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S U M M O N S

MEETING: Policy and Organisation Board (Extraordinary)
DATE: 22 July 2009
TIME: 5.00 p.m.
PLACE: Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Gosport
Democratic Services contact: Chris Wrein

LINDA EDWARDS
BOROUGH SOLICITOR

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Searle)(ex-officio)
Councillor Hook (Chairman)
Councillor Burgess (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Carter	Councillor Langdon
Councillor Cully	Councillor Philpott
Councillor Gill	Councillor Wright
Councillor Hicks	Vacancy

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NOTE:

- i. Members are requested to note that if any member wishes to speak at the Board meeting then the Borough Solicitor is required to receive not less than 24 hours prior notice in writing or electronically and such notice shall indicate the agenda item or items on which the member wishes to speak.
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AGENDA

PART A ITEMS

RECOMMENDED
MINUTE FORMAT

1. APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members present are required to declare, at this point in the meeting or as soon as possible thereafter, any personal or personal and prejudicial interest in any item(s) being considered at this meeting.

3. DEPUTATIONS – STANDING ORDER 3.5

(NOTE: The Board is required to receive a deputation(s) on a matter which is before the meeting of the Board provided that notice of the intended deputation and its object shall have been received by the Borough Solicitor by 12 noon on Monday, 20 July 2009. The total time for deputations in favour and against a proposal shall not exceed 10 minutes).

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS – STANDING ORDER 3.6

(NOTE: The Board is required to allow a total of 15 minutes for questions from members of the public on matters within the terms of reference of the Board provided that notice of such Question(s) shall have been submitted to the Borough Solicitor by 12 noon on Monday, 20 July 2009).

5. CROSS REFERENCE FROM CIVIC AND COMMEMORATIVE
EVENTS SUB-BOARD 9 JULY 2009

PART II

MS DEE CAFFARI MBE – FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

Contact Officer:
Nigel Draycott
Ext 5307

6. ANY OTHER ITEMS

which the Chairman determines should be considered, by reason of special circumstances, as a matter of urgency.

GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL

REFERENCE

**TO: POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD –
22 JULY 2009**

**FROM: CIVIC AND COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS SUB-BOARD
BOARD – 9 JULY 2009**

TITLE: MS DEE CAFFARI MBE – FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

**AUTHOR: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM
AND THE ARTS**

Attached is a copy of the report that was considered by the Civic and Commemorative Events Sub-Board-Board on the 9 July 2009 (Appendix 'B'), together with the Minute extract and Sub-Board Resolution (Appendix 'A').

RECOMMENDATION:

That, in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 and in recognition of her input into the maritime history of Gosport, the Policy and Organisation Board be requested to refer to an Extraordinary Council meeting, to be held on a date to be agreed, the award of the Freedom of the Borough to Ms Dee Caffari.

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
CIVIC AND COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS SUB-BOARD MEETING
9 JULY 2009**

8 MS DEE CAFFARI MBE – FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

Consideration was given to a report by the Director of Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts which set out proposals for Ms Dee Caffari MBE being granted the Freedom of the Borough.

Members were of the opinion that Ms Caffari demonstrated an excellent rapport with children through her work with the Swallows and Amazons after school Club from Alverstoke Junior School and was a good role model for all children.

Ms Caffari's business and her record breaking yacht are both based in Gosport, generating positive publicity and continuing the Town's rich maritime history.

The Mayor was requested to write to Ms Caffari inviting her to accept the Freedom of the Borough.

The Chairman suggested that an appropriate press release be drafted should Ms Caffari indicated her acceptance of this invitation.

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 and in recognition of her input into the maritime history of Gosport, the Policy and Organisation Board be requested to refer to an Extraordinary Council meeting, to be held on a date to be agreed, the award of the Freedom of the Borough to Ms Dee Caffari.

APPENDIX B

Board/Committee:	CIVIC AND COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS SUB BOARD
Date of Meeting:	9 JULY 2009
Title:	MS DEE CAFFARI MBE – FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH
Author:	DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND THE ARTS
Status:	FOR RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD

Purpose

To set out proposals for Ms Dee Caffari MBE being granted the Freedom of the Borough.

Recommendation

Recommendation

The Sub-Board recommends to the Policy and Organisation Board that full Council, at an extraordinary meeting, consider the granting of the Freedom of the Borough of Gosport to Ms Dee Caffari in recognition of her input into the maritime history of Gosport.

Background

Pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, full Council may at an extraordinary meeting, following a decision by the Policy and Organisation Board, by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the Members voting thereon at the full Council meeting, grant the Freedom of the Borough where persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Borough.

1 Background

- 1.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution (Part 3, Schedule 9, Annex 1) it is within the Terms of Reference of Policy and Organisation Board to approve the award of Freedom of the Borough.

2 Proposal for the Award of the Freedom Honour

- 2.1 This recommendation is proposed by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Mark Hook.

- 2.2 Based at Royal Clarence Yard, Gosport, Dee Caffari MBE, is the first woman in history to sail around the world, single-handed, non-stop and against the prevailing winds and currents. In recognition of her achievement, Dee was awarded an MBE for her services to sailing in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.
- 2.3 In November 2008, Ms Caffari competed in what is widely regarded as the pinnacle of offshore sailing – the Vendée Globe - and set off from France in November 2008 amongst a 30 strong fleet of experienced and talented skippers. After 99 days at sea, Ms Caffari crossed the finish line at 13:12.57hrs GMT on 16 February 2009 in 6th place and once again, sailed into the record books. Ms Caffari has now secured a double world record and become the first female to sail solo, non-stop around the world in both directions.
- 2.4 In June 2009 Ms Caffari set another global record. On 15 June 2009 Dee and her all female crew set off from Gosport and sailed the 1800 miles around Britain and Ireland. On 22 June, they crossed the finish line to complete the course in 6 days 11 hours 30 minutes and 53 seconds, breaking the record by a staggering 17 hours and 16 minutes.
- 2.5 Ms Caffari has an especially close link with Gosport's young people as she is the Patron of the Swallows and Amazons after-school club at Alverstoke Junior School, and young members of the club sent regular messages of support to Ms Caffari whilst she undertook both the Aviva Challenge and Vendée Globe races. The children presented her with *Sizzles*, and *Sizzles* is probably the only toy bear in the world to have sailed non-stop around the world in both directions. The children follow Ms Caffari's exploits online, and in 2008 Ms Caffari launched the Dee Caffari Education Pack, which links in to the National Curriculum, and demonstrates Ms Caffari's commitment to young people. Ms Caffari has visited the children at Alverstoke Junior School, and the children have been on the quayside to welcome her home from her round-the-world races.
- 2.6 In recognition of Ms Caffari's enormous maritime achievements and Gosport's history as a seafaring port, as well as the fact that Ms Caffari runs her business and berths her record-breaking yacht in Gosport, this report recommends that she be granted the Freedom of the Borough of Gosport.

3. Risk Assessment

- 3.1 There are no business risks associated with this proposal.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no significant costs associated with this proposal.

5 Conclusion

5.1 As Ms Dee Caffari MBE is an internationally-known record-setting sailor based in Gosport, with personal links to Gosport's aspiring young sailors, it is appropriate that the Sub Board consider the proposal that she be awarded the Freedom of the Borough.

Financial Services comments:	<i>Paragraph 4.1 refers.</i>
Legal Services comments:	<i>There are no significant legal implications associated with this proposal.</i>
Service Improvement Plan implications:	There are no Service Plan implications.
Corporate Plan:	There are no Corporate Plan issues.
Risk Assessment:	There are no business risks associated with this proposal.
Background papers:	None.
Appendices/Enclosures:	None.
Report author/ Lead Officer:	Nigel Draycott, Arts Development Officer