

MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the  
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
held at the Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote  
on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017  
at 5:30pm

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

Councillor Stanton (Chairman), Councillor Mrs Hall (Vice Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Billings, Mrs Brown, Mrs Coe, Coe, Mrs Coyle, Ford, Grant, Harrison, Hewlett, MacPherson, Murray, Mrs Patten, Mrs Plenderleith, Roberts, Smith, Swann, Tipping, Watson, Wheeler and Mrs Wyatt

**Labour Group**

Councillors Bambrick, Dunn, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Southerd Mrs Stuart, Tilley and Wilkins

CL/70 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Muller (Conservative Group) and Councillors Chahal, Dr Pearson and Taylor (Labour Group)

CL/71 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

CL/72 **FREEDOM OF ENTRY TO THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH DERBYSHIRE – 1211 (SWADLINCOTE AND DISTRICT) SQUADRON AIR TRAINING CORPS**

The Chief Executive presented the report to Council outlining that legislation provided councils with the power to bestow the honour of Honorary Freeman and to grant freedom of the entry to the District 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 the Air Training Corps, for their contribution to the community of South Derbyshire.

To this end, an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council had to be convened specifically to consider this matter, with those present unanimously voting in favour of granting the 1211 Squadron Air Training Corps freedom of entry into the District “to march through the streets of the District with colours flying and bands playing.”

The Chairman led a number of tributes paid to the ATC and presented the Freedom Scroll to Flight Lieutenant Ruth Morgan, who whilst acknowledging

the hard work and dedication of the Squadron, thanked Council for this recognition.

**RESOLVED:-**

***1.1 That in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, Members of the 1211 (Swadlincote and District) Squadron Air Training Corps be admitted as Honorary Freemen of the District of South Derbyshire, in recognition of their distinguished service to the people of South Derbyshire.***

***1.2 That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the certificate to be presented to the Squadron on its admission as Honorary Freemen of the District of South Derbyshire.***

CL/73 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

**RESOLVED:-**

***That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that***

Council was informed that there were no exempt matters.

The meeting terminated at 5.45pm.

COUNCILLOR M STANTON

CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL