

BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Council Meeting No. 966 held in the Shiels Room, Town Hall, Ballymoney on Saturday 1st September 2012 at 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:**Aldermen**

F Campbell
C Cousley, MBE (Deputy Mayor)
B Kennedy

Councillors

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive and Town Clerk
Lieutenant Colonel T A W Burgess
Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for County Antrim,
Mrs Joan Christie

966.1 CONFERMENT OF THE FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH ON

The meeting commenced with the arrival of the Mayor, The Town Clerk, Lieutenant Colonel T A W Burgess, The Deputy Mayor, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for County Antrim, Mrs Joan Christie, preceded by the Mace Bearer.

The Mayor welcomed, the Lieutenant Colonel, 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 1st September 2012 at 11.30am for the purposes of presenting the certificate conferring the Freedom of the Borough of Ballymoney on The 152 (Ulster) Transport Regiment of the Royal Logistics Corps of the Territorial Army.

The Mayor's Chaplain, Rev. I McNie, B.D., M.Min., offered prayer, concluding with the Regimental Prayer: "*God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ministered to the needs of humankind, may we of the Royal Logistic Corps so tackle the diverse tasks assigned to us; that wherever we serve, on land or sea or in the air, we may sustain our comrades both in peace and in war, and thus be found worthy of those whom we seek to support; for the sake of 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 152 (Ulster) Transport Regiment of the Royal Logistics Corps of the Territorial Army 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 Lieutenant Colonel Burgess.

Lieutenant Colonel Burgess, the Mayor and the Town Clerk signed the Freedom Register

On signing the Register and accepting the Certificate, Lieutenant Colonel Burgess thanked the Mayor and Councillors of Ballymoney Borough for the great honour bestowed on to 152 (U) Transport Regiment RLC and looked forward to building even stronger ties and enhancing their relationship with Council.

The meeting closed at 12.00 noon