



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>EXTRA-ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL</b>
	<b>Convened to Consider Bestowing on Dr Desmond Murphy, the Honorary Freedom of the Isle of Wight</b>
Date and time	<b>WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH 2019</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs Lora Peacey-Wilcox (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Debbie Andre, Adrian Axford, Reg Barry, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, George Cameron, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, John Hobart, Steve Hastings, Julie Jones-Evans, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Gary Peace, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Shirley Smart, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Wayne Whittle.
Apologies	Cllrs Julia Baker-Smith, Geoff Brodie, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, John Medland, Clare Mosdell, Tig Outlaw, Ian Stephens.

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**57. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations received at this stage.

**58. [Freedom of the Isle of Wight](#)**

A report was presented to all members of the Council, proposing Dr Desmond Murphy be bestowed with the Honorary Freedom of the Isle of Wight in recognition of his role in establishing and developing the Mountbatten Hospice on the Isle of Wight, improving end of life care on the Isle of Wight for residents, and their families.

The Freedom of the Isle of Wight is recognised as being the highest honour that the council could grant, being used sparingly and awarded on merit to exceptional persons.

Dr Desmond Murphy, a Consultant Respiratory Physician, moved to the Isle of Wight in 1981. While many professionals did not feel a hospice was necessary, Dr Murphy took the project forward including planning the design and staffing the new hospice's which opened in 1982. He has continued to support the work of the hospice since which now provides invaluable care both onsite and in the community across the Island.

It was noted that Dr. Murphy also set up the Ryde Saints Football Club in 1993, providing an opportunity for teenagers to break into adult football.

The Leader of the Council remarked that the hospice was iconic on the Island and its value to families on the Island could not be understated. He therefore considered it most fitting that Dr Murphy, who was so instrumental in setting up and developing the hospice was awarded the Honorary Freedom of the Isle of Wight.

After the debate, a vote was taken, the result of which was as follows

For (28)

Against (0)

Abstain (0)

#### RESOLVED

THAT the Freedom of the Isle of Wight be conferred on Dr Desmond Murphy in recognition that he is a person of distinction who established and developed the Mountbatten Hospice on the Isle of Wight, continuing to improve end of life care on the Isle of Wight for residents and their families.

CHAIRMAN