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PRESS RELEASE

Mayoral Tribute

The former Commanding Officer of 22 (Sandy) Squadron, Flt Lt Margaret Bell was requested to attend Sandy Town Council Meeting yesterday for a presentation. The Town Mayor, Cllr Geoff White requested Flt Lt Bell's attendance, so that a presentation could be made and her former Cadets support could be minuted in the Council Minutes.

The Mayor said "It was unusual to have this put in the minutes of the meeting, but felt it necessary after all Flt Lt Bell had done over the last 9 years. In this day and age of teenagers behaving badly in the Town, the Air Cadets were totally different with their attitude, dress, shining shoes and deportment, he also said the Cadets support had been outstanding over the last 9 years, to him and former Mayor's at various Town events, and he hoped it would continue". The former Mayor Cllr Colin Osborne MBE and Cllr David Gale also paid tribute to Flt Lt Bell and said she would be a hard act to follow, and thanked her for all the support she had given them.

Flt Lt responded saying when she first joined Sandy as Commanding Officer no-one knew there was an Air Cadet unit there. With the help and support of the Council and its members they now stand in the forefront of the Town's activities, and she is very grateful for the support the Council have given her. She also said she was very sad at leaving the Squadron and the Town, and particularly her Cadets who had achieved so much since she took over".

Flt Lt Bell was then presented with a token and thank you card by the Town Mayor.

Margaret Bell

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Encl: Photo - Mayor Cllr Geoff White and Flt Lt Margaret Bell



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