

# TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



## **MINUTES AND REPORTS OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

**Councillors Present:** M. Carter, H. Edwards, Mrs. S. Ferguson (Deputy Town Mayor), Miss. N. Gooch, R. Isworth, Mrs. Dr. L. Lovelidge, R. Lusty, K. Mulholland, J. Nelson (Town Mayor) and A. Sugden.

**Officers Present:** Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess, Deputy Town Clerk Mrs. C. Gilbert and Accounts Clerk Mrs. J. McCollum.

**Others Present:** The Mayoress of Tenterden, Sergeant-At-Mace Mr. M. Winter, Mayor's Chaplain the Reverend Canon L. Hammond, The Mayor and Mayoress of Ashford, Cllr. P. Clokie (ABC), Cllr. J. Link (ABC), Cllr. M. Hill (KCC) and 80 members of the public were also present.

3110 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr. Mrs. J. Curteis, Cllr. M. Hickmott, Cllr. R. Knight, Cllr. C. Knowles, Cllr. Mrs. P. Smith and Cllr. T. Thorpe.

**Reverend Hammond said prayers.**

3111 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING.** None.

3112 **APPOINTMENT OF AN HONORARY FREEMAN.**

The Town Mayor welcomed Dr. & Mrs. Crawford and the representatives of the various organisations with which Dr. Crawford is associated.

Cllr. Edwards gave a brief history of the Honorary Freedom of the Town & Hundred of Tenterden and named the other 'Freemen' who had received the honour in the past. He explained the reason behind the award, which is given in recognition of putting duty before self and for devotion to Tenterden. This award is the Council's highest honour.

The Town Mayor, Cllr. Nelson, proposed that Dr. Crawford be appointed an Honorary Freeman of the Town and Hundred of Tenterden in recognition of the many charitable voluntary works he had undertaken in service to the town. This was seconded by the Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson and **RESOLVED** by a show of hands.

The Town Mayor and the Town Clerk signed and sealed a scroll detailing the Town Council's decision, this was then framed and presented to Dr. Crawford. The Deputy Town Mayor presented Mrs. Crawford with a bouquet of flowers. The Town Mayor asked Councillors and members of the public to join him in a toast to Dr. and Mrs. Crawford.

Dr. Crawford made an acceptance speech and thanked the Town Council for granting him the Honorary Freedom. He also gave thanks to those in attendance for sharing the occasion.

The Town Mayor closed the meeting and invited those in attendance to remain for refreshments.

**The meeting opened at 8:00pm and closed at 8:30pm**

The foregoing Minutes and Report were confirmed and signed at a meeting of the Town Council held on the 11th day of December 2017.

Chairman ..... (11.12.2017)