, Tim Valentine, Ghlin Whelan, Mike Whiting, Tony Winckless and Corrie Woodford.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Billy Attaway, David Clifford, Lisa Fillery, Robin Harris, Larissa Reed and Jo Millard.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Roger Clark, Ann Hampshire, Nicholas Hampshire, Lee McCall, Hannah Perkin, Paul Stephen (Mayor) and Sarah Stephen.

332 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Deputy Mayor outlined the emergency evacuation procedure.

333 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

334 HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE BOROUGH

Councillor Cameron Beart proposed and Councillor Peter Marchington seconded that Mr Robin Castle MBE be awarded the title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough, and gave speeches in support of the proposal.

Councillor Beart outlined Mr Castle's long and distinguished 40 year career at Sheerness Lifeboat station, including several heroic incidents at sea at which he had helped saved many lives. Councillor Beart explained that Mr Castle had received a Bronze medal for gallantry for saving lives in the 1987 Great Storm, was made an MBE by HM The Queen in 2010 and received a 30 year long service award by the RNLI in 2011. He thanked Mr Castle for his service to the Borough and wished him a happy retirement.

Councillor Peter Marchington praised Mr Castle's work.

Councillor Ghlin Whelan gave a supporting speech.

Upon being put to the vote and agreed unanimously, the Deputy Mayor presented Mr Castle with a scroll to reflect the honour.

Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Swale, Mr Robin Castle MBE, gave a speech in recognition of the award. He said he accepted the award on behalf of crews past and present and thanked the families of the RNLI crews for their support.

Resolved:

(1) That this Council in pursuance of Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 confer upon Mr Robin Castle MBE the title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough to acknowledge forty years of distinguished service at Sheerness RNLI Lifeboat Station and in helping to keep residents and visitors to the Isle of Sheppey safe.

Chairman

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