

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2020 5:15PM
VIRTUAL MEETING: PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL'S YOUTUBE PAGE
THE MAYOR – COUNCILLOR GUL NAWAZ**

Present: Councillors Councillors Aitken, Ali, Allen, Ash, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Andrew Coles, Day, Dowson, Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Fower, Harper, Hemraj, Hiller, Hogg, Holdich, Howard, Howell, Amjad Iqbal, Azher Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lamb, Lane, Lillis, Murphy, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Shaz Nawaz, Over, Robinson, Rush, Sandford, Seaton, Simons, Skibsted, Walsh, Warren, Wiggin, Yasin and Yurgutene.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barkham, Ellis, Goodwin, Qayyum, Shaheed and Haynes.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests.

3. Honorary Freedom of the City

(a) Tommy Robson

Councillor Hiller addressed the meeting and moved the following motion:

“Council resolves:

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 Tommy Robson.

Tommy Robson has been a citizen of Peterborough and had an association with Peterborough United football Club, for over 50 years. He signed for The Posh and moved to the city in 1968. Tommy has been involved with Peterborough United in many different roles ever since. First and foremost, as a first-team player for 13 years, in which time set a club record, which is unlikely to ever be broken, of 559 appearances. Tommy has scored a remarkable 128 goals for the Posh and he was twice presented with the Player of the Season award at London Road. Tommy went on to manage the Peterborough United Youth Team, was a summariser on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire's coverage of Posh matches and has, for many years, been a Sponsor's Matchday Host, entertaining guests and conducting tours of the stadium. Tommy has also supported many charities in the city and raised thousands of pounds for the Amazon children's ward at Peterborough District Hospital through the Peterborough Legends football team.

In addition to his direct involvement in fund raising his notoriety has supported many other local charities who have capitalised on Tommy's 'top billing' to promote their own

fundraising activities and Tommy has always made himself available to support these good causes.

In 2008, Tommy became the first inductee into the 'Posh Hall of Fame'. After hanging up his boots, Tommy continued to live and work in and around Peterborough. Although he has not yet officially been given the honour by the Palace, he is known to Posh fans as, "Sir" Tommy!

Tommy has had several health problems over the years, which he has overcome with his typical fighting spirit that so characterised his professional career, but in the summer of 2019, Tommy was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease. Tommy has borne the news with dignity and courage, continuing in his Matchday Host role, despite many everyday activities which we all take for granted, becoming difficult and frustrating for him, especially having been an active sportsman all his life.

Tommy is without doubt, one of, if not THE most loved players ever to grace the pitch at London Road and is still loved, to this day, by everyone connected with Peterborough United.

In recognition of the above, WE DO HEREBY CONFER the honorary Freedom of the City upon Tommy Robson, of Peterborough."

The motion was seconded by Councillor Jamil.

Members endorsed the comments made by Councillor Hiller and partook in a virtual round of applause. It was advised that a presentation would take place at a future date.

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

The Mayor
5:15pm – 5:30pm
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