

Council

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby, YO8 9FT
Date: Tuesday, 21 March 2023
Time: 5.00 pm
Present: Councillor I Chilvers in the Chair

Councillor D Mackay, Councillor K Arthur, Councillor D Brook, Councillor D Buckle, Councillor J Cattanach, Councillor J Chilvers, Councillor M Crane, Councillor S Duckett, Councillor K Ellis, Councillor K Franks, Councillor T Grogan, Councillor M Jordan (Vice-Chair), Councillor A Lee, Councillor C Lunn, Councillor J Mackman, Councillor R Musgrave, Councillor W Nichols, Councillor R Packham, Councillor C Pearson, Councillor N Reader, Councillor C Richardson, Councillor J Shaw-Wright, Councillor S Shaw-Wright, Councillor R Sweeting, Councillor M Topping, Councillor P Welch, Councillor G Ashton and Councillor J Duggan

Officers Present: Janet Waggott – Chief Executive, Karen Iveson – Chief Financial Officer, Suzan Harrington – Director of Corporate Services and Commissioning, Alison Hartley - Solicitor to the Council, Gina Mulderrig – Democratic Services Officer and Camila Maciel – Democratic and Ceremonial Officer

Press: 1
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49 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N Reader and M Topping.

50 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

51 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY FREEMAN TO SELBY DISTRICT (C/22/13)

The Chairman introduced report C/22/13 which asked the Council to consider and decide whether to award the Honorary Freedom of the District to 51 Squadron of The Royal Airforce and The Yorkshire Regiment of The British Army.

Members noted that Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 enabled Selby District Council to award the Honorary Freemen of the District to individuals or groups who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the District. The report asked the Council to consider awarding the Honorary Freedom of the District to 51 Squadron of The Royal Airforce and The Yorkshire Regiment of The British Army, in gratitude for their service during World War 2, their continued connection to the town of Selby, ongoing ceremonial role in the Armistice Day Ceremony in Selby Cemetery and the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Selby Abbey.

It was proposed and seconded to award the Honorary Freedom of the District to 51 Squadron of The Royal Airforce and The Yorkshire Regiment of The British Army.

Members commented that it was a privilege to be able to bestow the honour of the Freedom of the District to 51 Squadron of The Royal Airforce and The Yorkshire Regiment of The British Army at the final full meeting of Selby District Council. Members expressed gratitude to both units for their service to Selby District and to the United Kingdom. The long association between Selby and 51 Squadron was recognised by Council and acknowledgement and thanks was given for their service during World War 2 and their continued service and commitment to the present day.

Once all Members had spoken, as both 51 Squadron of the Royal Air Force and the Yorkshire Regiment of the British Army had been nominated by Ye Fraternitie of Olde Selebians, Mr Bryan Wilcockson from Ye Fraternitie of Olde Selebians was asked to address the meeting and gave a brief history on both units and information to support their nominations to receive the Freedom of Selby District.

As the recommendation set out in the report had been proposed and seconded, a vote taken and was CARRIED.

The Chairman invited the representatives from 51 Squadron of the Royal Air Force (Squadron Leader Angela Hemlin) and from the Yorkshire Regiment of the British Army (Lt. Col. Richard Hill) to accept the appointments of Honorary Freemen and presented them each with a certificate.

RESOLVED:

To award the Honorary Freedom of the District to 51 Squadron of The Royal Airforce and The Yorkshire Regiment of The British Army.

The meeting closed at 5.34 pm.