



COUNTY BOROUGH



OF MIDDLESBROUGH

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF MIDDLESBROUGH.
(Councillor F. C. PETTE, J.P.)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1933.

PRESENTATION

OF THE

Honorary Freedom of the Borough

TO

ALDERMAN THOMAS MEEHAN, O.B.E., J.P.

Wednesday, 2nd February, 1949.

12 noon.

E. C. PARR,
Town Clerk.



THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, Municipal Buildings.

MIDDLESBROUGH TOWN COUNCIL.

The Worshipful the Mayor:

(COUNCILLOR F. C. PETTE, J.P.)

The Deputy Mayor:

(COUNCILLOR J. W. WELCH, J.P.)

Aldermen:

L. G. ALLEN.

J. S. BOLTON.

A. H. COCKS.

A. COOPER.

T. CURRAN.

T. MEEHAN, O.B.E., J.P.

J. NUGENT.

B. RAMSEY.

J. TAYLOR.

E. TURNER.

J. G. WADDINGTON.

Councillors:

E. A. ANDERSON.

S. G. BENNETT.

W. BRECKON.

J. A. BROWN, J.P.

MRS. L. BURTON.

MRS. E. DEVENPORT.

E. A. DICKINSON.

A. A. DUCK.

W. ECKERT.

W. FLYNN.

H. FRENCH, M.B.E.

T. GENT.

J. GILMORE, J.P.

R. V. C. GRAY.

W. GROSVENOR.

EDWARD HARFORD.

ERNEST HARFORD.

R. R. KITCHING, J.P.

F. J. LONGSTAFF.

J. LOUGHRAN.

F. MANTON.

F. A. MELLANBY.

M. C. NEWTON.

J. W. NUNN.

CANON M. O'SULLIVAN.

N. PETERS.

W. RANDALL.

G. S. RICHARDSON.

MRS. M. SAGAR.

J. SLATER.

L. TAYLOR.



ALDERMAN THOMAS MEEHAN, O.B.E., J.P.

County Borough



of Middlesbrough.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

on the

Presentation of the Honorary Freedom of the Borough to
ALDERMAN THOMAS MEEHAN, O.B.E., J.P.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY, 1949.

1. The Members of the Town Council (after Robing), and Guests will be seated in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough, prior to 12 noon.
2. The Mayor (Councillor F. C. Pette, J.P.), preceded by the Mace, and followed by the Proposer and Seconder of the Resolution (Councillor Ernest Harford and Alderman Alfred Cooper), 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 Councillor Ernest Harford to propose and Alderman Alfred Cooper to second a Resolution in accordance with the decision of the Council passed on the 15th day of October, 1948, to admit Alderman Thomas Meehan, 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 Lord GEORGE THE SIXTH by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, His 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 Thomas Meehan 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 Thomas Meehan) to receive at his 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 Casket, 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 Thomas Meehan 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,
January, 1949.

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 February, 1949, at 12 noon, there being present at such Meeting not less than two-thirds of the Members of the said Council.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR (Councilor F. C. Pette, J.P.)
in the Chair.

CONFERMENT OF HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH—RESOLVED AND ORDERED unanimously on the Motion of Councillor ERNEST HARFORD, Seconded by Alderman ALFRED COOPER.

“ That ALDERMAN THOMAS MEEHAN, O.B.E., 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 these services which have been ungrudgingly rendered by him during his lengthy public career in many capacities, particularly the outstanding services he has rendered to the Town Council as a Member thereof since 1921, and the untiring devotion given without thought of self in the interests of industry in the area, such honourable distinction being a mark of the high esteem in which he is held by the Members of the Town Council and by the Citizens of this County Borough, who acknowledge and appreciate how greatly he has given of his time and ability for the good of the community without thought for his own personal gain or convenience.

His long and honourable connection with the Trades Union movement, his skill and ability as a negotiator, his clear vision and sincerity of purpose, recognised both locally and nationally, have added to the exceptional merit of the services he has rendered to the community.

The Members of the Council, on behalf of the inhabitants of the County Borough of Middlesbrough, for whose well being he has worked 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 THOMAS MEEHAN, O.B.E., J.P., in a suitable Casket.”

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ALDERMAN THOMAS MEEHAN, O.B.E., J.P., has this day been duly SWORN AND ADMITTED as AN HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF MIDDLESBROUGH pursuant to the above Resolution.

GIVEN under the Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Middlesbrough this 2nd day of February, 1949, in the presence of:—

F. C. PETTE,
Mayor.

E. C. PARR,
Town Clerk.

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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.

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.
(now Mrs. E. Carter Owen).
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