

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

5 OCTOBER 2015

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Moorhouse (Town Mayor)(in the Chair); Councillors Cooke, Kinch, Harrison, Peat, Marshall, Blissett, Yarker, Deacon, Thompson and Hinchcliffe.

Also in attendance:

Officers: Mr King (Town Clerk), Mrs Woodward (Deputy Clerk)

78. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE OF APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Grady for work related reasons.

Resolved – That Councillor Mrs Grady's apologies be accepted.

79. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with this Council's adopted Code of Conduct (Minute 72(a)/Sep/12 refers), Members were asked whether they had any personal, pecuniary or prejudicial interests in any matter on the agenda and, if so, to declare those interests at that point of the meeting. Members were reminded that a declaration could be given later in the meeting if a need had arisen during discussion.

80. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (IN RESPECT OF ITEM 81. BELOW)

Resolved – That, under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 §1(2), the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the matter referred to at item 81, below, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

81. HONORARY FREEMAN SCHEME - NOMINATION

Received –a report formally submitting a nomination to the council's Honorary Freeman Scheme. It was noted that the process, including nomination, consideration and decision, remained confidential and that it should not be disclosed outside the meeting, until conferment of the award was agreed with the nominee. Members voted unanimously to move the motion.

Resolved – (a) That the title of Honorary Freeman be conferred on Mr Parkin Raine for the eminent services he has rendered to the Town of Barnard Castle and;

(b) That presentation of a suitable address, by means of a written citation, by the Town Mayor, take place, as soon as practical, at a time and venue convenient to Mr Raine.