

Whitehaven Town Council

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting held on the

6th December 2016 at the Civic Hall Whitehaven

Present:-

Cllr Gill (Chairman)

Cllrs Arrighi, Forster, Guest, Kane, Laine, McKew, O'Kane, Roberts

In Attendance J McLeod (Copeland Borough Council) and J C Shaw (Cumbria Association of Local Councils)

585 / 16 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies from Cllrs Williams and Elliott had not been received. Neither was present.

586 / 16 2. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Arrighi and Roberts both declared a personal interest as they knew the clerk at a social level.

587 / 16 3. Exclusion of Press and Public

It was proposed and seconded and resolved that the public should be excluded from item 4 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

588 / 16 4. Staffing Matter

Before moving a resolution to dismiss the clerk the chairman advised the council of the events leading up to his calling the extraordinary meeting.

During the course of the debate which followed advice was given by Joanne McLeod on aspects of employment law relevant to the issue and the legality of dismissal in the way that was proposed.

The chairman moved the motion to dismiss the clerk forthwith on the grounds of gross misconduct particulars of which would be set out in the letter of dismissal. The motion was seconded and agreed without dissent.

589/16 The chairman proposed that Cumbria Association of Local Councils should be invited to assist the town council in all aspects of the work of the council. The motion was seconded and agreed without dissent.

590/16 The chairman proposed that a forensic audit be undertaken into the council's accounts. The motion was seconded and agreed without dissent.

591/16 The chairman proposed that Copeland Borough Council be approached to release on secondment an officer to act as temporary town clerk until such time as a permanent clerk was appointed. The motion was seconded and agreed without dissent.

The Meeting closed at 8.25 pm

J C Shaw (CALC)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J C Shaw', written in a cursive style.

CHAIRMAN