

Ballymoney Borough Council

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Minutes of Council Meeting No 880 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 2nd June 2008 at 6.15 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J Finlay, Mayor

PRESENT:

Aldermen
F Campbell
H Connolly
C Cousley
J Simpson

Councillors
A Cavlan
M McCamphill
P McGuigan
D McKay, MLA
A Patterson
E Robinson
I Stevenson

APOLOGIES:

Councillors
B Kennedy
M Storey, MLA

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive
Head of Corporate & Development Services
Committee Clerk

Press

880.1 AWARD OF FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH TO LOUGHGIEL SHAMROCKS GAC 1983 TEAM

This meeting was convened by the Mayor following receipt of a requisition signed by five councillors to discuss awarding Loughgiel Shamrocks GAC 1983 team, the Freedom of the Borough.

* **Councillor Robinson and Alderman Cousley arrived at 6.20 pm.**

It was proposed by Councillor Cavlan that;

because of the 25th Anniversary of Loughgiel Shamrocks, the only Ulster team to have won an All Ireland final, the Freedom of the Borough of Ballymoney be conferred on Loughgiel Shamrocks GAC 1983 team.

This was seconded by Councillor McKay.

Speaking in support of the motion, Councillor Cavlan stated that such an award would honour the Club's 25th anniversary in winning an All Ireland hurling final and would send out a positive message to the people of Ballymoney.

At the request of Councillor McGuigan, the Chief Executive clarified the position in relation to awarding the Freedom of the Borough, stating that, in accordance with the Charter, a motion has to be passed by 2/3rds of the number of members present at the meeting. For calculation purposes, abstentions are included with votes against a motion.

* **Councillor Stevenson arrived at 6.22 pm.**

Speaking on behalf of the DUP group, the Mayor requested that Council give due consideration to this important issue and take account of the fact that other successful teams and individuals at provincial, national and international level have not been honoured with this award. He cited hockey and bowls as examples, urging consistency of approach in consideration of recipients of the award.

Councillor McKay recorded his view that all sports in the Borough should be recognised and an award of the Freedom of the Borough to Ireland's largest sporting fraternity would send out a positive message. Alderman Connolly, as a member and a President of the Club, said it was a great honour in 1983 that Council acknowledged their achievement.

The Mayor put the motion to the meeting:

Five members voted for and seven members voted against.

The Mayor declared the motion lost.

The being all the business, the meeting closed at 6.25 pm.