

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COLBURN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 23rd JAN 2023 AT 5.30 PM
BACKROOM, COLBURN VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Mayor Colin Mincher (Chair)
Councillors: **Colburn Town** – Miles Burnham, Angela Dale, Michelle Dunning & Paul Towers
 Albermarle - Akuila Tutora. **Colburn Moor** – Andrea Crowe
Clerk: Philippa Graves

APOLOGIES RECEIVED – Cllr Sharma until the end of February. Non attendance Cllr Hildyard.

The meeting was convened to formally note the resignation of Cllr Jag Sharma as Mayor (email received 16th Jan), elect a new Deputy Mayor, make arrangements for the annual Dinner and re-allocate Mayor and Deputy Mayor allowances for the final four months February-May before the next Annual Meeting on 15th May.

1. Election of Deputy Mayor

Cllr Michelle Dunning was proposed by Cllr Dale, seconded by Cllr Crowe and unanimously elected.

2. Arrangements for Annual Dinner

The Chair asked every councillor whether a Dinner should be arranged this year and if so, he wanted it to be a more inclusive business/community event, simple self-service food and inexpensive tickets. Cllr Sharma had made a booking for Sat 1st April at the Hanson Social Club and a Save the Date email had been circulated.

Cllr Dale felt strongly that a Dinner should be held to maintain public awareness and that was the agreement of those present. Food provided by the Fijian community was suggested as this had been very popular on a previous occasion and the food was of excellent quality. Cllr Tutora confirmed that he would ask his colleagues as they could use the covered pit for cooking at the Hanson Club. A self-service system would remove the cost for waiters which will help to keep the ticket cost down.

Tickets should be priced around £15 as the emphasis is not on profit and include some music/disco. The Mayor felt the importance for the event was to network with the community and promote local businesses covering the costs with a small charitable profit.

All councillors to support Cllr Dale with raffle and tombola prizes.

Mayor would liaise with Deputy Clerk on her return from hols on 31st Jan and work on a guest list.

3. Financial arrangements for Mayor/Deputy allowances and re-imburement of remaining 4 months from resigned Mayor

The allowances work out at £125 per month for Mayor (total £1500) and £25 per month for Deputy Mayor (£300). This covers the period from the election of Mayor/Deputy at the Annual Meeting in May to the following May.

4 months re-imburement required Feb – May = £500.

It was agreed to continue making the allowance payments to the new Mayor and Deputy and formally request re-imburement from Cllr Sharma.

The meeting closed at 6.15 pm