

Freedom of Wisbech



Wisbech Town Council

28 January 2019

7.20 pm

**All guests to be seated in the Council Chamber
All Wisbech Town Councillors to line-up in the Mayor's Parlour**

7.30 pm

**The Town Mace Bearer calls upon everyone to be upstanding
Wisbech Town Councillors process to their seats
The Mayor takes the Chair and asks everyone to be seated
The Mayor calls upon the Mayor's Chaplain to say a prayer
The Mayor opens the meeting and proceeds with the agenda**

AGENDA

1. To receive members' apologies for absence.
2. To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda item (see guidance notes at the end of the agenda).
3. Freedom of the Town of Wisbech – further to minute 68/18, to consider conferring upon Wisbech in Bloom 2018 and the Vivien Fire Engine Trust the Honorary Freedom of the Town of Wisbech.

Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, amended by Section 180 of the Local Government Planning and Land Act 1980, permits councils to give the title of Honorary Freemen to "persons of distinction and any persons (or groups) who (which) have, in the opinion of the council, rendered eminent services to the Borough (or Town)". The freedom is an honour to recognise the significant and valuable services rendered to the Borough (or Town) by that person (or group).

A resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting at a specially convened meeting of the council is required to admit the Honorary Freemen.

**Following completion of the formal ceremony,
the Mayor will close the meeting and
invite all those present to remain for refreshments.**

Wisbech In Bloom

- ❖ Cllr Peter Human, Mayor of Wisbech to propose that the Mayor and Councillors of the Town of Wisbech do hereby confer upon Wisbech In Bloom the Honorary Freedom of the Town of Wisbech as an act of gratitude for their services to the Town and in recognition of the high esteem in which they are held by the community of Wisbech.
- ❖ Cllr Peter Human, Mayor of Wisbech to ask for a Secunder for the proposal and then put the resolution to the council.
- ❖ The Mayor to invite those in favour of the proposal to vote through a show of hands.
- ❖ If the resolution is passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting at this specially convened meeting, the Mayor will call upon a representative from Wisbech In Bloom to come forward to take the Oath.
- ❖ Wisbech In Bloom are sworn in as follows:

“You swear to be true to the Sovereign Lady the Queen, you shall be obedient to the Mayor of this ancient town for the time being and obey his Warrants, Precepts and Commands. And you shall, as much as lies in your power, contribute and do every act and thing for the good government and safety of the rights and privileges of this ancient town and the inhabitants thereof.

So help you God”.
- ❖ The representative from Wisbech In Bloom to accept the Oath and sign the Roll of the Freemen.
- ❖ The Mayor will present Wisbech In Bloom with a Freedom scroll displaying the Coat of Arms and Seal of the Town.
- ❖ The representative of Wisbech In Bloom will re-join the Wisbech In Bloom party and be seated.
- ❖ The Mayor will ask councillors to ensure that everyone has a full glass for the formal toast.
- ❖ The Mayor will call upon the assembly to rise and toast the Freemen.
- ❖ The Mayor will call upon a representative from Wisbech In Bloom to respond.



Vivien Fire Engine Trust

- Cllr Peter Human, Mayor of Wisbech to call upon Cllr Miss Hoy to propose that the Mayor and Councillors of the Town of Wisbech do hereby confer upon the Vivien Fire Engine Trust the Honorary Freedom of the Town of Wisbech as an act of gratitude for their services to the Town and in recognition of the high esteem in which they are held by the community of Wisbech.
- Cllr Peter Human, Mayor of Wisbech to ask for a Secunder for the proposal and then put the resolution to the council.
- The Mayor to invite those in favour of the proposal to vote through a show of hands.
- If the resolution is passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting at this specially convened meeting, the Mayor will call upon a representative from the Vivien Fire Engine Trust to come forward to take the Oath.
- The Vivien Fire Engine Trust are sworn in as follows:

“You swear to be true to the Sovereign Lady the Queen, you shall be obedient to the Mayor of this ancient town for the time being and obey his Warrants, Precepts and Commands. And you shall, as much as lies in your power, contribute and do every act and thing for the good government and safety of the rights and privileges of this ancient town and the inhabitants thereof.

So help you God”.

- The representative from the Vivien Fire Engine Trust to accept the Oath and sign the Roll of the Freemen.
- The Mayor will present the Vivien Fire Engine Trust with a Freedom scroll displaying the Coat of Arms and Seal of the Town.
- The representative of the Vivien Fire Engine Trust will re-join the Vivien Fire Engine Trust party and be seated.
- The Mayor will ask councillors to ensure that everyone has a full glass for the formal toast.
- The Mayor will call upon the assembly to rise and toast the Freemen.
- The Mayor will call upon a representative from the Vivien Fire Engine Trust to respond.

