

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014**

At an Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: J. Carroll, J. DeAsha, M. Donovan, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Grunewald, J. Kelly, D. Long, C. Moore and W.M. Wood.

Ms Lynn Clarke, from St Helens Council and the 4F Centre Management Board, was also present.

**418. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs B. Almond and B. Heydon. As Cllr Heydon could not attend the Vice-Chair, Cllr Doyle, took the Chair.

**419. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr J. DeAsha - 4F Centre, Cllr L. Glover - 4F Centre, Cllr S. Glover - 4F Centre.

**420. 4F CENTRE – OPEN SESSION**

A discussion took place regarding the finances and current position of the 4F Centre, including updates from those members of the 4F Centre Management Board present. The key points were:

- several organisations had stopped using the 4F Centre including the group which had rented office accommodation
- the current financial situation was not as healthy as 12 months ago
- the national lottery grant application which would have funded a centre manager had been unsuccessful
- the temporary services of an experienced manager had been obtained for one day per week and this appointment was already starting to show an improvement in finances
- financial support from the Parish Council was sought to help sustain the 4F Centre for the next 12 months
- it was expected that the permanent appointment of a part-time centre manager would help the 4F Centre achieve growth and regain financial stability.

Ms Clarke and the three members who had made a declaration of interest regarding the 4F Centre left the meeting.

**421. 4F CENTRE – CLOSED SESSION**

It was resolved that, in principle, the Council will provide funds for the 4F Centre to continue to employ the services of the current centre manager for one day per week for 12 months at a cost of £5,500 subject to:

- monitoring reports being provided at every Council meeting via the current reporting process
- quarterly reviews being conducted by the 4F Centre Management Board regarding the effectiveness of employing an experienced centre manager and its impact on finances and growth of the centre with the results of each review being provided to the Council at the Council meeting immediately following each review.

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It was further resolved that, in principle, a further sum of £4,500 will be set aside as a contingency to be called on to help the 4F Centre through any temporary difficulties, and only if absolutely necessary, during the same 12 months period.

The three members who had made a declaration of interest regarding the 4F Centre and Ms Clarke were then invited to re-join the meeting and were informed of the Council's agreement in principle.

**422. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:22 pm.

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Chair of the Parish Council  
23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014