

## YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of a special meeting of **YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil on **Tuesday 29 June 2010**

(6.00pm to 6.05pm)

**Present:**

Philip Chandler – Mayor	Steve Hawker
Clive Davis	Andrew Kendall
Bridget Dollard	Ruth Kendall
Tony Fife	Tony Lock
Pete Goodman	Wes Read
Peter Gubbins	David Recardo
John Hann	

**Also present:**

Alan Tawse                      Town Clerk

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from members of the public.

7/492 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 June 2010, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

7/493 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Julian Freke, David Greene, Ian Martin, Pat Martin and Tom Parsley.

7/494 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

All Members present declared a personal interest in Agenda item 4 – John Cruddas.

7/495 **JOHN CRUDDAS**

Members were advised that under the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), town councils were empowered to confer the title of “honorary freeman” or “honorary freewoman” on persons of distinction and persons who had, in the opinion of the council, rendered eminent services to the local area.

In accordance with the Act, the Town Council needed to convene a meeting specially for the purpose with notice of the object, and a resolution needed to be passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereon conferring the title on such persons.

Members were informed that, in May 2010, Cllr John Cruddas had stood down from the Town Council for health reasons after almost 37 years service.

During his time on the Town Council and its predecessor authority, John had served as Mayor on three separate occasions and, earlier this month, the Town Council had agreed to hold a special meeting of the Town Council for the purpose of considering the admittance of John Cruddas to the Roll of Honorary Freemen of the Town of Yeovil.

It had been further agreed that any such honour bestowed on John be presented to him at an informal gathering ahead of the July meeting of the Town Council.

Members noted that the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee had unanimously recommended (nem con) that John be made an Honorary Freeman of the Town of Yeovil in recognition of his eminent services to the local area.

During the ensuing discussion, the Town Council considered this proposal, and it was

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:**

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that, in accordance with S.249 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), John Cruddas be made an Honorary Freeman of the Town of Yeovil in recognition of his eminent services to the local area.

7/496 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from members of the public.

Mayor

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