

WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 30th August 2017

Present: Councillors B. O’Kane (Chairman); J. Forster; R. Gill;
J. Kane; J. Rayson; G. Roberts;

M. Jewell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

748/17 **Apologies For Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Guest,
Councillor Gearing, Councillor Laine and Councillor Lowrey.

749/17 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

750/17 **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

751/17 **Exclusion of Public and Press**

Prior to the following business the Chairman moved the following
Resolution :-

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 excluded and they are instructed to withdraw

RESOLVED – That this be agreed and the public and press be
instructed to withdraw.

Report on the Claim Against the Council

The Chairman reported on the present position with the Claim and informed the Council that a letter had been received from the solicitors appointed by the Council's insurers late that afternoon to say that the claim did not meet the threshold laid down by the Council's insurers and therefore they could not act on the Council's behalf.

Following a discussion on the implications of this it was:-

- RESOLVED** – (i) That there was now no need to sign the Form of Authority to agree to the solicitors acting on the Council's behalf.
- (ii) That a local solicitor should not be employed.
- (iii) That the Council represents itself and obtains any relevant witness statements.
- (iv) That the Council approach Jo McLeod to ask if she can represent the Council and take the lead on the case with Councillors as witnesses.
- (v) If Jo McLeod cannot represent the Council that Councillor Gill take the lead

The Meeting closed at 7.00pm



Chairman