

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING****8TH NOVEMBER, 2010**

PRESENT:- Councillor Cooke (Town Mayor)(in the Chair); Councillors Mrs Bailes, Blissett, Mrs Dixon, Mrs Hamilton, Harrison, Hinchcliffe, Peat, Watson and Yarker.

Officers:- Mr Bosworth (Town Clerk) and Mrs Plant (Assistant Town Clerk).

108. APOLOGIES:- None.

109. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with this Council's adopted Code of Conduct (Minute 20/Jun/07 refers), Members were asked whether they had any personal or prejudicial interests in the matter on the agenda and, if so, to declare those interests at this point of the meeting. Members were reminded that a declaration could be given later in the meeting if a need arose during discussion. There were no declarations of interest at this juncture.

**110. HONORARY FREEMEN – SIGNING OF SCROLLS AND PRESENTATION TO
MR WILKINSON**

Submitted – Pursuant to Minute 89/Oct/10 and the previous postponement of the Honorary Freeman ceremony for Mr A. Wilkinson because of the untimely death of Mr M. Wheeler, a report outlining the format for consideration of this item, including the award presentation. It was further reported that the award ceremony involving Mr Wheeler's family would take place at a later date.

The Town Mayor introduced the item and welcomed Mr and Mrs Wilkinson and guests. The Town Clerk read out the citation in respect of Mr Wilkinson and a number of Members spoke about Mr Wilkinson's attributes.

The scrolls (for both Mr Wheeler and Mr Wilkinson) were subsequently signed by the Town Mayor and the Town Clerk, witnessed officially by the Council Members present, with the Town Mayor then formally presenting Mr Wilkinson with his scroll. Mr Wilkinson made his speech of reply.