

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

THE MAYOR – COUNCILLOR JOHN FOX

Present:

Councillors Aitken, Ali, Allen, Ash, Ayres, Barkham, Bisby, Bond, Brown, Bull, Casey, Cereste, Clark, Coles, Davidson, Dowson, Elsey, Ferris, Fitzgerald, Fuller, JR Fox, JA Fox, Goodwin, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Azher Iqbal, Jamil, Johnson, Khan, King, Lamb, Lane, Lillis, Martin, Murphy, Nadeem, S Nawaz, Okonkowski, Over, Peach, Rush, Saltmarsh, Seaton, Serluca, Simons, Smith, Stoke, Walsh, and Whitby

47. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Dowson, Ferris, Shaheed, Fower, Sylvester, Sharp, Mahabadi, and Gul Nawaz.

48. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

49. Honorary Alderman Award

Councillor Hiller addressed the meeting and moved the recommendations contained within the report.

The recommendations were seconded by Councillor Jamil.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Awarded the status of Honorary Alderman to the former Member of Council David Sanders.
2. Awarded badge of office to the former Member awarded the status of Honorary Alderman at a formal ceremony on a date to be agreed.

50. 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 **The St John Ambulance**.

The St John Ambulance was formed in 1887, as a voluntary organisation, offering free medical care. Queen Victoria’s Jubilee saw the Brigade in action in public for the first time.

From that time, some 130 years ago, they have become the nation's leading first aid charity, providing first aid in the communities, keeping people safe at events and working alongside the NHS in response to 999 calls. They also provide an invaluable training service, with over 400,000 people each year learning how to save a life through their training programmes.

The first record of St John Ambulance activity in Peterborough is dated October 1904 where they operated from a Wooden Hut based at the Barracks in New England and then moving to their current base in Cowgate in 1969.

They are ever present at myriad national public, and large local events such as the Great Eastern Run, football matches and at the East of England Showground, thereby giving thousands of hours each year to the Peterborough community.

They continually increase their training offering, and in 2016, the Peterborough branch delivered training in a wide range of topics to over 1440 people from industry and the local community.

In recent times, the Peterborough branch have also diversified into the care field, providing services to the homeless at St Theresa's in Peterborough, as well as the homeless hostel in Cambridge.

In recognition of the above, WE DO HEREBY CONFER the honorary freedom of the city upon **St John Ambulance**, of Peterborough."

The motion was seconded by Councillor Jamil.

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

The Mayor
6.30pm – 6.37pm