



COUNTY BOROUGH



OF MIDDLESBROUGH

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF MIDDLESBROUGH
(Alderman Mrs. L. BURTON, J.P.)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1933

PRESENTATION
OF THE
Honorary Freedom of the Borough
TO
ALDERMAN JOHN WILLIAM WELCH, J.P.

Wednesday, 2nd May, 1956
2-45 p.m.

E. C. PARR,
Town Clerk

MIDDLESBROUGH TOWN COUNCIL.

The Worshipful the Mayor :

(ALDERMAN Mrs. L. BURTON, J.P.)

The Deputy Mayor :

(ALDERMAN W. RANDALL, J.P.)

Aldermen :

J. G. BOOTHBY.	T. MEEHAN, O.B.E., J.P.
E. A. DICKINSON.	F. C. PETTE, J.P.
W. FLYNN.	B. RAMSEY.
R. V. C. GRAY, B.A. (Cantab.)	J. SLATER.
MRS. H. M. GUTHRIE, J.P.	L. TAYLOR.
F. J. LONGSTAFF, J.P.	E. TURNER.
F. MANTON.	E. WHATLEY, M.B.E.

Councillors :

W. H. ADAMS.	MRS. R. M. HASTON.
E. M. ARTLEY.	R. H. HUGGINS.
E. H. BARRASS.	L. KNOTT.
J. BARRY.	P. J. McGLONE.
W. C. BASTIMAN, J.P.	G. A. MORLEY.
S. G. BENNETT.	F. MORTON.
J. N. BENNINGTON.	M. C. NEWTON
MRS. E. BERRY.	J. W. NUNN.
J. S. BRADDY, J.P.	CANON M. O'SULLIVAN.
W. BRECKON.	A. PEARSON.
J. A. BROWN, J.P.	N. PETERS.
G. A. COCKERLINE.	H. PINDER.
MRS. G. R. COX.	R. W. PORTER.
A. E. CRASS.	G. S. RICHARDSON.
A. G. K. CRASS, M.A., F.R.E.S.	H. ROBSON.
A. T. CROSBY.	MRS. M. SAGAR.
MRS. M. A. DANIEL.	R. I. SMITH.
C. W. DAVIES.	W. J. STORY.
MRS. E. DEVENPORT, J.P.	L. THIRKELL.
W. ECKERT.	G. R. THOMPSON.
T. FARTHING.	E. VALENTINE.
W. FERRIER.	MRS. A. WAIN.
MRS. E. A. GAUNT.	T. WILLIAMS.
A. GIBSON.	J. WILSON.
N. S. GOLDIE.	L. WINTER.
MRS. M. B. GOODMAN.	



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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

on the

Presentation of the Honorary Freedom of the Borough to
ALDERMAN JOHN WILLIAM WELCH, J.P.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd MAY, 1956

1. The Members of the Town Council, and Guests will be seated in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough, prior to 2-45 p.m.
2. The Mayor (Alderman Mrs. L. Burton, J.P.), preceded by the Mace, and followed by the Proposer and Seconder of the Resolution (Alderman Frederick James Longstaff and Councillor Matthew Cooper Newton), will proceed to enter the Council Chamber and escort the Honorary Freeman-elect to the Council Chamber, the Honorary Freeman-elect taking his seat on the immediate right of the Mayor.
3. The Mayor will then call upon the Town Clerk who will read the Notice convening the Special Meeting of the Council.
4. The Town Clerk will then report the receipt of any communications.
5. The Mayor will then call upon Alderman Frederick James Longstaff to propose and Councillor Matthew Cooper Newton to second a Resolution in accordance with the decision of the Council, to admit Alderman John William Welch, an Honorary Freeman of the Borough.
6. After the Resolution has been proposed and seconded it will be spoken to by other Members of the Council.
7. The Mayor will then announce that, although the conferment of the Honorary Freedom of the Borough is a matter entirely within the jurisdiction of the Town Council, members of the general public may be permitted to speak to the Resolution before it is put to the Meeting.

8. The Mayor will then put the Resolution to the Meeting, and after the same has been declared carried, the Town Clerk will then read the Oath of a Freeman as follows :—

I SWEAR to be true to our Sovereign Lady ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Queen, Defender of the Faith, Her heirs and successors Kings and Queens of Great Britain, as a free and franchised man of this County Borough.

I WILL preserve the peace and tranquility of the said County Borough so far as in me lieth and if I know of any unlawful conventicles or assemblies against the State thereof I will forthwith disclose the same to the Mayor of the said County Borough for the time being whom I will aid by my best counsel and advice.

ALSO I shall as much as in my power lieth contribute and do every act and thing for the good government and safety of the said County Borough and the inhabitants thereof and I will defend the customs and privileges of this County Borough in every just and lawful cause. SO HELP ME GOD.

9. After Alderman John William Welch has taken the Oath before the Mayor, the Mayor will invite him to sign the Freeman's Roll and the Town Clerk will witness the same.
10. After the signing of the Freeman's Roll, the Mayor will ask the new Freeman (Alderman John William Welch) to receive at her hands the Honorary Freedom of the County Borough of Middlesbrough together with a sealed and illuminated copy of the Resolution inscribed on vellum and an inscribed piece of Silverware, and will congratulate him on behalf of the Corporation and people of the Borough on becoming an Honorary Freeman of the County Borough of Middlesbrough.
11. Alderman John William Welch will reply.
12. At the conclusion of the formal proceedings, the Mayor preceded by the Mace, accompanied by the new Honorary Freeman and the other Freeman of the Borough, will adjourn to the Town Hall where an opportunity will be given to extend congratulations to the new Honorary Freeman.
13. Invitation is extended to Members of the Council and Guests to adjourn to the Town Hall for refreshments.

E. C. PARR,
Town Clerk.

Middlesbrough,
April, 1956.



The following is a copy of the Certificate of Admission

COUNTY BOROUGH



OF MIDDLESBROUGH

AT A MEETING of the Council for the County Borough of Middlesbrough lawfully convened in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1933, and held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough, on the 2nd day of May, 1956, at 2-45 p.m., there being present at such Meeting not less than two-thirds of the Members of the said Council.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR (Alderman Mrs. L. Burton, J.P.)
in the Chair.

CONFERMENT OF HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH—RESOLVED AND ORDERED unanimously on the Motion of ALDERMAN FREDERICK JAMES LONGSTAFF and seconded by COUNCILLOR MATTHEW COOPER NEWTON.

“That ALDERMAN JOHN WILLIAM WELCH, J.P., being a person who has rendered eminent services to the County Borough of Middlesbrough within the meaning and in pursuance of the provisions of Section 259 of the Local Government Act, 1933, BE ADMITTED as AN HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF MIDDLESBROUGH, the MOST HONOURABLE DISTINCTION which it is their privilege to bestow, in recognition and appreciation of those services which have been so wholeheartedly rendered by him during his lengthy public career in so many capacities, particularly the outstanding services he has rendered to the Town Council as a Member thereof since 1927, and as Mayor of the Borough in 1946/47; remembering particularly the service given ungrudgingly without thought of self for the benefit, wellbeing, succour and health of the inhabitants of the Borough, and acknowledging with gratitude the time devoted to and the ability displayed in representing this Council not only locally but in national circles, where he has upheld the dignity and interests of Middlesbrough and secured the esteem of all.

His long and honourable connection with the Trades Union movement and his leadership and sincerity of purpose have added to the exceptional merit of the services he has rendered to the community and earned the high regard with which he is universally held.

The Members of the Council, on behalf of the inhabitants of the County Borough of Middlesbrough, for whom he has worked so long and so assiduously in many and diverse spheres, desire to honour him in this way.

That a CERTIFICATE OF ADMISSION as an HONORARY FREEMAN be presented to ALDERMAN JOHN WILLIAM WELCH, J.P., with an inscribed piece of Silverware.”

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ALDERMAN JOHN WILLIAM WELCH, J.P., has this day been duly SWORN AND ADMITTED as AN HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF MIDDLESBROUGH pursuant to the said Resolution. GIVEN under the Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Middlesbrough this 2nd day of May, 1956, in the presence of :—

L. BURTON,
Mayor.

E. C. PARR,
Town Clerk.

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EXTRACT from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Guardians of the Middlesbrough Union held in the Board Room of the Guardians, Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough, on Thursday, the 23rd day of December, 1926.

WELCOME TO Mr. J. W. WELCH.—The Chairman welcomed Mr. J. W. Welch, the newly elected representative for the Cannon Ward of the Parish of Middlesbrough.

EXTRACT from the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Middlesbrough Town Council, lawfully convened, and held in the Council Chamber, at the Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough, on Wednesday, the 9th day of November, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon.

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.—The Town Clerk reported that at the elections held on 1st November, Mr. John William Welch had been elected a Councillor for St. Hilda's Ward.

The Mayor extended a very hearty welcome to Councillor Welch.

EXTRACT from Membership Card issued by the Transport and General Workers' Union, Region No. 8, Building Trades Group.

Branch No. 8/105	Name : J. W. Welch Address : 89 Oxford Road, Middlesbrough
Member's No. 1	Entrance Date 23/10/92.

LIST OF PERSONS ON WHOM THE
**Honorary Freedom of the
County Borough of Middlesbrough**

has been conferred by the Town Council pursuant to
Act of Parliament.

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| 1. | 1886—March 9th | William Fallows.
(died 1889). |
| 2. | 1890—January 14th | Sir Raylton Dixon.
(died 1901). |
| 3. | 1892—July 26th | Isaac Wilson.
(died 1899). |
| 4. | 1894—March 14th | William Bulmer.
(died 1901). |
| 5. | 1894—November 2nd | Sir Lowthian Bell, Bart.
(died 1904). |
| 6. | 1894—November 2nd | Sir Hugh Bell, Bart.
(died 1931). |
| 7. | 1897—July 13th | Sir Samuel A. Sadler.
(died 1911). |
| 8. | 1904—October 11th | Sir Arthur John Dorman, K.B.E.
(died 1931). |
| 9. | 1910—March 8th | Richard Archibald.
(died 1924). |
| 10. | 1919—November 7th | Sir Joseph Calvert.
(died 1931). |
| 11. | 1924—November 6th | Thomas Dormand Stewart.
(died 1946). |
| 12. | 1925—April 3rd | William Joseph Bruce.
(died 1938). |
| 13. | 1932—April 13th | Sir Thomas Gibson Poole.
(died 1937). |
| 14. | 1934—March 26th | Miss Edith J. Carter.
(died 1951). |
| 15. | 1936—September 23rd | Preston Kitchen, C.B.E. |
| 16. | 1944—September 21st | J. Wesley Brown.
(died 1944). |
| 17. | 1946—June 26th | George Absalom Carey.
(died 1949). |
| 18. | 1949—February 2nd | Thomas Meehan, O.B.E. |