

NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL CYNGOR TREF NANT-Y-GLO A BLAENAU

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on Monday 18th March 2019

A meeting to which members of the public were entitled to attend

Present: Councillor G Morvan, Town Mayor / Chairman, Presiding
Councillors C Bridgeman; K Jones; K Jenkins; D Hillman; L Harris;
R Abbas; T McKnight; K Treharne & C Hillman

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes

Declaration of Interest

Members were invited to declare matters of interest either at the beginning or at any time during the proceedings. Members were reminded that all declarations of interest must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** to note that no such declarations were received.

1. Apologies:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolve to accept.

Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors R Pagett and G Watkins.

2. Report: Freedom of Nantyglo and Blaina in respect of Reverend Roy Watson:

Members considered the attached report with regards to awarding the Freedom of Nantyglo and Blaina to Reverend Roy Watson.

The Chair invited comments from Members in respect of the report:

- Reverend Watson is an extremely suitable and worthy candidate of such an award.
- As Reverend Watson has already been presented with the Council's Lifetime Achievement award at a previous ARC Award ceremony, the Freedom of the Town is now the only honour that the Town Council can award.
- The Freedom of the Town is the highest honour that a Town / Community Council can bestow.

It was **Proposed** and **Unanimously Resolved** that the Town Council award the Freedom of Nantyglo and Blaina to Reverend Roy Watson.

Members gave further consideration to the report whereby it was noted that an appropriate number of tickets would be made available for Reverend Watson's family at the ARC Award

ceremony if this was resolved. **Resolved** that the Freedom of the Town be presented to Reverend Watson at the forthcoming ARC Awards on the 4th April 2019. **Further Resolved** that a framed 'Freedom Scroll' be purchased for presentation along with an appropriate bouquet of flowers from Mrs Tanya Watson. **Additionally Resolved** that the Town Clerk be given delegated powers to order an appropriate 'Freedom Scroll' and other items as detailed in the report.