

Appointment of Honorary Titles Committee

Tuesday, 16 April 2019 at 5.00pm
in the Staincliffe Room, Belle Vue Offices, Skipton

Membership: The Chair (Councillor Hull) and Councillors Dawson, Foster, Madeley and Solloway

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence** – To receive any apologies for absence.
2. **Public Participation** – In the event that any questions/statements are received or members of the public attend, the public participation session will proceed for a period of up to fifteen minutes.
3. **Declarations of Interest** – All Members are invited to declare at this point any interests they have in items appearing on this agenda, including the nature of those interests.

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4. **Freedom of the District** – Report of the Democratic Services Manager

Purpose of report – To consider a request to grant Freedom of the District in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act.
5. **Any other items** which the Chairman decides are urgent in accordance with Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972.

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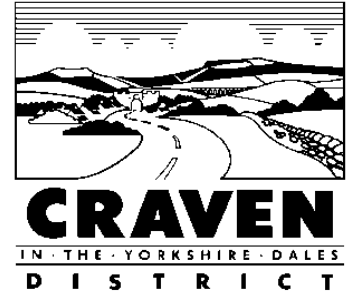
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Freedom of the District

Report of the Democratic Services Manager

Ward(s) affected: All

1. **Purpose of Report** – To consider a request to grant Freedom of the District in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act.
2. **Recommendations** –
 - 2.1 To consider a request to grant Freedom of the District to the 5th Regiment Royal Artillery (The Yorkshire Gunners).
 - 2.2 That the Appointment of Honorary Titles Committee reports to the Annual Council meeting on 21 May 2019 to present its recommendations.
3. **Background**
 - 3.1 Craven District Council (CDC) has the power to grant Freedom of the District to either individuals or groups who it is felt are deserving of special award. The granting of Freedom of the District is provided for under Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972.
 - 3.2 A request has been received to consider granting Freedom of the District to the 5th Regiment Royal Artillery (The Yorkshire Gunners).
 - 3.3 The Regiment has been based in North Yorkshire since the mid-1990s and recruits almost 80% of its soldiers from Yorkshire. In between deployments, such as Kosovo, Northern Ireland and Iraq, the Regiment has supported local communities in a number of ways.

Some of the positive work in supporting local communities is highlighted below:

- Support during major flooding in the area
- Support for rural communities during the Foot and Mouth crisis
- Helping to re-build a children's play area
- Parading at local venues on Armed Forces Day
- Parading soldiers at local venues on Remembrance Day
- Soldiers have also undertaken various sponsored events and raised considerable funds for local charities in the area.

3.4 In September 2021, the Regiment will move to Wiltshire as part of the Army's re-basing plan. The Regiment will continue to be called the 'Yorkshire Gunners' and recruit from the Craven area. The Regiment has made clear that it feels a genuine connection with the Craven area and before its move would be honoured to cement that relationship officially.

3.5 The Appointment of Honorary Titles Committee is now invited to consider a request to grant Freedom of the District to the Regiment. If the request is granted then the Council will need to consider how to recognise granting Freedom of the District.

This could include:

- That the wooden board at CDC offices is updated to include individuals or groups granted Freedom of the District.
- A Freedom of the District parade.
- Press release and media publicity.

4. Implications

4.1 **Financial Implications** – There may be some costs associated with how the Council recognises granting Freedom of the District. These would have to be met from existing budgets.

4.2 **Legal Implications** – Powers to confer Freedom of the District is provided for under Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972.

5. Contribution to Council Priorities

Freedom of the District supports Council priorities by bringing pride to local communities in recognition and support of esteemed individuals or groups.

6. Risk Management

There is a risk that the reputation of any individual or group awarded Freedom of the District may change in the future.

7. Equality Analysis

The Council's Equality Impact Assessment Procedure **has been** followed. An Equality Impact Assessment **has not** been completed on the proposals as completion of **Stage1- Initial Screening** of the Procedure identified that the proposed policy, strategy, procedure or function **does not have** the potential to cause negative impact or discriminate against different groups in the community based on •age • disability• gender • race/ethnicity • religion or religious belief (faith) •sexual orientation, or • rural isolation.

8. Consultations with Others

- Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer
- Communications, Customer Services and Partnerships Manager.

9. Background Documents – There are no background documents

10. Appendices – None

11. Author of the Report

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Note: Members are invited to contact the author in advance of the meeting with any detailed queries or questions.