



## PRESALL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 30 November 2022 at 6.15pm at Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Centre**

**Present:** Cllrs K Shepherd (Mayor), R Drobny, S Jepson, T Johnson, P Orme, A Rollason.

**148a(1) Apologies for absence** – Cllr Lewin, Cllr Rossall.

**148b(1) Absent without apology** – Cllr Woods, Cllr Williams.

### **149(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations**

Cllr Johnson – union interest; Cllr Drobny – applicant knows candidate as both are part of the same mutual interest group.

### **150(3) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 - Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, the Council **resolved** to exclude the press and public to discuss the following items:

- i) relating to the resignation of a councillor - the Mayor brought up the issue of confidentiality. A discussion took place over a previous councillor's resignation letter.
- ii) relating to interview questions - questions to be asked of the co-option interviewee, by whom and in what order, discussed and agreed.
- iii) relating to the co-option of a town councillor - Councillors noted the advice from LALC to exclude the press and public from the presentations to maintain the possible confidentiality of the applicant's personal details.

### **151(4) Co-option interviews to fill the current vacancies on the council**

The applicant arrived at 18.50 and agreed to commence the interview early.

### **152(5) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 - Re-admission of the Press and Public**

**Resolved:** that the confidential business of the applicant's personal details being disclosed having concluded, the press and public be readmitted to the meeting.

The applicant left at 19.50.

### **153(6) Voting**

Councillors **resolved** to hold the vote by paper ballot.

The candidate was not selected for co-option by a majority of those present and voting.

## **7 Items for next agenda**

The next meeting will be held on **12 December 2022 at 6.15pm** - councillors were asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda and provide updates from working groups by notifying the clerk **in writing by Thursday 1 December 2022** at the latest. The item should specify the business which it is proposed be transacted, in such a way that the members who receive it can identify the matters which they will be expected to discuss i.e. it needs to specify either what the proposal is and that a decision is required or whether the item is for information only.

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting.