

PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL

**EXTRAORDINARY MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD
4 DECEMBER 2013**

The Mayor – Councillor June Stokes

Present:

Councillors: Arculus, Ash, Casey, Cereste, Elsey, Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Forbes, JA Fox, JR Fox, Goodwin, Harper, Harrington, Hiller, Holdich, Jamil, Johnson, Khan, Knowles, Kreling, Lane, Maqbool, Martin, McKean, Miners, Murphy, Nadeem, Nawaz, North, Over, Peach, Rush, Sanders, Saltmarsh, Sandford, Scott, Seaton, Serluca, Shabbir, Shaheed, Sharp, Shearman, Simons, Stokes, Swift, Sylvester, Thulbourn, Todd and Walsh.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Allen, Davidson, Day, Fower, Lamb, Lee and Thacker.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest.

3. Honorary Freedom of the City

Councillor Hiller addressed the meeting and moved the following motion:

“THAT we, the Members of Peterborough City Council, assembled in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 recognise the immense contribution made by members of **115 (Peterborough) Squadron Air Training Corps** to the city of Peterborough over a period spanning almost 75 years.

The squadron was first formed as an Air Defence Cadet Corps squadron in 1939, the forerunner of the Air Training Corps which was formally established under Royal Warrant in February 1941 and has been in continuous operation ever since, contributing to the development of thousands of young men and women of Peterborough throughout.

115 (Peterborough) Squadron provides invaluable support to many community projects, local conservation work, public events and festivals within the city. The support voluntarily given to the local community is of great value and the dedication, immeasurable good work and commitment offered is commendable.

Recognition and appreciation is given to the squadron's fundraising efforts and the significant funds raised for the Rudolph Trust – the Mayor's Charity 2012/13 and local branches of national charities such as the Soldier, Sailor and Airmen Families Association, the Royal Air Force Association, the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and Combat Stress.

The squadron are proud representatives of the Air Cadet Organisation at many civic events in Peterborough including Armed Forces Day, Last Night of the Proms, the Mayor's Ball, and Rededication of the City War Memorial and also support their parent station RAF Wittering at the annual Families Day. The squadron proudly participate in numerous parades within the city, of particular note their presence at the Memorial Parade in memory of those members of the Armed Forces who have died in the line of duty. Their presence, respect and contribution to these parades is acknowledged and valued.

The dedication and commitment of leaders of the squadron who provide their time freely to support the personal development of young people within the city and local area is recognised. Cadets of 115 (Peterborough) Squadron come from all communities within the city. The diverse and respectful environment provided is saluted, with membership open to all young people irrespective of their background, colour, religion or nationality and membership of the squadron is strong, with 16 leaders and 85 cadets.

115 (Peterborough) Squadron is an exemplary representative of the Air Cadet Organisation. It is of worthy note and credit to the city, that this year 115 (Peterborough) Squadron were awarded the Marshall Trophy by Commandant Air Cadets for being the most improved squadron nationally. The cadets are not only a credit to their motto 'to Aspire, Achieve and Excel', but to themselves personally, to the organisation they represent and to the city of Peterborough and in recognition of this **WE DO HEREBY CONFER** the honorary Freedom of the City upon the members of 115 (Peterborough) Squadron Air Training Corps".

The motion was seconded by Councillor Casey.

There was no debate on the item and a vote was taken (unanimous) and the motion was **CARRIED.**

MAYOR
6.45pm - 6.52pm