



Summons and Agenda for the
Extraordinary Council Meeting
to be held on
TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2016
at
6.00pm or upon the rising of the
Council meeting, whichever is the
later.





To: All District Councillors

cc: Chief Officers
Directors

You are hereby summoned to an extraordinary meeting of the Selby District Council to be held in the Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby on **TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2016** starting at **6.00pm or upon the rising of the Council meeting, whichever is the later.** The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Mary Weastell
Chief Executive

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AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence.

2. **Disclosures of Interest**

A copy of the Register of Interest for each Selby District Councillor is available for inspection at www.selby.gov.uk.

Councillors should declare to the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interest in any item of business on this agenda which is not already entered in their Register of Interests.

Councillors should leave the meeting and take no part in the consideration, discussion or vote on any matter in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.

Councillors should also declare any other interests. Having made the declaration, provided the other interest is not a disclosable pecuniary interest, the Councillor may stay in the meeting, speak and vote on that item of business.

If in doubt, Councillors are advised to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer.

3. **Honorary Freedom of the District**

To receive a report asking Council to consider awarding the Honorary Freedom of the District to the Yorkshire Rows rowing team (pages 1 to 3 attached).

4. **Sealing of Documents**

To authorise the sealing of any documents necessary to action decisions of this Council meeting, or the Executive or any of its Committees for which delegated authority is not already in existence.



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Report Reference Number: C/15/21

Agenda Item No: 3

To:	Extraordinary Council
Date:	19 April 2016
Author:	Palbinder Mann, Democratic Services Manager
Lead Officer:	Mary Weastell, Chief Executive
Executive Lead:	Mark Crane, Leader of the Council

Title: Honorary Freedom of the District

Summary:

Selby District Council has the authority to award the Honorary Freedom of the District to either individuals or groups who it is felt are deserving of special recognition. Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 outlines that such recognition can be awarded to persons of distinction and persons who in the opinion of the Council, have rendered eminent services to the District.

This report asks Council to consider awarding the Honorary Freedom of the District to the Yorkshire Rows rowing team for their achievements in completing the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge to row 3,000 nautical miles across the Atlantic Ocean and raising money for their chosen charities, the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre.

Recommendations:

To consider and decide whether to award the Honorary Freedom of the District to the Yorkshire Rows rowing team.

Reasons for recommendation

To ensure Council recognises persons of distinction and persons who have rendered eminent services to the district.

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 outlines that an authority can award the freedom of the district to persons of distinction and persons who in the opinion of the Council have rendered eminent services to the District.

- 1.2 Council are asked to consider awarding the Honorary Freedom of the District to the Yorkshire Rows for their achievements in completing the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge to row 3,000 nautical miles across the Atlantic Ocean and raise money for their chosen charities, the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre.

2 The Report

- 2.1 The Yorkshire Rows rowing team consists of Janette Benaddi from Burn in Selby, Helen Butters from Cawood in Selby, Niki Doeg from York and Frances Davies from York. The team took up rowing four years ago after meeting at the Guy Fawkes Boat Club in York.
- 2.2 On 20 December 2015, the team set off in competing in the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge (billed as the toughest rowing race on earth) to row 3,000 nautical miles across the Atlantic to raise money for their chosen charities, the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre.
- 2.3 The team set off from La Gomera in the Canary Islands and arrived on 25 February 2016 in Antigua's Nelson's Dockyard English Harbour in the Caribbean after 67 days, 5 hours and 2 minutes at sea. In addition to completing the gruelling challenge, they set a Guinness World Record as they become the oldest female crew to row across any ocean.
- 2.4 The team spent two years in preparing for the event however encountered numerous challenges on their voyage including bad weather and equipment failure. Having completed this fantastic achievement, the group has raised a significant amount of money for their charities as well as raising the profile of the area.
- 2.5 In recognition of their achievements, Council is asked to consider awarding the team, the Honorary Freedom of the District.

3 Legal/Financial Controls and other Policy matters

Legal Issues

- 3.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 outlines the requirements and the process for granting the freedom of the district. For the honour to be approved, Council will have to vote with a two thirds majority at the meeting for a resolution to that effect.
- 3.2 If the honour is granted, the Yorkshire Rows team will be able to use the title of Honorary Freewomen of the District.

Financial Issues

3.2 There are costs associated with purchasing a certificate and a scroll to be given to anyone appointed however these costs will be met from the Council's budget.

4. Conclusion

4.1 The Council can consider whether to award the Honorary Freedom of the District to persons of distinction and persons who in the opinion of the Council rendered eminent services to the District. The award can be granted to either individuals or groups who it is felt are deserving of special recognition. For the honour to be approved Council will have to vote with a two thirds majority at the meeting for a resolution to that effect.

5. Background Documents

None

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