

**COUNCIL (FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH)**

**HELD: Wednesday, 13 October 2021**

Start: 6.30 pm

Finish: 6.50 pm

**PRESENT:**

Councillors:

G Johnson (Mayor)	
Mrs M Westley (Deputy Mayor)	
T Aldridge	Mrs P Baybutt
Mrs M Blake	A Blundell
Clandon	R Cooper
C Coughlan	V Cummins
Daniels	I Davis
N Delaney	T Devine
G Dowling	Eccles
D Evans	S Evans
Fennell	J Finch
S Gregson	N Furey
Y Gagen	J Gordon
Hirrell	Jukes
Mrs J Marshall	K Mitchell
J Monaghan	I Moran
P O`Neill	D O`Toole
Turpin	G Owen
A Owens	E Pope
I Rigby	Mrs D Stephenson
J Thompson	Upjohn
D West	D Westley
D Whittington	J Wilkie
K Wilkie	J Witter
A Yates	

Officers:

Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, Chief Operating Officer  
Heidi McDougall, Corporate Director of Place & Community  
Chris Twomey, Corporate Director of Transformation & Resources  
James Pierce, Head of Finance, Procurement and Commercial Services  
Lisa Windle, Head of Corporate and Customer Services  
Kay Lovelady, Legal & Democratic Services Manager  
Jacky Denning, Democratic Services Manager  
Thomas Lynan, Electoral Services Manager  
Stephen Stephen, Mayor's Chauffeur/Civic Officer  
Claire Kelly, Principal Solicitor

In attendance:

Mr Joe Nelson and Father Godric

32 **PRAYERS**

The Mayor's Chaplain for the evening, Father Godric, led Members and officers in prayer.

33 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Mee, Nixon and

Sutton.

34 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests.

35 **FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH - MR JOE NELSON**

Consideration was given to a Notice of Motion moved by Councillor Moran and seconded by Councillor Aldridge in the following terms:

“That, pursuant to its powers under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council grant the honour of the Freedom of the Borough upon Mr Joe Nelson, Chairman of Skelmersdale Football League, in recognition of the eminent services he has rendered to the community and the Borough of West Lancashire.”

The Mayor put the Motion to the vote and as there were more than two-thirds of the Members voting thereon in favour of the Motion, as required by Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, it was

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to its powers under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council grant the honour of the Freedom of the Borough upon Mr Joe Nelson, Chairman of Skelmersdale Football League, in recognition of the eminent services he has rendered to the community and the Borough of West Lancashire.

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**THE MAYOR**