

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKING GROUP

Minutes of the meeting of the Freedom of the Borough Council Working Group meeting held on Thursday, 15 February 2018 at 9.15 am at the Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX.

County Borough Councillors - Freedom of the Borough Council Working Group Members in attendance:-

Councillor M Tegg (Chair)

Councillor M Webber

Councillor P Jarman

Officers in attendance

Mr C Hanagan, Service Director of Cabinet & Public Relations
Mr A Wilkins, Head of Legal - Corporate & Democratic Services

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from County Borough Councillors A Morgan and J James.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made pertaining to the agenda.

3 POTENTIAL NOMINATION FOR FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

The Service Director, Cabinet & Public Relations referred Members to his report which advised of a nomination received, asking Members to consider bestowing the accolade of the 'Freedom of the Borough' to RAF St Athan, for the reasons outlined within the report.

The Service Director also took the opportunity to advise Members that nominations were currently being received with regards to the Good Citizen Award, with the closing date for nominations on the 28th February. He reminded Members that following a decision made by Council, consideration of the nominations would be taken forward through this working group.

Members discussed the nomination and considered widening the nomination to include both the Royal Air Force and RAF St Athan in order to recognise the ultimate sacrifice many air force men and woman gave for the freedom of the Country, also recognising both the Royal Air Force centenary and the RAF St Athan's 80th anniversary.

Following deliberations of the nominations put forward and for the reasons outlined above, the group unanimously **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council that RAF St Athan and the Royal Air Force be awarded the accolade of Freedom of the Borough.

Members were advised that a further meeting of the working group would be scheduled for March to consider the nominations received in respect of the Good Citizen Award.

This meeting closed at 9.40 am

**Cllr M Tegg
Chair.**