



# MINUTES

## Special Council

<b>Date:</b>	Monday, 18 March 2024
<b>Venue:</b>	Town Hall, St Annes.
<b>Committee Members Present:</b>	Mayor Councillor Cheryl Little Deputy Mayor Councillor Peter Anthony  Councillors Frank Andrews, Tim Armit, Liz Bickerstaffe, Julie Brickles, Damian Buckley, Karen Buckley, Edward Collins, Peter Collins, Chris Dixon, Martin Evans, Kelly Farrington, Susan Fazackerley MBE, Joanne Gardner, Ellie Gaunt, Noreen Griffiths, Gavin Harrison, Paul Hayhurst, Paul Hodgson, John Kirkham, Jordan Ledger, Matthew Lee, Michelle Morris, Jayne Nixon, Sandra Pitman, Richard Redcliffe, Andrew Redfearn, Vince Settle, William Taylor, Tommy Threlfall, Viv Willder, Michael Withers.
<b>Officers Present:</b>	Allan Oldfield, Ian Curtis, Ross McKelvie, Colin Dockery, Katharine McDonnell, Kassie Navarasi and Sharon Wadsworth.
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	Councillors Mark Bamforth (via remote access) <sup>1</sup> One member of the public

### 1. Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members. There were none on this occasion.

### 2. Freedom of the Borough – Sir Bill Beaumont GBE DL

The Mayor, Councillor Cheryl Little, introduced the item, advising that at its meeting on 12th February 2024, the council considered the following Notice of Motion, submitted by Councillor Karen Buckley.

Councillor Karen Buckley reminded members of the agreed motion, which was that under section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the council can admit as honorary freemen of the borough persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the authority, rendered eminent services to the Borough. As set out above, Sir Bill qualifies under both through his outstanding service to rugby and his service to the Borough of Fylde. The resolution to confer the honour must be passed by not less than two thirds of the members voting thereon at a meeting of the council convened specially for the purpose.

Following the making of this resolution, an illuminated record will be prepared to mark this honour and it is intended that this be presented to Sir Bill Beaumont at a date to be agreed by the Mayor of Fylde.

Councillor Redcliffe seconded the proposal.

Councillor Peter Collins and Councillor Dixon spoke in support of the proposal.

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<sup>1</sup> Council procedure rule 2 allows a councillor to participate in a meeting remotely in certain circumstances. A remotely participating councillor is not deemed to be present at the meeting and may not move, second or vote on any matter.

It was RESOLVED

1. That in pursuance of section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, Sir Bill Beaumont, be admitted as an honorary freeman of the Borough of Fylde.
2. That the common seal of the council be affixed to a certificate to be presented to Sir Beaumont conferring upon him this honour.

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