

WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 13th June 2017

Present: Councillors B O’Kane (Chairman); J. Forster; S Gearing; R Gill; J. Kane; J. A. Laine; T Lowrey; C Maudling; G. Roberts;

M. Jewell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

700/17 Apologies For Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

701/17 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Roberts declared that he was a Member of Cumbria County Council

The Mayor congratulated both Councillor Lowrey and Councillor Maudling on their appointment to the Council

The Chairman then asked all Councillors to switch their phones off and remove them from the table because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

702/17 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 in Agenda Item 3 below it is advisable in the public interest that the public and/or press be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw

703/17 Report on the claim against the Council

The Council were handed the claim documents and spent some time reading them. Councillor Gill then went through the detail of the claim

and said that advice had been received from Copeland Borough Council's HR Manager on this. He said the Council had a counter claim against the Claimant and a date for the hearing of the case had been set. Following a discussion on this Councillor Gill proposed that the Claimant be contacted to state that if the Claim is withdrawn the Council will not pursue any counter claim.

Councillor Laine proposed an amendment to this to say that the Council should go for the full claim and await any police prosecution.

A recorded vote was taken on Councillor Laine's proposal and the result was as follows

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| Councillor O'Kane | Against |
| Councillor Forster | Against |
| Councillor Gearing | Against |
| Councillor Gill | Against |
| Councillor Kane | Against |
| Councillor Laine | For |
| Councillor Lowrey | Against |
| Councillor Maudling | For |
| Councillor Roberts | Against |

The proposal was therefore lost

A recorded vote was taken on Councillor Gill's proposal and the result was as follows

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| Councillor O'Kane | For |
| Councillor Forster | For |
| Councillor Gearing | For |
| Councillor Gill | For |
| Councillor Kane | For |
| Councillor Laine | Against |
| Councillor Lowrey | For |
| Councillor Maudling | Against |
| Councillor Roberts | For |

RESOLVED – That Councillor Gill's proposal be accepted and processed

704/17 **Town Centre Environment Proposals**

Councillor O’Kane said that he had walked around Whitehaven with Jamie Reid with a view to initiating a scheme to clean the town centre and look after the town in the long term. Jamie has now said that this is going to be difficult for them to do so Councillor O’Kane spoke to the Mayor of Copeland and asked what Copeland were doing for the town Centre and he said that the town centre had been sprayed.

Following a discussion on how the town centre could be cleaned in the next few weeks it was

RESOLVED – That the Clerk contact external cleaning companies and ask them to submit a quotation for deep cleaning Whitehaven town centre with a team of personnel over a period of 3 -5 days at the beginning of July to include removal of chewing gum, litter, and weeds with the closing date for quotations being Friday 23rd June 2017. Quotations received would be discussed at either an Extraordinary meeting of Full Council or the full Council meeting on 29th June 2017

The Meeting closed at 6.30



Chairman