MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL held at Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote on 7th July 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Stanton (Chairman), Councillor Bale (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Mrs. Brown, Ford, Mrs. Hall, Harrison, Hewlett, Mrs. Hood, Jones, Lemmon, Murray, Mrs. Patten, Mrs. Plenderleith, Mrs. Watson, Watson and Wheeler.

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Bell, Chahal, Dunn, Frost, Mrs. Heath, Mrs. Mead, Mulgrew, Pearson, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Southerd, Stuart, Taylor, Tilley and Wilkins.

CL/21. APOLOGY

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Councillor Smith (Conservative Group).

CL/22. HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH DERBYSHIRE – WILLIAM DUNN

A report was submitted to consider conferring upon Mr. William Dunn, the Honorary Freedom of the District of South Derbyshire. Legislation provided councils with the power to bestow the honour of Honorary Freeman to persons of distinction and persons who had, in the opinion of the authority, rendered eminent services to that place or area. This practice provided a dignified and satisfactory means of enabling the District to honour Mr. William Dunn, a distinguished servant of the community as a Councillor for 42 years.

To this end, an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council had to be convened specifically to consider this matter, with not less than 2/3rds of those present voting in favour. A number of tributes were paid to Mr. Dunn by Members and the Council's Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Dunn responded, thanking the Council for the honour conferred upon him.

RESOLVED:-

(1) That, in recognition and appreciation of the eminent and distinguished service rendered by him to the District and its citizens, the Council hereby confers upon William Dunn the Honorary Freedom of the District of South Derbyshire.

(2) That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the Certificate to be presented to Mr. Dunn on his admission as an Honorary Freeman of the District of South Derbyshire.

M. STANTON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 5:50 p.m.