

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at The Council Chamber, The Symington Building,  
Adam & Eve Street, Market Harborough, LE16 7AG

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021

commencing at 6.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillor Bannister (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs Ackerley, Bateman, Beadle, Dr Bremner, Burrell, Critchley, Dann, Dunton, Elliott, Fosker, Frenchman, Galton, Golding, Graves, Hollick, James, Johnson, King, Knowles, Liquorish, Mahal, Modha, Mrs Robinson, Sarfas, Mrs Simpson, Whelband and Mrs Wood.

Officers present: S. Green, S. Hamilton, C. Mason, N. Proudfoot and V. Wenham

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of all Members and Officers, Councillor Bannister wished Councillor Bilbie a speedy recovery following his knee operation. The Chairman also wished all Members a Merry Christmas.

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none.

GRANTING THE "FREEDOM OF ENTRY TO THE DISTRICT"

The Council considered a report on Granting the "Freedom of Entry to the District", following an earlier Notice of Motion to Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 which was carried.

Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 gives Councils the power to bestow the honour of Honorary Freeman and to grant "Freedom of Entry to the District" to persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the Authority, rendered eminent services to that place or area.

This particular Extraordinary Meeting of the Council had been convened to specifically consider this matter, and two thirds of those present were required to vote in favour of granting Mr Fletcher and Ms Sugar "Freedom of Entry to the District" in order for the recommendations to be approved.

Members were fully supportive of the proposal and unanimously approved the recommendations.

It was moved by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Knowles and

RESOLVED that

- (i) in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, Dylan Fletcher and Laura Sugar be admitted as Honorary Freeman of the District of Harborough, in recognition of their achievement in the Tokyo 2021 Olympics and Paralympics.

- (ii) the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the certificate to be presented to Dylan Fletcher and Laura Sugar on their admission as Honorary Freemen of the District of Harborough.
- (iii) arrangements be made to formally bestow the honours at Annual Council on the 23rd May 2022.

#### Summary of Reasons

The practice provides a dignified and satisfactory means of enabling the District to show its support to the outstanding achievements of athletes at the 2021 Olympic and Paralympic Games, who have a strong association with the District.

The Meeting ended at 6.43 p.m.