

Council in the absence of the Candidate. A vote was held and 7 Councillors voted for the proposal and 2 Councillors voted against it

RESOLVED – That the written application of the Candidate who did not appear be considered in the Council’s discussions.

- ii. It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Roberts that in accordance with the Co-option Policy because the Council would now be discussing the merits of Candidates that this could be prejudicial and therefore a resolution should be made to go into private and exclude the public and press. It was unanimously
- iii. **RESOLVED** - That because the Council would now be discussing the merits of Candidates that this could be prejudicial and therefore the Council Meeting should go into private and exclude the public and press during the discussion.
Following this the Press and the Clerk and Assistant Clerk left the room
- iv. After the discussions ended it was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Roberts that the Meeting returns to public session. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED – That Meeting returns to public session

The Press, the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk and the candidate then returned to the Meeting.

- v. In accordance with the Co-option Policy proposers and seconders were asked for the Candidates. One Candidate was not proposed or seconded so that fell and the other Candidate was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Maudling. A vote was held and all Councillors voted for the proposed Candidate.
The Chairman declared that Gaile Stevens having received the majority of votes be co-opted onto the Council as the new Councillor for Whitehaven South Ward

RESOLVED – That Gaile Stevens be co-opted onto the Council as the new Councillor for Whitehaven South Ward

Gaile Stevens then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as a Councillor for Whitehaven Town Council

The Meeting closed at 6.45


Chairman