



Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council (Co-Option) meeting held

Thursday 13th April 2023

Present Councillors: **D. Andrews (Chair), A. Copeland (Vice-Chair), C. Alsopp, D. Brown, B. Clark, D. Fretwell, E. Humphreys, C. McCartan, P. Owen, D. Oxley, J. Ronksley, N. Ronksley, A Scott, T. Murphy, C Walker & A. Winsborough.**

Apologies were received from Councillors: **M. Howis.**

Proper Officer: **Thomas Collingham (Clerk & RFO).**

There was one member of public in attendance, and four candidates for Co-Option.

The meeting started at 6.30pm

9326 To receive and approve reasons for absence.

Resolved:- The council received and approved the reasons for absence from M. Howis.

9327 To receive declarations of interest in respect of business on the agenda.

Resolved:- There were no declarations of interests raised.

9328 To identify any agenda items which may be considered following the exclusion of the press and public, due to the confidential nature to be discussed.

Resolved:- No items were identified for exclusion.

9329 Public Participation Session

No public questions were received.

9330 To receive written applications for the office of Parish councillor and to Co-opt a candidate to fill the existing vacancy.

The Council received applications for each of the candidates ahead of the meeting, along with a copy of the Co-Option policy. Candidates were each given a maximum of five minutes to address the Council and time for questions afterwards.

Brian Hubbard –



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He has lived in Thurcroft since the 50's and attended local schools. He was in the forces for nine years before joining the Police. Once he moved back to the village, he drove coaches up until retirement. He knows a wide range of people through the posts he has held.

He is articulate and likes to research to be accurate and informative in anything he does.

As he is retired, he would attend local events, and relish the chance to join the council. He would also like to tackle antisocial behaviour in line with his role as an ex-policeman.

No questions asked by the council.

Joseph Richardson –

This is his 5th attempt to join the council. He isn't originally from the village but has been here for eight years and has two children. His children are hugely important to him and for anything he does in the village. He volunteers for National Deaf Society and in his day job he is a grounds and landscaper.

He is pragmatic and level headed. Not forceful in his views and knows when to keep quiet. He researches his opinion.

He is open to working across the parish in Laughton, Brampton and Thurcroft. He is a younger candidate and can be helpful.

Question – Are you involved in any local groups in the parish? No, but this would be my way of being involved.

Richard Ryder –

He has lived in the village for four years. He has a partner and two children. He runs outside bars for events, and his wife works at a local pub in the village. He knows lots of people and feels he has a dazzling personality.

He also works in web design, CCTV and runs his own business which he feels would be beneficial with working with numbers.

He is friendly, passionate and will always give 100%. He wishes to be part of an active council. He would also be open to attending any training and learning more.

Question – Are you involved in any local groups in the parish? He is part of a residential care home in Sheffield and held a Veterans event.



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Susan Tingle –

She hopes that everyone knows her as she has previously been on the council. Resigned for four months and has missed the council. She is a Thurcroft girl, lived in Thurcroft for 60 years.

She worked in the Inland Revenue and is a full time carer to her mother.

She is looking to do something more and saw that there was a vacancy on the council.

Question – When you were on the council were you on a committee? None as they weren't established.

Would you be happy to go on a committee? Yes

Would you put your mum before the council? I would make time.

Councillors raised concerns with the question that was asked to the candidate. A councillor probed further into the candidate's previous history.

An apology was given from the councillor to the candidate before moving to the vote.

Voting –

The Council moved to vote as follows - Brian Hubbard received seven votes, Joseph Richardson received eight votes, Richard Ryder received one vote, Sue Tingle received no votes.

The Clerk advised the council that this is not an overall majority as the voting needs to be 50% +1 of the councillors present. Richard Ryder and Sue Tingle received the least votes and were not included in the second vote.

A second vote was taken as follows – Brian Hubbard received seven votes, Joseph Richardson received nine votes.

Resolved:- That Joseph Richardson be duly co-opted as a Councillor onto Thurcroft Parish Council.

9331 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

Councillors raised concerns with antisocial behaviour in relation to bikes and cars in the village, and that the church have started to close their gates in the evening.

9332 To set the date of the next ordinary Parish Council meeting.

The date of the next meeting was agreed as **Thursday 27th April 2023** at 6.30 pm in the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 19:30.