

# PRESALL TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 8 May 2017 at 7.00pm at Knott End Library, Lancaster Road, Knott End

**Present:** Councillors R Black, B Burn, P Greenhough, R Lawson, G McCann, J Mutch, P Orme, T Reilly, V Taylor and L Woodhouse

**In Attendance:** Alison May, Clerk to the Town Council

### **(17-18)016 Election of Mayor for 2017/18**

The Mayor, Cllr T Reilly, welcomed guests to the meeting and expressed his thanks and delight at having been given the opportunity of a second term. He went on to reflect on his year in office, in particular, the council response to local government constraints. He described it as having been an 'educational' and 'difficult' year and referred to the significant issues that had been dealt with within the council over the preceding 12 months and his hope that the council would be able to put this behind it. Going forward he saw it as a team of 14 including the clerk and the lengthsman who would all work for the benefit of the community.

Cllr Taylor acknowledged that the issues with the council had meant that not as much as would have liked had been done for the community. Going forward her wish was for a cohesive, co-operative council working in friendship. Cllr Taylor thanked Cllr Reilly for his work and hoped that he would be able to enjoy his role as Mayor in the coming year; she went on to propose Cllr Reilly as Mayor. Cllr Black seconded and councillors **resolved** that Cllr Reilly be elected to the office of Mayor of Presall Town Council for the municipal year 2017/18. Cllr Reilly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Reilly took the chair and gave a short speech in which he expressed his regret that his wife wasn't present for him to be able to thank her for her help and support. He stated that his theme for the year was 'teamwork'. He expressed his wish that the council would pull together and overcome the friction to enable it to work better for the residents and was keen for residents to make the council accountable. The Mayor announced that his wife Mrs Michele Reilly would continue to be his Mayoress.

At this point he expressed his thanks to the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress for their support and sound advice and he presented the Deputy Mayoress with a bunch of flowers.

### **(17-18)017 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hudson.

### **(17-18)018 Declarations of Interests**

None

### **(17-18)019 Election of Deputy Mayor for 2017/18**

The Mayor stated that he could not thank Cllr Gordon McCann and his wife Yvonne enough for their support.

Cllr Reilly proposed, Cllr Orme seconded and councillors **resolved** that Cllr McCann be elected as the Deputy Mayor of Presall Town Council for the 2017/18 municipal year. The Mayor invested Cllr McCann with the chain of office and Cllr McCann signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Cllr McCann expressed his thanks at being asked to be Deputy Mayor for the coming year.

**(17-18)020 Calendar of Town Council Meetings for the 2017/18 Civic Year**  
Councillors **resolved** that Town Council meetings be held on the following dates:

- 12 June 2017
- 10 July 2017
- 14 August 2017
- 11 September 2017
- 9 October 2017
- 13 November 2017
- 11 December 2017
- 8 January 2018
- 12 February 2018
- 12 March 2018
- 9 April 2018
- 14 May 2018

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 7.30pm.