

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL

MEETING DATE Saturday, 6 June 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Marion Lowe (Mayor), Councillor David Dickinson (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors Aaron Beaver, Eric Bell, Julia Berry, Alistair Bradley, Charlie Bromilow, Terry Brown, Paul Clark, Jean Cronshaw, Alan Cullens, John Dalton, David Dickinson, Doreen Dickinson, Christopher France, Anthony Gee, Danny Gee, Mark Jarnell, Hasina Khan, Paul Leadbetter, Adrian Lowe, Matthew Lynch, June Molyneaux, Greg Morgan, Alistair Morwood, Mick Muncaster, Steve Murfitt, Beverley Murray, Mark Perks, Joyce Snape, Kim Snape, Ralph Snape, Paul Walmsley, Alan Whittaker and Peter Wilson

OFFICERS: Gary Hall (Chief Executive), Lesley-Ann Fenton (Director of Customer and Advice Services), Jamie Carson (Director of Public Protection, Streetscene and Community), Chris Moister (Head of Governance and Property Services) and Carol Russell (Democratic Services Manager)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Roy Lees, Martin Boardman, Henry Counce, Graham Dunn, Robert Finnamore, Gordon France, Margaret France, Mike Handley, Keith Iddon, Margaret Lees, Debra Platt, Richard Toon and John Walker

15.C.247 Freedom of the Borough - 3 Medical Regiment

The Mayor welcomed distinguished guests and Councillors to a Special Meeting of the Council which had been called to formally agree to confer the Freedom of the Borough on 3 Medical Regiment.

The Mayor asked Members of the Council to formally consider the following motion:

“That in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, this Council wishes to place on record its high appreciation of, and the debt of gratitude of the Borough, to the Officers and Soldiers of 3 Medical Regiment and, in the light of the esteemed and close association between the Borough and the Regiment, and to resolve that the Freedom of the Borough be conferred on the Regiment and that it be granted the right, privilege, honour and

distinction of marching through the streets of Chorley and on all ceremonial occasions with drums beating, bands playing and flags flying”.

Councillor Bradley, Executive Leader of the Council formally proposed the motion and Councillor Peter Wilson, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Resources seconded the proposal.

All political group leaders spoke in support of the motion, expressing their gratitude for the work of the Regiment – both by the regular soldiers and the reserves. They referred to the respect and pride the citizens of Chorley have for the Regiment, in particular the local connections through 64 Medical Squadron based at Devonshire Road, and their pleasure in awarding Freedom status to the Regiment as the highest honour the Council can bestow.

On being put to the vote, it was unanimously **RESOLVED – that in accordance with the motion above, the Council confers the Freedom of the Borough of Chorley on 3 Medical Regiment and that it be their right, privilege, honour and distinction to march through the streets of Chorley and on all ceremonial occasions with drums beating, bands playing and flags flying.**

Mayor

Date