

## **BOROUGH OF TELFORD & WREKIN**

### **Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin held on Thursday 24th May 2012 at 7.45 p.m. at 'The Place', Oakengates, Telford, Shropshire**

#### **15. HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE BOROUGH**

The Special Meeting of the Council had been convened specifically for the purpose of admitting Corporal Ricky Furgusson MC (Military Cross) of 4 Rifles as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough, he being a person of distinction who was considered to have rendered eminent service to Telford & Wrekin.

His admittance as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough was proposed by Councillor A.R.H. England and seconded by Councillor J. Loveridge. In 2010 Corporal Furgusson had travelled to Buckingham Palace to be awarded the Military Cross, the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest honour a British soldier could receive for gallantry in the field. Councillor England told the meeting that in 2010 Corporal Furgusson, whilst serving with 4 Rifles in Afghanistan, had gone to the aid of injured comrades on 4 separate occasions before he himself had been seriously injured in a bomb blast. Corporal Furgusson's leadership and quick reactions had helped to save a number of lives. The meeting gave a standing ovation to Corporal Furgusson in recognition of his bravery.

Councillor K.S. Sahota, Leader of the Council, spoke of Corporal Furgusson's incredible courage and indomitable spirit. The Borough recognised his bravery and determination and honoured the sacrifice he had made, the town of Telford was proud of him.

Councillor A.J. Eade was in awe of Corporal Furgusson's achievements and told the meeting that such bravery and fortitude was an example to all. Councillor W.L. Tomlinson paid tribute to Corporal Furgusson's spirit and outstanding professionalism. Councillor S. Bentley noted that everyone present owed a debt of gratitude to the nation's servicemen and women.

A number of Members paid further tribute to Corporal Furgusson's courage, tenacity and outstanding leadership.

In response Corporal Furgusson thanked the meeting for granting such an honour and for the kind words that had been spoken on his behalf. He was keen to point out that the work he had done had been as part of a team and that any credit for those actions should be shared by the soldiers of his section.

It was unanimously

**RESOLVED** – that Corporal Ricky Furgusson (MC) be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin.