

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Llantwit Major Town Council held on Thursday 5th December 2013, at 7.05pm, at the Council Chamber, Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major

Present;	Councillor	Mr K Geary – Town Mayor	
	Councillors;	G John) WEST WARD
		Mrs P Lancaster	
		Mrs S Geary)
		G Ingram) SOUTH EAST WARD
		Mrs A Knight)
		E Hacker) NORTH WARD
		M Mason)
		Mrs S Hanks)
		M Marsh) BOVERTON WARD
		J Evans)
		R Jenkins)

Apologies received from Councillor E Williams.
Prior commitment.

There were no declarations of interest.

Town Clerk informed Council that the Town Hall had received a CV from candidate Mr D Foster which was sent after the closing date for applications and after the Special Full Town Council Meeting Agenda had been issued to all Councillors. Town Clerk raised concerns that no items usually can be added to an Agenda after officially being sent out. Town Clerk requested clarification from Councillors if they wish to accept and view this CV.

RESOLVED: All Councillors agreed that the CV should not be accepted.

Further

RESOLVED: Mr D Foster to be informed prior to his 3 minute interview that the CV cannot be accepted and read by the Council

Town Clerk informed Council that Mr Bamrah was not in attendance and no apology had been received.

Councillor K Geary then asked permission for Standing Orders to be suspended to allow Mr Deakin, Mr Foster, Ms Killick, Mrs Norman and Mr Williams to address the Council. Councillor K Geary stated all candidates will be given 3 minutes to state why they consider themselves suitable to fill the position of Town Councillor for the North Ward. Councillors will then be able to ask up to 3 clarifying questions to each candidate applicable to the Council vacancy.

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED

301. PROCEDURAL MATTERS**To receive all co-option requests**

Councillors had previously been circulated with copies of the following correspondence in respect of the above:-

- a) Email dated 20th November 2013 received from Mr H S Bamrah conveying his interest in being co-opted onto the Town Council
- b) Letter dated 11th November 2013 received from Mr J Deakin providing background information as to his reasons for considering himself a suitable candidate for the Council vacancy in the North Ward.
- c) Letter 20th November 2013 received from Mr D Foster conveying his interest in being co-opted onto the Town Council
- d) Letter dated 19th November 2013 received from Ms L Killick providing background information as to her reasons for considering herself a suitable candidate for the Council vacancy in the North Ward.
- e) Letter dated 14th November 2013 received from Mrs J Norman providing background information as to her reasons for considering herself a suitable candidate for the Council vacancy in the North Ward.
- f) Letter 11th November 2013 received from Mr M Williams conveying his interest in being co-opted onto the Town Council

Each candidate (excluding Mr H S Bamrah who did not attend) gave a three minutes presentation on the reasons they consider themselves suitable for the role of Councillor of the North Ward.

STANDING ORDERS WERE REINSTATED

Councillor K Geary informed Council he was abstaining from the electoral ballot.

Councillor K Geary requested Councillors propose and second Candidates they wish to be considered for this vacancy and then a secret ballot will be held. Following candidates were nominated :

Mr J Deakin, Mr D Foster, Ms L Killick and Mrs J Norman

Each Councillor was then asked to write the name of his/her chosen applicant on the voting paper slip. The folded paper was collected and handed to the Councillor K Geary who announced the following first round ballot results:

Mr J Deakin - 2 votes
 Mr D Foster - 5 votes
 Ms L Killick - 1 vote
 Mrs J Norman - 3 votes

Ms L Killick eliminated from first round.

Councillors proceeded with second round secret ballot. Councillor K Geary announced results of second round as follows:-

Mr J Deakin - 2 votes
Mr D Foster - 6 votes
Mrs J Norman - 3 votes

Mr J Deakin eliminated from second round.

Councillors proceeded with final round secret ballot. Councillor K Geary announced results of final round as follows:-

Mr D Foster - 7 votes
Mrs J Norman - 4 votes

RESOLVED: That Mr D Foster be the newly co-opted Town Councillor to fill the North Ward Casual Vacancy.

Councillor K Geary invited Mr D Foster to attend the next Full Town Council meeting to be held on 19th December 2013.

Councillor E Hacker stated how fortunate the Council were to have an excellent group of candidates showing great commitment to the Llantwit Major community and hoped that they would consider putting themselves forwards at future elections. All Councillors endorsed this statement.

Further

RESOLVED: Town Councillor had agreement from candidates, Mr J Deakin, Mrs J Norman and Ms L Killick to keep their records on file.

SIGNED DATED