

PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 14 May 2012 at 7.30pm at St Aidan's C of E Technology College, Cartgate, Preesall

Present: Councillors R Black, G Carter, C Lamb, R Lawson, G McCann, J Mutch, K Nicholls, D Nuttall, P Orme and V Taylor

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Town Council

001. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Drobny and Moon and the reasons accepted.

002. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

003. ADDRESS BY THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR VIVIEN TAYLOR

The Mayor reflected on her year in office and paid tribute to all those who contribute to community life. She outlined key projects carried out by the Town Council in the year and welcomed Rev Shaun Baldwin to St Oswald's Church and Jan Finch as the new Clerk to the Town Council. In closing she wished the incoming Mayor, Cllr Lamb, a successful year in office. The Mayor identified Guides, Brownies and Rainbows as the beneficiaries of the Mayor's Charity and handed cheques for £20 each to representatives of 1st Preesall Guides, 1st Preesall Rainbows, 2nd Preesall Brownies, Knott End Brownies and Knott End Rainbows.

004. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE MAYOR

Cllr Gordon McCann outlined a number of major issues and changes which the Mayor had faced during her mayoral year and commented on her steady nerve and calm approach to them all.
Councillors

Resolved: that the best thanks of this Council be tendered to Councillor Vivien Taylor for the valuable services which she has rendered to the Town Council during her term of office as Mayor, and for the courtesy and impartiality with which she has presided over the deliberations of this Council, and that the thanks of the Council be also tendered to Mrs Jean Taylor for the valuable services which she has rendered as Mayoress.

005. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR 2012/13

Cllr Taylor invited nominations for the office of Mayor for the 2012/13 Municipal Year. It was proposed by Cllr G Carter, seconded by Cllr K Nicholls and

Resolved: that Councillor Christopher Lamb be elected to the office of Mayor of Preesall Town Council for the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

006. INVESTITURE OF THE TOWN MAYOR

The outgoing Mayor (Cllr Taylor) retired from the chair which was then taken by Cllr Lamb who signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

007. INVESTITURE OF THE MAYORESS

The Mayor invested Mrs Dawn Lamb as Mayoress.

008. PRESENTATION TO THE RETIRING MAYOR

The Mayor presented the retiring Mayor, Cllr Taylor, with her Past Mayor's badge.

009. ADDRESS BY THE TOWN MAYOR

The Mayor paid tribute to those who give their time to run the many voluntary organisations in the parish. He made reference to the work of all school staff in shaping the lives of young people and to those who help to support the older members of the community. He thanked the churches for their spiritual leadership and the emergency services for helping to protect the people of the parish at often considerable risk to themselves. He ended by outlining his expectations of the year in which he hoped to celebrate the community.

010. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2012/13

The Mayor invited nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor for the 2012/13 Municipal Year. It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr McCann and

Resolved: that Cllr Robert Drobny be elected to the office of Deputy Mayor of Preesall Town Council for the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

In his absence the Mayor proposed that Cllr Drobny be asked to sign the declaration of office prior to the next meeting of the Council and this was **Resolved** accordingly.

011. ADDRESS BY THE MAYOR OF WYRE

The Mayor of Wyre, Cllr Don Lawrenson, wished Cllr and Mrs Lamb a happy, successful and productive year.

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 8.10pm.