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## EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES** of the Virtual Meeting held via Skype on Wednesday, 3 February 2021 from 6.32 pm - 6.55 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mike Baldock, Cameron Beart, Monique Bonney, Lloyd Bowen, Derek Carnell, Roger Clark, Simon Clark, Richard Darby, Steve Davey, Mike Dendor, Mark Ellen, Simon Fowle, Tim Gibson, Alastair Gould, James Hall, Ann Hampshire, Nicholas Hampshire, Angela Harrison, Alan Horton, James Hunt, Ken Ingleton, Carole Jackson, Elliott Jayes, Denise Knights, Peter Macdonald, Peter Marchington, Benjamin Martin (Deputy Mayor), Ben J Martin, Lee McCall, Padmini Nissanga, Richard Palmer, Hannah Perkin, Ken Pugh, Ken Rowles, Julian Saunders, David Simmons, Paul Stephen (Mayor), Sarah Stephen, Bill Tatton, Eddie Thomas, Roger Truelove, Tim Valentine, Ghlin Whelan, Mike Whiting, Tony Winckless and Corrie Woodford.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Billy Attaway, David Clifford, Robin Harris, Jo Millard, Larissa Reed and Nick Vickers.

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Pete Neal.

### 433 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared.

### 434 **HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE BOROUGH**

Councillor Roger Truelove proposed and Councillor Ben J Martin seconded that Honorary Alderman Peter James Morgan be awarded the title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough, and gave speeches in support of the proposal.

Councillor Truelove outlined Honorary Alderman Morgan's long and successful career in public services including his chairmanship of the Swale Footpath Group, the Dolphin Barge Museum and the Sittingbourne and District Volunteer Bureau and as founder of the Sittingbourne Heritage Museum, Crossroads Care and Home Start. In speaking about Honorary Alderman Morgan's popularity as a teacher, Councillor Truelove said that he had been governor of schools in Sittingbourne and Queenborough.

Councillor Ben J Martin said that Honorary Alderman Morgan was influential and inspirational, and he spoke of the many positive contributions that Honorary Alderman Morgan had brought to the Borough.

Upon being put to the vote and agreed unanimously, the Mayor displayed a scroll to reflect the honour.

Honorary Alderman and Freeman of the Borough of Swale, Mr Morgan gave a speech in recognition of the award. He spoke of others he had worked with throughout his long career and said the award also belonged to them. He thanked his wife and family for their support.

**Resolved:**

**(1) That this Council in pursuance of Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 confer upon Mr Peter James Morgan the title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough to acknowledge his extraordinary and long term dedication to serving the people of Swale, through individual care and outstanding support to community groups.**

Chairman

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