

A Special Meeting of **HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in the **CIVIC SUITE, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN** on **WEDNESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2012** at **7:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

A G E N D A

PRAYER

The Reverend Ally Barrett, Vicar of St Mary's, Buckden and All Saints Church, Offord Cluny will open the meeting with prayer.

APOLOGIES

1. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

To receive from Members, declarations as to disclosable pecuniary or other interests in relation to any Agenda Item – See Notes Below.

2. PRESENTATION TO ALDERMAN M F NEWMAN

At a Special Meeting held on 18th May 2011, the Council conferred the title of Honorary Alderman upon former Councillor M F Newman in recognition of his distinguished service to Huntingdonshire. Although the Council presented a framed certificate to Alderman Newman on that occasion, it is the practice elsewhere also to acknowledge the office of Alderman by the award of insignia. Accordingly, the Chairman, Councillor Mrs B E Boddington will make a presentation to Alderman Newman.

3. FREEDOM OF THE DISTRICT (Pages 1 - 2)

In accordance with Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, to confer the Freedom of the District of Huntingdonshire upon –

- ◆ the 423rd Air Base Group based at Royal Air Force Alconbury and Royal Air Force Molesworth; and
- ◆ Royal Air Force, Wyton.

Report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services enclosed.

At the conclusion of this Special Meeting, the Council will be asked to move directly to the business set out in the Agenda for the ordinary meeting which will follow.

Dated this 6th day of November 2012



Head of Paid Service

Notes

A. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- (1) *Members are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests and unless you have obtained dispensation, cannot discuss or vote on the matter at the meeting and must also leave the room whilst the matter is being debated or voted on.*
- (2) *A Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest if it*
- (a) relates to you, or*
 - (b) is an interest of -*
 - (i) your spouse or civil partner; or*
 - (ii) a person with whom you are living as husband and wife; or*
 - (iii) a person with whom you are living as if you were civil partners*
- and you are aware that the other person has the interest.*
- (3) *Disclosable pecuniary interests includes -*
- (a) any employment or profession carried out for profit or gain;*
 - (b) any financial benefit received by the Member in respect of expenses incurred carrying out his or her duties as a Member (except from the Council);*
 - (c) any current contracts with the Council;*
 - (d) any beneficial interest in land/property within the Council's area;*
 - (e) any licence for a month or longer to occupy land in the Council's area;*
 - (f) any tenancy where the Council is landlord and the Member (or person in (2)(b) above) has a beneficial interest; or*
 - (g) a beneficial interest (above the specified level) in the shares of any body which has a place of business or land in the Council's area.*

B. Other Interests

- (4) *If a Member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest then you are required to declare that interest, but may remain to discuss and vote.*
- (5) *A Member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest where -*
- (a) a decision in relation to the business being considered might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing of you or a member of your family or a person with whom you have a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the council tax payers, rate payers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which you have been elected or otherwise of the authority's administrative area, or*
 - (b) it relates to or is likely to affect any of the descriptions referred to above, but in respect of a member of your family (other than specified in (2)(b) above) or a person with whom you have a close association*

and that interest is not a disclosable pecuniary interest.

Please contact Ms C Deller, Democratic Services Manager, Tel No 01480 388007/e-mail: Christine.Deller@huntingdonshire.gov.uk if you have a general query on any Agenda Item, wish to tender your apologies for absence from the meeting, or would like information on any decision taken by the Council.

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Freedom of the District

Report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In recognition of the positive contribution made to the District by Squadrons based at RAF Alconbury and RAF Molesworth and at RAF Wyton to the history, culture, economy and community life of Huntingdonshire, the Council are invited to consider whether to confer the title of Honorary Freemen under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 upon –

- ◆ The 423rd Air Base Group at RAF Alconbury and RAF Molesworth; and
- ◆ RAF Wyton.

2. LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 Under the provisions of the Act “a relevant authority (meaning the District Council) may admit to be honorary freemen or honorary freewomen of the place or area for which it is the authority –

- (a) persons of distinction; and
- (b) persons who have, in the opinion of the Authority, rendered eminent services to that place or area.”

- 2.2 Such a decision must be made at a meeting of the Authority which has been specially convened for the purpose where notice of the object of the meeting has been given and by not less than two-thirds of the Members voting upon it.

- 2.3 The admission of persons as honorary freemen or freewomen does not confer on that person any additional rights.

3. PRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

- 3.1 Subject to the formal resolution of the Council, it would be the intention to arrange special presentation ceremonies to honour those upon which the freedom of the district might be conferred. These occasions would occur separately in 2013 and in the case of RAF Wyton may take place in August to coincide with the commemoration of the Anniversary of the Pathfinder Force.

- 3.2 Section 249(9) of the Act enables the District Council to spend such reasonable sum as it thinks fit for the purpose of presenting an address or casket (containing an address) to persons on whom the Authority has conferred the title of honorary freemen or freewomen. At this stage, it is envisaged that the District Council might mark each occasion by the presentation of a scroll at a formal ceremony in Samian Court, adjacent

to Pathfinder House followed by a reception hosted by the Chairman in the Civic Suite.

4. CONCLUSIONS

4.1 The Council is

RECOMMENDED

- (a) that in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the 423rd Air Base Group at RAF Alconbury and RAF Molesworth be admitted as honorary freemen of the District of Huntingdonshire;**
- (b) that in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, RAF Wyton be admitted as honorary freemen of the District of Huntingdonshire; and**
- (c) that arrangements be made for appropriate ceremonies and presentations to admit the 423rd Air Base Group and RAF Wyton as honorary freemen of the District to be held during April and August 2013.**

(It is a requirement of the Local Government Act 1972 that the foregoing Motions are carried by a majority of two-thirds of the Members in attendance.)

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Local Government Act 1972.

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