

PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
23 JULY 2014

The Mayor – Councillor David Over

Present:

Councillors: Allen, Arculus, Ash, Brown, Casey, Cereste, Davidson, Day, Ferris, Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Forbes, Fower, F Fox, JA Fox, JR Fox, Harper, Herdman, Hiller, Holdich, Jamil, Johnson, Khan, Lamb, Lane, Lee, Maqbool, Murphy, Nadeem, Nawaz, North, Okonkowski, Over, Peach, Rush, Sanders, Sandford, Scott, Seaton, Serluca, Shaheed, Sharp, Shearman, Stokes, Swift, Sylvester, Thacker, Thulbourn and Walsh.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Elsey, Harrington, Iqbal, Knowles, Martin, Miners, Saltmarsh and Shabbir.

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 acknowledge the eminent service rendered to the City by **Mrs. Brenda Swift**.

Mrs Swift has made a significant contribution to the city of Peterborough over a period spanning six decades and it is her impressive services to the community which have earned her great respect. Educated at Fulbridge School, it was her dedication and commitment to the school which saw her serve as school governor for over thirty years. Mrs Swift's sympathetic, respectful manner also saw her excel in her role as a member of several Women's guilds, where she dedicated her time to looking after vulnerable adults and voluntarily committed countless hours to community work. Mrs Swift's outstanding service to the city is also noted throughout her time serving as Mayoress and Deputy Mayoress, both on more than one occasion and were roles which she performed with true gusto.

Mrs Swift took a remarkably active role, working in tandem with her husband Councillor Swift, during the Ugandan Asian crisis of 1972. Credit must be given to Mrs Swift whose help was instrumental in working within the communities throughout the city to take families in, a role in which together their time and commitment demonstrated an example of the difference compassionate, dedicated people can make to society. Mrs Swift's efforts contributed to homing in excess of fifty families, including many disabled children and adults. Mrs Swift and her husband's compassion is further demonstrated in their welcome of a severely disabled adult into their home, where they and their five children cared for him as a member of the family whilst an appropriate home was found.

Mrs Swift's greatest service to the city is seen through her invaluable, unwavering support to Councillor Swift. Mrs Swift has been half of a strong team; without whom many of the achievements Councillor Swift has been recognized for would not have been possible. Her dedication and commitment to the city is reflected in the excellent reputation she has earned in Peterborough; where she is well-known by the citizens to whom her home has always been open. Through the years she has fed and watered thousands and sheltered homeless. She has actively participated in local government for fifty-eight years whilst continually supporting Councillor Swift in his own campaigns. All of this she has achieved with her own indefatigable style, consistently conducting herself in a respectful and compassionate manner. Mrs Brenda Swift is a true credit to the city.

In recognition of the above, WE DO HEREBY CONFER the honorary freedom of the city upon **Mrs Brenda Swift**, of Peterborough."

The motion was seconded by Councillor John Fox.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and the motion was **CARRIED**.

Mayor
6.30pm - 6.45 pm