

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN
COUNCIL, HELD AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE ON
Monday 21 February 2022**

PRESENT: **Chair:** The Mayor – Councillor Christine Willoughby

Councillors: A Bell, M Clemmitt, E Darling, H Gostlow, T Hunter, P Ireland, A Willoughby, and A Wright

Staff Present: The Deputy Clerk

Absent: J Gair

Late Arrivals: None **Early Departures:** None

EO22/01 ITEM 1 – To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting

Apologies were received from Cllrs Goode and Wood.

EO22/02 ITEM 2 – Councillors’ Disclosure of an Interest

Councillor H Gostlow	Item 4.1 – is a member of the Board of Knaresborough Connectors
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EO22/03 ITEM 3 - KTC Public Speaking Session

None for this meeting

EO22/04 ITEM 4 – Honorary Titles

4.1 To consider that the title of Honorary Freewoman of Knaresborough be conferred on Hazel Haas MBE

Members discussed the matter of Honorary Titles in general and also with particular reference to the Honour under consideration in 4.1. Members put forward viewpoints for and against conferring this Honour.

RESOLVED: That in pursuance of section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 and in recognition of her extraordinary contribution to the lives of the people of Knaresborough, Hazel Haas MBE be admitted as an Honorary Freewoman of the Town of Knaresborough.

Councillor Wright requested a recorded vote:

For:

Councillor P Ireland
Councillor A Bell
Councillor H Gostlow
Councillor E Darling
Councillor M Clemmitt
Councillor A Willoughby
Councillor C Willoughby

Against:

Councillor T Hunter
Councillor A Wright

Abstention:

4.2 To consider that the title of Honorary Freeman of Knaresborough be conferred on Bernard Higgins.

Members again discussed Honorary Titles with particular reference to the Honour under consideration in 4.2 with views for and against conferring this Honour.

RESOLVED: Not to confer the Honorary Title of Freeman of Knaresborough as detailed in Item 4.2.

Recorded vote* as follows:

For:

Councillor P Ireland
Councillor T Hunter
Councillor E Darling
Councillor C Willoughby
Councillor M Clemmitt

Against:

Councillor A Bell
Councillor A Wright
Councillor A Willoughby

Abstention:

Councillor H Gostlow

*Note that for an Honorary Title to be conferred to an individual a minimum of two-thirds of those voting must be in favour. On this occasion this would require 6 votes to be FOR the motion and only 5 votes FOR were achieved.

EO23/05 ITEM 5 – Associated Costs of Honorary Titles

5.1 To consider delegating associated costs of conferring the Honorary title to the Clerk.

RESOLVED: That the costs associated with conferring the Honorary title in 4.1 (£300) be delegated to the Clerk.

Meeting closed at: 19:25

**Signed by the Mayor:
Councillor C Willoughby**