

**MEETING OF MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL**

At the Meeting of Middlesbrough Council, lawfully convened, and held in the Town Hall, Middlesbrough on 11 April 2019.

**PRESENT:** Councillors R Arundale, S Biswas, S E Bloundele, Mr D Budd, D P Coupe, S Dean, J Goodchild, A Hellaoui, T Higgins, C Hobson, J Hobson, L Lewis, J McGee, L McGloin, J Rostron, J Thompson, M Thompson, N J Walker and L Young

**OFFICERS:** M Allinson, S Bonner, B Carr, S Dorchell, A Hoy, D Johnson, J Lewis, C Lunn, A Pain, J Robinson, S Reynolds

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were submitted on behalf of Councillors Councillor J Brunton Dobson, Councillor M Carr, Councillor N Hussain, Councillor C M Rooney, Councillor D Rooney, Councillor M Storey, Councillor J Blyth, Councillor R Brady, Councillor D J Branson, Councillor D Davison, Councillor E Dryden, Councillor T Harvey, Councillor B A Hubbard, Councillor T Lawton, Councillor T Mawston, Councillor D McCabe, Councillor F McIntyre, Councillor J McTigue, Councillor J Mohan, Councillor G Purvis, Councillor J Rathmell, Councillor M Saunders, Councillor J Sharrocks, Councillor Z Uddin, Councillor J A Walker, Councillor V Walkington, Councillor M Walters, Councillor J Young.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None Declared.

**18/115 ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chair advised that there were no Announcements or Communications.

**18/116 RESOLUTION - FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH**

It was **MOVED** by the Mayor and **SECONDED** by Councillor C Hobson:-

"That Mr Mackenzie Thorpe, being a person who has rendered eminent service to the Borough of Middlesbrough within the meaning and in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 be admitted as a recipient of the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Middlesbrough, in recognition and appreciation of that eminent service, the detailed particulars whereof were recorded on the scroll presented to him that day."

Prior to being put to the vote the Chair provided an opportunity for the Mayor, Councillor C Hobson and other Members and other people present to speak in support of the resolution.

The resolution was then put to the meeting and **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Mr Mackenzie Thorpe then took the Oath of Freeman before the Chair and signed the Freeman's Roll of Honour, his signature being witnessed by the Chair, Chief Executive and Head of Legal Services.

The Chair presented to Mr Mackenzie Thorpe an illuminated copy of the resolution of the Council, inscribed on vellum, and offered congratulations to him on behalf of the Council and the people of the Borough. The Chair spoke in support of the decision to award Mackenzie Thorpe the Freedom of the Borough.

Mr Mackenzie Thorpe thanked the Council for the honour conferred and expressed his thanks and appreciation to family, friends and others present. Mrs Thorpe was presented with a basket of flowers.

The Chair announced the conclusion of the formal proceedings and invited the newly elected Freeman, the Mayor, Councillors and invited guests to join him for refreshments.

