

THORNABY TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL FULL COUNCIL
Monday 1 March 2010
6.00pm

Attendees:

Cllrs, Geoff Green, Roger Mosley, Eileen Craggs, Michael Eddy, I Dalgarno.

Town Clerk: Debbie Rudd.

Apologies:

Cllrs: A Trainer, Mick Trainer, Mick Moore and Dave Kennington.

Declarations of Interest: None.

SFC/02/2010: Honorary Freeman and Freewomen – The town clerk explained the legal requirements councils should follow when contemplating giving an award to residents for outstanding contributions to the community. She explained that changes had been made to the Local Government Act 2009 (Amended) to provide all local councils the power to confer the title of “Honorary Freeman” or “Honorary Freewoman” to persons of distinction. Due to the express powers given by the 2009 Act it will no longer be possible for local councils to confer other titles. The clerk presented members with two proposals to consider adopting as policy. The clerk made a recommendation on which policy to accept.

It was resolved to accept the clerk’s recommendation and adopt the policy to which the council will follow when making a decision to award the Title of “Honorary Freeman or Freewoman”.

The clerk informed of protocol, notifying members that a Town Medallion and Certificate would need to be presented, she explained the costs involved and presented to members a draft certificate she had produced. Members agreed the certificate was more than adequate and thanked the clerk for a job well done.

It was agreed to place information into the next addition of the Thornaby Pride magazine to encourage nominations.

Meeting Closed.

Signed.....Dated.....