

# COUNCIL

Monday, 13 February 2012

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Moira McLaughlin) in the Chair  
Deputy Mayor (Councillor Gerry Ellis)

Councillors	RL Abbey	T Harney	C Povall
	T Anderson	P Hayes	D Realey
	C Blakeley	A Hodson	L Rennie
	E Boulton	M Hornby	D Roberts
	A Bridson	P Johnson	L Rowlands
	A Brighthouse	M Johnston	J Salter
	S Clarke	AER Jones	H Smith
	W Clements	C Jones	T Smith
	A Cox	P Kearney	W Smith
	J Crabtree	J Keeley	J Stapleton
	G Davies	S Kelly	A Sykes
	P Davies	B Kenny	S Taylor
	WJ Davies	I Lewis	J Walsh
	D Dodd	A McArdle	G Watt
	P Doughty	D McCubbin	S Whittingham
	D Elderton	AR McLachlan	R Wilkins
	S Foulkes	C Meaden	I Williams
	P Glasman	D Mitchell	KJ Williams
	JE Green	B Mooney	P Williams
	P Hackett	S Mounney	S Williams
	J Hale	S Niblock	K Wood

Apologies Councillors P Gilchrist

Prior to the Mayor formally opening the meeting, the Mayor's Chaplain, Revd Bernard McConnell, led the Council in prayers.

## 100 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The members of the Council were invited to consider whether they had a personal or prejudicial interest in connection with the matter to be determined at this meeting and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of such interest.

No such declarations were made.

## 101 **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

One apology for absence was received from Councillor Gilchrist.

The Council considered a recommendation from Cabinet (minute 282 refers), at its meeting on 2 February, 2012, to confer Freedom of Entry to the Borough on the 234 (Wirral) Transport Squadron Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers); and the 107 (Lancashire & Cheshire) Field Squadron Royal Engineers (Volunteers), both with Centres in Wirral in recognition of the service provided by each of them.

On a motion by Councillor Steve Foulkes, seconded by Councillor Jeff Green and with the full support of Councillor Tom Harney, it was –

**Resolved (unanimously) – That Cabinet minute 282 (2/2/12) be approved and consequently, in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972:**

**(1) This Council, do confer upon**

**The 107 (Lancashire & Cheshire) Field Squadron Royal Engineers (Volunteers) and the 234 (Wirral) Transport Squadron Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

**The Honorary Freedom of the Borough**

**in recognition of the service provided and the support to the Authority and residents of the Borough, during times of conflict and in peacetime and in the light of the long and close association between the Borough and the Squadrons, so granting to the 107 (Lancashire & Cheshire) Field Squadron Royal Engineers (Volunteers) and the 234 (Wirral) Transport Squadron Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

**Freedom of Entry into the Borough**

**and the right, privilege, honour and distinction of marching through the streets of Wirral on ceremonial occasions with bayonets fixed, drums beating and Colours flying.**

**(2) the Freedoms of Entry to the Borough be granted at a public / community ceremony to be held in Hamilton Square, Birkenhead on 21 April 2012; and**

**(3) the ceremony at (2) above be followed by a Medal Parade, officiated over by the Mayor, and a Civic Reception at Birkenhead Town Hall.**