

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th OCTOBER 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.** AT NEWTON'S PLACE, WOLBOROUGH STREET, NEWTON ABBOT

Present: Councillors A Hall (Mayor) Presiding
C Parker (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors: B Bailey M Joyce
L Cooke M Ryan
C Davieson L Wood
A Ineson N Yabsley

Officers in attendance: Phil Rowe Town Clerk
Sam Scott Deputy Town Clerk
Linda McGuirk Principal Administrator

By invitation: Mrs Carol Bunday
Mr Michael Hocking
Mrs Sally Henley
Father Matthew Cashmore

Also present: Family & Friends of Mrs Bunday and Mr Hocking
Mayoress, Mrs Jane Murden
1 x Member of the public

Father Cashmore led the Council in Prayers.

229. **WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

230. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors J Bradford, P Bullivant, R Buscombe, A Gibbs, G Jennings, D Corney-Walker and T Corney-Walker. Apologies were also received from Nigel Canham, Communications Advisor.

231. **INTERESTS**

None declared.

232. **FREEMAN AND FREEWOMAN OF NEWTON ABBOT**

The Mayor advised the special meeting had been called in accordance with Standing Order 37 and minute number 24/07(137) of the Council meeting held on the 7th July 2024 where upon the Council resolved to convene a special meeting for the purpose of voting nominees as Freeman and Freewoman of Newton Abbot.

The Mayor spoke at length on his own experiences in being welcomed into local government by Mrs Bunday and Mr Hocking and referred to their demonstration of integrity, compassion and unwavering dedication to the community. In the Mayor's view,

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the honorary title of Freeman and Freewoman is a testament to their contributions to the community of Newton Abbot.

Accordingly, it was:

- a) **RESOLVED** that the Council in the exercise of its power under Section 249 of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended) admits Mrs Carol Bunday to the Honorary Freedom of the Town as she has in the opinion of the Council, rendered exceptional service to the Town of Newton Abbot;
- b) **RESOLVED** that the Council in the exercise of its power under Section 249 of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended) admits Mr Michael Hocking to the Honorary Freedom of the Town as he has in the opinion of the Council, rendered exceptional service to the Town of Newton Abbot.

Voting on both of the above resolutions was unanimously approved.

233. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 7:00pm.

Meeting closed at 19:09 hours.

At the close of the meeting the Mayor, Councillor A Hall, expressed his gratitude on behalf of the Council to Mrs Sally Henley, thanking her for her dedication, vision and positivity in her role as Town Development Manager and wished her a happy retirement.

Chairperson (Mayor).....Date.....

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