

## PROCEEDINGS

A Special Meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held in the Town Hall, Morecambe, at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 17 December 2025, when the following Members were present:-

Margaret Pattison (Mayor)

Suhir Abuhajar

Catherine Armistead

Martin Bottoms

Gerry Blaikie

Dave Brookes

Roger Cleet

Wilson Colley

Claire Cozler

Roger Dennison

Martin Gawith

Tim Hamilton-Cox

Prof Chris Harris

Colin Hartley

Caroline Jackson

Kate Knight

John Livermore

Hamish Mills

Andrew Otway

Sue Penney

Sarah Punshon

Sam Riches

Jackson Stubbs

Sandra Thornberry

Paul Tynan

John Wild

Jason Wood

John Hanson (Deputy Mayor)

Joanne Ainscough

Mandy Bannon

Louise Belcher

Phil Bradley

Keith Budden

Ruth Colbridge

Brett Cooper

Maria Deery

Gina Dowding

Alan Greenwell

Chris Hanna

Paul Hart

Ross Hunter

Peter Jackson

Jack Lenox

Abi Mills

Paul Newton

Jean Parr

Joyce Pritchard

Robert Redfern

James Sommerville

Paul Stubbins

Sue Tyldesley

David Whitaker

Nick Wilkinson

**77 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Matt Black, Phil Black, Tom Fish, Andrew Gardiner, Sally Maddocks, Izzy Metcalf-Riener and Catherine Potter.

**78 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**79 AWARD OF HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER TO MR RICHARD BROCK**

The Chief Officer, Governance submitted a report setting out a proposal to make Mr Richard Brock an Honorary Freeman. The report set out details of Mr Brock's service in World War II and as a valued member of the Bay Veterans. Members were asked to consider this in the light of the definition that a person being considered for the status of Honorary Freeman should be a person of distinction who has, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the City.

The recommendations set out in the report were moved by Councillor Dennison and seconded by Councillor Wood. Councillor Riches and Councillor Caroline Jackson spoke in support.

On being put to the vote the Mayor declared the vote unanimously carried.

***Resolved unanimously:***

- (1) That in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, this Council confers the Freedom of the City of Lancaster on Mr Richard Brock in recognition of his service in World War II.
- (2) That the Chief Officer (Governance) be authorised to make the necessary arrangements for the award to be made in the New Year.

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Mayor

(The meeting finished at 6.08 p.m.)

**Any queries regarding these minutes,  
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