

Ballymoney Borough Council

Minutes of Special Council Meeting No 860 held in the Shiels Room, Town Hall, Ballymoney on Monday 23rd April 2007 at 11.00 am.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive and Town Clerk
Councillor J Finlay (Mayor)
Alderman C Cousley (Deputy Mayor)
Rev Hanna (Mayor's Chaplain)
Dr R Dunlop

PRESENT:

Aldermen
F Campbell
H Connolly

Councillors
A Cavlan
B Kennedy
M McCamphill
T McKeown
A Patterson
E Robinson
I Stevenson
M Storey, MLA

APOLOGIES:

Councillors
P McGuigan
D McKay, MLA

Press

860.1 CONFERMENT OF THE FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH ON DR ROBERT DUNLOP

The meeting commenced with the arrival of the Mayor, Dr Dunlop, the Deputy Mayor, the Mayor's Chaplain and the Town Clerk, preceded by the Mace Bearer.

The Mayor welcomed Dr Dunlop, distinguished guests and members and invited the Town Clerk to read the summons convening the meeting.

The Chief Executive read the summons -

“That notice is hereby given that a special meeting of Ballymoney Borough Council will be held on Monday, 23rd April at 11.00 am in the Shiels Room, Town Hall, Ballymoney, for the purposes of presenting the certificate conferring the Freedom of the Borough of Ballymoney on Dr Robert Dunlop”.

Offering prayer, the Mayor’s Chaplain returned thanks for the gifts and talents endowed on Dr Dunlop as motorcycle champion, stating that, over the years, the citizens of Ballymoney have rejoiced with him in his many successes as spectators in this profession.

He gave thanks for the pleasure that Dr Dunlop has given to so many, even in times of loss and sorrow as he continued in his chosen career with great success in Southern Ireland, England Europe and in China and particularly in the 125 class on the North West 200 circuit, where he has had the most wins of any competitor.

Rev Hanna prayed for the continued safety of Dr Dunlop, his two sons and other racing family members and acknowledged the honour which he has brought to himself, his family name and to the Borough

Rev Hanna prayed also for the Mayor and the Council in the work that they do as citizens of the borough of Ballymoney.

The Town Clerk presented the resolution of Council, as proposed by Councillor Kennedy and seconded by Mayor Councillor J Finlay

“That the Freedom of the Borough be conferred on Dr Robert Dunlop in recognition of the great honour brought to the borough through the exceptional ability, determination and sportsmanship by which he achieved over 100 national and international motorcycle road racing victories, with a historic 15 wins on the North West 200 Circuit”.

The Mayor presented the certificate to Dr Dunlop.

Dr Dunlop, the Mayor and the Town Clerk signed the Freedom Register

On signing the certificate, Dr Dunlop expressed his great pleasure in receiving the certificate awarding him the Freedom of the Borough and thanked the Mayor and members of Ballymoney Borough Council.

The meeting closed at 11.23 am