

WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 16th January 2020

Present: Councillor B O’Kane (Chairman); Councillor E Dinsdale; Councillor G Dinsdale; Councillor R Gill; Councillor C Hayes; Councillor C Maudling; Councillor J Rayson; Councillor R Redmond; Councillor G Roberts; Councillor C Walmsley:

M. Jewell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

V. Gorley, Assistant Clerk

Before the Meeting started the Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year

1496/20 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor L Walmsley

1497/20 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Maudling declared an interest in Item 7
Councillor Rayson declared an interest in Item 7

1498/20 Public Participation

There was no public participation

1499/20 Draft Budget and Precept

The Council considered a report on the draft Budget and Precept and noted that it would be presented at full Council on 30th January 2020 for approval. Following a discussion it was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Hayes that it be recommended to full Council that the draft Budget and precept be approved and it was unanimously

RESOLVED – That a recommendation be made to full Council that the draft Budget and Precept be approved.

1500/20 Bus Shelters

The Council considered a report on developments regarding the provision of bus

shelters at Mirehouse and Sneckyeat Road. All permissions had been received but following the vandalism to the new bus shelter opposite Thornton Road quotes had been sought from suppliers for the provision of 3 bus shelters which would be more vandal proof. Following a discussion and consideration of the quotes received it was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Roberts that ACE Shelters be appointed to provide the 3 new bus shelters and it was unanimously.

RESOLVED – That ACE Shelters be appointed for the provision of the 3 new shelters

IN PRIVATE

1501/20 Prior to the following items of business the Chairman moved the following:-

That in view of the special or confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public and or press be instructed to withdraw.

RESOLVED – That in view of the special or confidential nature of the business to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public and or press be instructed to withdraw.

1502/20 **Footway Lighting**

The Council discussed consultation information received from CBC about the transfer of footway lighting to Parish and Town Councils and the advice received from CALC which had been sent to all Parish and Town Councils. The Council had reservations about this matter and it was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor O’Kane that no action be taken at this time; that CALC’s advice be followed; and that the Clerk complete and submit the consultation questions to CBC. It was unanimously

RESOLVED – That no action be taken at this time; that CALC’s advice be followed and that the Clerk complete and submit the consultation questions to CBC.

1503/20 **Request for Funding for Christmas Activities**

Councillor Maudling and Councillor Rayson had both declared an interest in this item and left the room during the consideration and decision of the item.

Further to Minute 1495/19 advice had been received from CALC which the Clerk read out to the Council. Following a discussion it was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Hayes that an amount of £2711.20 be

paid into the bank account of Whitehaven Festivities Group provided that an undertaking was signed. A vote took place by a show of hands and 5 Councillors voted for the proposal and 3 Councillors voted against it.

RESOLVED – That £2711.20 be paid into the Bank Account of the Whitehaven Festivities Group provided that an undertaking was signed.

Brian O'Keefe

The Meeting closed at 7.15pm

Brian O'Keefe

Chairman