

PROCEEDINGS

A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held in the Town Hall, Morecambe, at 6.00 p.m. on Thursday, 5 March 2026, when the following Members were present:-

Margaret Pattison (Mayor)

Joanne Ainscough

Louise Belcher

Keith Budden

Wilson Colley

Claire Cozler

Gina Dowding

Tim Hamilton-Cox

Paul Hart

Peter Jackson

Sarah McGowan

Hamish Mills

Andrew Otway

Joyce Pritchard

Sam Riches

Jackson Stubbs

Sandra Thornberry

Nick Wilkinson

John Hanson (Deputy Mayor)

Mandy Bannon

Gerry Blaikie

Ruth Colbridge

Brett Cooper

Roger Dennison

Martin Gawith

Chris Hanna

Caroline Jackson

John Livermore

Abi Mills

Paul Newton

Catherine Potter

Robert Redfern

James Sommerville

Paul Stubbins

David Whitaker

Jason Wood

131 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Suhir Abuhajar, Catherine Armistead, Matthew Black, Phillip Black, Martin Bottoms, Phil Bradley, Dave Brookes, Roger Cleet, Maria Deery, Tom Fish, Andrew Gardiner, Alan Greenwell, Chris Harris, Colin Hartley, Ross Hunter, Jack Lenox, Sally Maddocks, Jean Parr, Sarah Punshon, James Somerville, Sue Tyldesley and Paul Tynan.

132 HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER

The designation of Honorary Freeman is to be awarded to an individual of distinction who, as determined by the Council, has provided outstanding service to the City. At a Special Meeting of Council held on 17 December 2025, the Council unanimously approved the proposal to grant Mr. Richard Brock the status of Honorary Freeman in recognition of his exemplary service during World War II and his valuable contributions as a member of the Bay Veterans. It was further resolved that arrangements would be made to present this award to Mr. Brock in the new year, with this meeting convened specifically for that purpose.

The motion was moved by Councillor Dennison and seconded by Councillor Wood.

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

Mr Brock was invited to subscribe to the Roll of Honorary Freeman and was presented with a scroll.

The Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire addressed the gathering, expressing appreciation for Mr Brock's service. In response, Mr Brock conveyed his gratitude upon receiving the award. Before concluding the meeting, the Mayor invited attendees to partake in refreshments.

Resolved:

That in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Freedom of the City of Lancaster be conferred on Mr Richard Brock in recognition of his service in World War II.

Mayor

(The meeting finished at 6.12 p.m.)

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