



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council
held on Monday 15 May 2023 at 7.30pm at Preesall
and Knott End Youth and Community Centre**

1 Election and investiture of Mayor for 2023/24

The Deputy Mayor Cllr Tony Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited nominations for Mayor.

Cllr Robert Drobny gave a short speech ending with the proposal:-

That Cllr Janet Lewin be elected to the office of Mayor of Preesall Town Council for the municipal year 2023/24.

Cllr Orme seconded the proposal.

Cllrs **Resolved** to appoint Cllr Janet Lewin as Mayor.

2 Investiture of Mayor

The Mayor signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Tony Johnson handed over the chains of office.

3 The Mayor addressed the Meeting

At the end of her address Cllr Lewin proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

She also announced her charities North West Air Ambulance and National Lifeboat Institution.

4 Declarations of acceptance of office by Councillors

a) The Clerk read out which Cllrs had signed their declaration of acceptance of office and invited them to make a verbal affirmation of their acceptance and agreement to abide by the Code of Conduct. All Cllrs had signed the declaration and made a verbal affirmation.

5 Election of Deputy Mayor for 2023/24

Cllr Lewin gave a short speech ending with the proposal:-

That Cllr Tony Johnson be elected to the office of Deputy Mayor of Preesall Town Council for the municipal year 2023/24.

Cllr Karen Woods seconded the proposal.

The Mayor asked Cllrs to agree to the proposal.

It was **Resolved** that Cllr Tony Johnson become Deputy Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Mayor handed over the chains of office to Cllr Tony Johnson and Mrs Johnson,.She said that she was looking forward to working with them and her Consort Michael Greenall.

6 Apologies for absence

Cllr Kath Shepherd.

7 Declaration of interests

The following disclosures were received.

Cllr Tony Johnson Trade Union Activities.

Cllr Claire Rimmer Member of Gala Committee.

Cllr Phil Orme Best Kept Village, LALC Chair.

8 Minutes of the last meeting

Cllrs **Resolved** to agree as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2023.

9 Review of delegation arrangements to the clerk

Cllrs **Resolved** to remove the additional delegations incorporated at the time of the Covid pandemic and to accept the remaining delegations.

10 Review of the terms of reference for committees and delegation arrangements

Resolved to accept the terms of reference without change for the following committees.

Civic Events

Finance

Personnel.

11 Appointment of members to existing committees

Resolved:

Civic Events: Cllr Lewin, Cllr Drobny, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Woods.

Finance: Cllr Orme, Cllr Lewin, Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Woods.

Personnel: Cllr Johnson, Cllr Woods, Cllr Orme, Cllr Rimmer.

Councillors noted that the Mayor cannot be a member of the personnel committee.

12 Appointment of members as subject leads and outside body representatives

Councillors **Resolved** that the following Councillors will represent the council on each of the following:

Outside body representatives:

Best Kept Village Cllr Phil Orme

FOKEL Cllr Janet Lewin

Gala Cllr Claire Rimmer

Health (all aspects) Cllr Janet Lewin

Lancashire Association of Local Councils (Wyre Area Committee) Cllr Phil Orme - (all councillors have a right to attend)

Over Wyre Parishes joint meeting Cllr Phil Orme, Cllr Drobny.

Preesall Youth and Community Association Cllr Tony Johnson.

Wyre Flood Forum Cllr Phil Orme, Cllr Claire Rimmer,

Knott End & Preesall In Bloom. Cllr Karen Woods

Subject leads:

Highways Cllr Karen Woods

Housing Cllr Janet Lewin

Planning Ambassador Cllr Phil Orme

Tourism Cllr Tony Johnson, Cllr Rob Drobny.

13 Membership of professional bodies

Cllrs **Resolved** to approve the continuing membership by the council of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and the Clerk's membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC).

14 General power of competence

Resolved that the Town Council having two thirds of its councillors duly elected as councillors for Preesall as detailed on the 'notice of uncontested election', dated 5 April 2023 and having a qualified Town Clerk in post at the annual meeting, readopts the General Power of Competence.

15 Calendar of Town Council Meetings for the 2023/24 Civic Year

Cllrs **Resolved to approve** the dates of the meetings for the Civic Year

12 June 2023
10 July 2023
11 September 2023
9 October 2023
13 November 2023
11 December 2023
8 January 2024
12 February 2024
11 March 2024
8 April 2024
13 May 2024

16 Bus/ferry shelters and Coronation bench

At the April meeting the clerk was tasked with pursuing David Ogilvie Ltd for quotations for a replacement bus and ferry shelter and to ascertain whether a differently coloured backing was available for the already agreed purchase of a Coronation bench.

Cllrs **Resolved** to approve the purchase of the gold backed bench at a cost of £1695.00.

In addition, the council **Resolved** to give approval for the clerk to convene a meeting with the legacy representative to discuss the possible purchase of the the shelters. Furthermore, the Council **Resolved** that the finance committee be given delegated responsibility for all decisions regarding the purchase of the shelters paying due regard to the commercial in confidence aspects of the procurement.

17 The Mayor closed the meeting at 20.20.

18 Items for next agenda

The next full council meeting will be held on **12 June 2023** - Cllrs were asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda and provide updates from working groups by notifying the clerk **in writing by Thursday 1 June 2023** at the latest.