

Sunderland City Council

At an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2010 at 10.30am

Present: The Mayor (Councillor T Martin) in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor N Wright)

Councillors	Anderson	Francis	Morrissey	H Trueman
	Ball	E Gibson	Old	Wake
	Blackburn	P Gibson	Padgett	Walker
	Bonallie	Gofton	D Richardson	J Walton
	Copeland	G Hall	J Scott	L Walton
	M Dixon	Heron	P Smith	P Watson
	Ellis	Howe	Snowdon	Williams
	Emerson	MacKnight	Speding	A Wilson
	Fletcher	McClennan	Tate	D Wilson
	M Forbes	Mordey	D Trueman	T Wright
	Foster			

The Notice convening the meeting was read.

Canon Stephen Taylor offered prayers on behalf of those present.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Allan, Bell, Chamberlin, Charlton, Cuthbert, P Dixon, Errington, A Hall, Kay, Kelly, Maddison, L Martin, Oliver, Scaplehorn, Shattock, D Smith, Timmins, Tye, Wood and A Wright.

Freedom of the City – The Rifles

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) inviting the Council to formally confer the Honorary Freedom of the City upon The Rifles.

The Mayor extended a warm welcome to all present at the meeting.

It was then moved by Councillor P Watson, and duly seconded by Councillor Anderson, that the Council formally confer the Honorary Freedom of the City upon The Rifles. Councillor G Hall also spoke to the motion. On being put to the meeting the motion was unanimously agreed and it was:-

RESOLVED that in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council do confer the Honorary Freedom of the City on The Rifles in recognition of the City's association with The Rifles and being mindful of the involvement of the Regiment in the Community Life of City and do thereby confer the right, honour, privilege and distinction of passing or marching through the streets of Sunderland with full ceremonial regalia on ceremonial or civic occasions.

General Evans then signed the Roll of Honorary Freemen of the City on behalf of The Rifles.

The Mayor then presented General Evans with a framed copy of the Council's Resolution. The Deputy Mayor also presented commemorative certificates to the remaining Sunderland Veterans of the 125 Anti Tank Regiment Royal Artillery in order to acknowledge their wartime experience and mark their link to The Rifles.

General Evans responded appropriately.

Following the conclusion of the meeting, Mayoral and Regimental presentations were held at the War Memorial and The Rifles exercised the Freedom of the City.

(Signed) T MARTIN
Mayor