

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**SPECIAL COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday 23 May 2012

Time: 8.10 pm

Place: Council Chamber

- Present:** The Mayor (John Lloyd CC) and Councillors
S Batson MBE DL, L Bell, P Bibby CC, J Brown
H Burrell, L Chester, B Clark, G Clark, D Cullen,
J Gardner, M Gardner, L Harrington, M Hearn,
R Henry, J Hollywell, C Hurst, PD Kissane, C Latif,
Mrs J Lloyd, M McKay, J Mead, M Notley,
R Parker CC, J Pickersgill, R Raynor, G Snell,
S Speller, P Stuart, S Taylor CC, H Tessier, J Thomas,
B Underwood, S Walker, A Webb and
M Yarnold-Forrester.
- Also present:** A Danaher – Youth Mayor
A Pritchard – Youth Council
- Start/End Time:** Start Time: 8.10 p.m.
End Time: 8.20 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Cherney-Craw, M Hearn and L Martin-Haugh.

There were no declarations of interest.

2. FREEDOM OF ENTRY – ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT

In moving the Motion the Mayor stated that it was fitting that in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year the Council should bestow the highest honour that it could upon a regiment which had a long and proud history in Hertfordshire.

The Mayor then called upon Councillor S Taylor CC to second the motion

Councillor Taylor CC formally seconded the motion.

The Motion was then put to the vote and it was **RESOLVED:**

‘That the Council confers upon the Royal Anglian Regiment the Honorary Freedom of Entry to the Borough of Stevenage, in recognition of the long and close association between the Borough and the Regiment and to record the confidence, trust and friendship existing between citizens of the Borough and the Regiment, the Council grants to The Royal Anglian Regiment and its successors the right, privilege, honour and distinction of marching through the streets of the Borough of Stevenage on all ceremonial occasions with drums beating, bands playing, colours flying and bayonets fixed.’

3. FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH – DR. JOACHIM GERHARD

Councillor R Henry moved the motion and said that Dr Gerhard should be recognised for his services in supporting the tri-partite link between Ingelheim, Autun and Stevenage and for promoting civic and culture links between Stevenage and Ingelheim.

The Mayor then called upon Councillor S Taylor CC to second the motion.

Councillor Taylor CC formally seconded the motion.

The Motion was then put to the vote and it was **RESOLVED:**

‘That this Council, in pursuance of its powers under Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act, 1972 confer the Honorary Freedom of Stevenage on Dr Joachim Gerhard, in recognition of his eminent services in supporting the tripartite link between Ingelheim, Autun and Stevenage and promoting Civic Links between Stevenage and Ingelheim, Germany, during his term as Oberbürgermeister of that town from 1996 until 2012.’

Mayor