

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

11 DECEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Moorhouse (Town Mayor) (in the Chair); Councillors Peat, Blissett, Miss Blissett, Child, Harrison, Kirkbride, Sutherland, Mrs Thompson and Wilkes.

Also in attendance: one member of the press.

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

89. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE OF APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Hallimond and Chatterjee.

Resolved – That the apologies be noted.

90. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with this Council's adopted Code of Conduct (Minute 12/May/17 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. None were declared at this juncture.

91. NOTICE OF MOTION – CLOSURE OF THE NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK

A motion was proposed by Councillor Mrs Moorhouse and seconded by Councillor Peat.

Resolved – (a) That Barnard Castle Town Council works in partnership with the four county councillors representing Barnard Castle to campaign against the closure of the town's branch of the National Westminster Bank and supports local people who will suffer from the loss of choice of counter services in Barnard Castle; and
(b) That the town council reviews and lobbies for alternative banking services for people living in, working in and visiting Barnard Castle.