

# PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 12 May 2014 at 7.30pm at Knott End Library, Lancaster Road, Knott End

**Present:** Councillors R Black, G Carter, R Drobny, P Greenhough, D Hudson, R Lawson, G McCann, P Moon, J Mutch, K Nicholls, P Orme and V Taylor

**In Attendance:** Jan Finch, Clerk to the Town Council

### **(14-15)001 Election of Mayor for 2014/15**

The Mayor, Cllr Drobny, welcomed guests to the meeting and reflected on his year in office and the work of local organisations and their contribution to villages. He announced that the money he had raised during his year in office would go to Childflight, the RNLI and 2<sup>nd</sup> Preesall Brownies. He then proposed, Cllr Mutch seconded and councillors **resolved** that Cllr Orme be elected as the Mayor of Preesall Town Council for the 2014/15 municipal year. Cllr Drobny invested Cllr Orme with the chain of office and Cllr Orme signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

Cllr Orme took the chair and gave a short speech in which he expressed his delight at becoming Mayor. He announced that he and the Deputy Mayor would be raising money and putting their full support behind a community project at the ferry slip. He expressed concern at the declining trade in the village and the lack of day visitors and wanted to do something to reverse that trend. His plan is for a picnic and information area and tourist map boards using L S Lowry's link to Knott End.

He announced that his Mayoress would be his daughter, Amy Omre. On behalf of the Council, the Mayor gave a vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor and his consort and presented the Cllr Drobny with his past Mayor's badge and a gift token for his consort in recognition of his support.

### **(14-15)002 Apologies for absence**

None

### **(14-15)003 Declarations of Interests**

None

### **(14-15)004 Election of Deputy Mayor for 2014/15**

Cllr Taylor proposed, Cllr Moon seconded and councillors **resolved** that Cllr McCann be elected as the Deputy Mayor of Preesall Town Council for the 2014/15 municipal year. The Mayor invested Cllr McCann and the Deputy Mayoress, Mrs McCann, with the chains of office and Cllr McCann signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

### **(14-15)005 Appointments to Outside Bodies**

Councillors **resolved** that the following representatives be appointed:

Lancashire Association of Local Councils (Wyre Area Committee) – Cllr Orme

Wyre Flood Forum – Cllr Orme

Protect Wyre Group – Cllr Orme

Friends of Preesall Park – Cllr Nicholls

Wyre Road Safety Committee – Cllr McCann

Wyre Festive Lights Committee – Cllr Drobny

Wyre in Bloom – Cllr Mutch

Preesall Youth and Community Association – Cllr Nicholls

Planning Ambassador – Cllr Orme

**(14-15)006 Calendar of Town Council Meetings for the 2014/15 Civic Year**  
Councillors resolved that Town Council meetings be held on the following dates:

9 June 2014  
14 July 2014  
11 August 2014  
8 September 2014  
13 October 2014  
10 November 2014  
8 December 2014  
12 January 2015  
9 February 2015  
9 March 2015  
13 April 2015  
11 May 2015

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 8.00pm.