

BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Council Meeting No. 961 held in the Shiels Room, Town Hall, Ballymoney on Saturday 12th May 2012 at 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:**Aldermen**

F Campbell
C Cousley, MBE
B Kennedy

Councillors

J Atkinson
W Blair
J Finlay
R Halliday
R McAfee
T McKeown (Deputy Mayor)
E Robinson
I Stevenson (Mayor)
M Storey, MLA

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive and Town Clerk
Chancellor E R Lavery, TD BA Dip.Th.
Chaplain, Royal British Legion,
Ballymoney Branch.
General Sir Philip Trousdell, KBE, CB,
The Colonel of The Royal Irish Regiment
Colonel Mark Campbell, CBE, Deputy Colonel
Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for County Antrim,
Mrs Joan Christie

961.1 CONFERMENT OF THE FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH ON THE ROYAL IRISH REGIMENT

The meeting commenced with the arrival of the Mayor, The Colonel of the Royal Irish Regiment, Lieutenant General Sir Philip Trousdell, KBE, CB, accompanied by the Deputy Colonel, Colonel Mark Campbell, CBE, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor T McKeown, Chancellor E R Lavery, Chaplain, Royal British Legion, Ballymoney Branch, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for County Antrim, Mrs Joan Christie and the Town Clerk, preceded by the Mace Bearer.

The Mayor welcomed, the Colonel of the Royal Irish Regiment, Lieutenant General Sir Philip Trousdell, distinguished guests and members and invited the Town Clerk to read the summons convening the meeting.

The Chief Executive read the summons –

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of Ballymoney Borough Council will be held in The Shiels Room, Town Hall, Ballymoney, on Saturday, 12th May, 2012, at 11.30 a.m. for the purposes of presenting the certificate

conferring the ***Freedom of the Borough of Ballymoney on The Royal Irish Regiment.***

The Chaplain of the Royal British Legion, Ballymoney Branch, Chancellor E R Lavery, TD, BA, Dip,Th, offered prayer, concluding with the Regimental Prayer. ""Almighty God whose love knows no bounds grant that we, The Royal Irish Regiment, may do our duty courageously whether at home or abroad so that, undaunted by the difficulties which beset us, your will may be done. And united as members one with another may we, mindful of the valour and sacrifice of those who have gone before us, clear the way for those that follow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

The Town Clerk presented the resolution of Council, as proposed by Alderman Cousley seconded by Councillor Robinson.

That the freedom of the Borough of Ballymoney be conferred on The Royal Irish Regiment as acknowledgement and thanks to those who have served and continue to serve their country with great distinction at home and abroad."

The Mayor presented the certificate to the Colonel of the Royal Irish Regiment, Lieutenant General Sir Philip Trousdell.

Sir Philip and the Mayor and the Town Clerk signed the Freedom Register

On signing the Register and accepting the Certificate, Sir Philip, On behalf of all ranks of The Royal Irish Regiment and the wider Regimental family I thank the Mayor and Councillors of Ballymoney Borough for this singular honour.

The meeting closed at 12.00 noon