# 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, 8 March 2018 at 9.30 am at the Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, Tonypandy, CF40 2XX.

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

Councillor M Tegg (Chair)

Councillor P Jarman

### Officers in attendance

Mr C Hanagan, Service Director of Cabinet & Public Relations
Mr A Wilkins, Head of Legal - Corporate & Democratic Services
Mrs E Wilkins, Principal Executive & Regulatory Business Officer
Mr J Whitehurst, Graduate Officer - Cabinet & PR

#### 4 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Mayor welcomed Members and Officer to the meeting and apologies for absence from County Borough Councillors A Morgan, M Webber and J James were noted.

## 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

County Borough Councillor P Jarman made the following declaration of interest in relation to agenda Item 3 and left the meeting when the Sub Categories within the item were discussed (Supporting Others and Services to the Community): "I know three of the applicants within the Community and Supporting Others Category".

#### 6 MINUTES

The minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 were approved as an accurate record.

### 7 GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

The Director, Cabinet & Public relations presented Members with the report which outlined the nominations received in respect of the Mayor's Good Citizen Awards. Members were advised that 53 nominations had been received, across five of the six categories, with no nomination put forward for the Academic Achievement category, although the Director added that if Members were mindful, a nominee could be transferred across into a different category, if recognition cut across two categories. He also reminded Members that previously Members had also taken forward an additional 'special award' in respect of the charitable nominations received, if Members wished to replicate this practice.

Members commented on all of the nominations received and the incredible achievements and commitment shown by all and it was agreed that each of the

nominations should receive a letter from the Mayor acknowledging the nominees commitments.

After discussions it was **RESOLVED** to award the following nominee's with the Mayors Good Citizen Award:

Category Successful Nominee

Artistic Achievement Craig Roberts
Supporting Others Gary Davies

Services to the Community Reverend Peter Lewis

Academic Achievement Dylan Reece Lewis – Rowlands Services to Charity Karene, Mia & Megan Thorne

Sporting Achievement Danny Evans

Charity Special Award Friends of the Animals RCT

(N.B during deliberations in respect of the Categories Supporting Others and Services to the Community, County Borough Councillor P Jarman left the meeting due to the Declaration of Interest referenced in Minute No.5)

# 8 URGENT ITEMS

This meeting closed at 10am

Cllr M Tegg Chairman.