

**Ballymoney Borough Council
Council Meeting No 991 – 17th January 2014**

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Mr Michael Dunlop

Ballymoney Borough Council

Minutes of Special Council Meeting No 991 held in the Shiels Room, Town Hall, Ballymoney on Friday 17th January at 11.00 am.

IN THE CHAIR The Mayor, Councillor J Finlay

PRESENT:

Aldermen

F Campbell
H Connolly
C Cousley, MBE
B Kennedy

Councillors

J Atkinson
W Blair
R Halliday
R McAfee
P McGuigan
A McLean
E Robinson, MBE
I Stevenson, Deputy Mayor

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive and Town Clerk
Rev J Simms (Mayor's Chaplain)
Mr M Dunlop
Head of Corporate & Development Services
Corporate Services Officer

Press were in attendance

860.1 CONFERMENT OF THE FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH ON MR MICHAEL DUNLOP

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

The Mayor welcomed Mr 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 Friday 17th January 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 Mr Mr Michael Dunlop”.

The Mayor called on the Town Clerk to read the resolution of Council conferring the Freedom of the Borough on Mr Michael Dunlop.

The Town Clerk presented the resolution of Council, as proposed by Councillor Kennedy and seconded by Councillor Storey, MLA.

“That the Freedom of the Borough of Ballymoney be conferred on Mr Michael Dunlop in recognition of the great honour brought to the Borough through his exceptional skill, ability and determination, in achieving success as an international motorcycling road racer, and winning numerous Irish and Ulster Championships, including 7 Isle of Man TT wins, with 4 victories in one week in 2013.”

The Mayor’s Chaplain, Rev. James Simms, BA, BD, offered prayer.

The Mayor presented the certificate to Mr Dunlop.

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

On signing the register and accepting the certificate, Mr 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 11.40 a.m.