

PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 21 November 2017 at 2.00pm at Preesall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall

Present: Councillors T Reilly (Mayor), R Drobny, P Greenhough, R Lawson, G McCann, J Mutch, P Orme, L Woodhouse.

In attendance: Alison May, clerk to the town council.

168a(17-18)1 Apologies for absence

Cllrs B Burn, D Hudson

168b(17-18)1 Absent without apology

Cllr R Black

169(17-18)2 Declarations of interests and dispensations

Cllr Orme – item 4

170(17-18)3 Public participation

At the request of the Mayor, councillors resolved to adjourn the meeting to allow non-councillors to speak.

- The clerk made councillors aware of Cllr Hudson's concerns in respect of misinformation circulating in the village and appearing on Facebook. He requested that it is emphasised that the grant funding received from the council was in respect of the Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Association, not just the youth club.

In response: A number of spurious accusations have been made in relation to how the building is run. The building is a community asset, not just for youth, and is used as such.

- County and borough elections will take place on 11 January.
- The Co-op has confirmed that it will donate 240 mince pies to the Christmas Fair and lights switch-on.
- A response has been received from the police supporting the request for a Preesall and Knott End focused drink driving campaign.
- Members of the public have raised concerns over the siting of the 'panorama' on the Esplanade.

In response: It has been sited in the same place for almost 18 years without any previous adverse comments.

At the conclusion of the public participation and at the request of the Mayor, councillors resolved to reconvene the meeting.

171(17-18)4 Provision of CCTV

The different system options available were discussed, along with the requirement for the operation of the system to be compliant with the Data Protection Act. It was estimated that the proposed system would cost £2,100 and could be added to later if necessary. Councillors were updated in respect of funds raised to date via crowdfunding and the hope that additional publicity would boost finances further.

Resolved: that Preesall Town Council would donate funding to make up the difference between the sums raised by users and supporters of the building and the cost of the system, up to a maximum of £2,100.

172(17-18)5 PTC assets held at Wyre

Councillors viewed the town council's assets previously stored at Wyre and agreed that whilst some were of historical value they had little or no intrinsic worth.

Resolved: to store them in the short term at the Youth and Community Centre and to enquire whether the church would be interested in displaying any of them. A decision will be made at a later date as to whether they should continue to be kept.

There being no other business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 15.15.