

BOROUGH OF TELFORD & WREKIN

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin held on Thursday 21st May 2015 at 8.05 p.m. at 'The Place', Oakengates, Telford, Shropshire

18. HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE BOROUGH

The Special Meeting of the Council had been convened specifically for the purpose of admitting Alan Olver 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 K S Sahota and seconded by Councillor A D McClements .

Councillor K.S. Sahota, Leader of the Council, spoke of Alan's work to develop the STAY project during the 1980's. The project offered much needed supported housing for 18-25 age group. Alan left his job to work on the Salvation Army's KIP project which measured the scale of the homelessness problem for the 26-60 age group who fell outside of the local authority's responsibility. In 2006 Alan had established Maninplace which provides temporary and longer term accommodation for a variety of needs. Alan had worked tirelessly to give people a better quality of life, really making a difference to people's lives and richly deserved this honour.

Councillor A D McClements spoke of Alan's compassion and understanding, allied to his non-judgemental approach to people encountering difficulties. He had worked tirelessly for many years and deserved the Borough's recognition for his outstanding work.

In response, Alan Olver told the meeting he was humbled by the support and commitment of all the colleagues who had worked with him through the years at the Council, Salvation Army, STAY project, YMCA, Kip Project and Maninplace project.

Members gave a standing ovation and , it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that Alan Olver be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin.