

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 31st MAY 2017** AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL, 9 DEVON SQUARE, NEWTON ABBOT

PRESENT Councillors Mrs A Jones (Mayor) Presiding
K L Purchase (Dep Mayor)

Councillors

Mrs C Bunday	Mrs S Kingdom
Mrs J Cleave	C N Parker
D Corney-Walker	M Pilkington
M Hocking	Ms L Roberts
D Howe	M Ryan
M Joyce	Mrs L Sheffield
	T Ward

Representative of the Press: Sam Hall – Mid Devon Advertiser

By Invitation: County and District Councillor Mrs Jackie Brodie

In attendance: Philip Rowe – Town Clerk
Sally Henley – Town Development Manager
Alexandra Robinson – Committee Administrator

The Mayor invited her Chaplain, The Reverend Prebendary Alan White, to deliver prayers.

37. APOLOGIES AND WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed her fellow Councillors to the first Meeting of the Council in the new Civic year. She thanked Members for their support and partnership as the Council worked towards creating a new Museum and community space incorporating the Town Hall over the next couple of years.

Councillor Mrs Carol Bunday thanked the Mayor on behalf of the Council and agreed they would support her fully to achieve the vision for the Council.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Honorary Freeman Mr Henry Cole, County and District Councillor Gordon Hook and Councillors Chris Coyle-Moore, Rob Hayes and Richard Jenks.

38. INTERESTS

None declared.

39. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th March, Special Meeting held on 12th April and Council Meeting on 3rd May 2017 were received and signed as correct records

40. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

41. HERITAGE ASSETS REGISTER

The Mayor invited Councillor Mrs Carol Bunday to introduce the item. Councillor Mrs Bunday explained the background to the Heritage Assets Criteria document, previously circulated by email and tabled at the meeting. Members did not raise any further questions in relation to the Criteria document, therefore the Mayor thanked Councillor Mrs Bunday for her summary and accordingly it was:

RESOLVED that the Heritage Assets Criteria be hereby approved and adopted.

42. **REPORTS OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

A. County and District Councillor Hook had produced a written report, tabled at the meeting in his absence, which highlighted the following issues in which he had a direct involvement:

- ❖ Obstructions to pedestrians caused by parking on the pavements;
- ❖ Tree Preservation Orders in the NA1/Wolborough area;
- ❖ Parking issues in the vicinity of Decoy School;
- ❖ Meeting to discuss traffic issues in Buckland area;
- ❖ Various Highways issues forwarded to DCC.

B. County and District Councillor Jackie Brodie reported on the following issues in which she had a direct involvement:

- A382 DCC Planning Application road widening scheme from Drumbridges to the town centre;
- East to West cycle and pedestrian links across the town and A382 to Jetty Marsh;
- Pavement issues along the A383;
- Highway aspects of Howton Road development;
- Parking issues within Hameldown Way and Templers Road;
- Pedestrian safety concerns associated with pavement parking;
- Ongoing application for disabled parking bay in King Street;
- Proposed community group to clear overgrown vegetation from pedestrian paths and pavements;
- Visit to Meadowside Residential Home;
- Aldi Planning Application Brunel Road;
- Resurfacing of Courtenay Street;
- Revised planning application by K² Hair Salon, St. Paul's Road;
- Consultation on future uses of Abbotsbury Church;
- Teignbridge District Council introduction of fees and charges for Planning Advice.

43. **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Council received the list of engagements (previously circulated) which the Mayor had carried out since 3rd May 2017.

The Mayor acknowledged that she had thoroughly enjoyed all the events attended however she drew particular attention to the following: -

- ✓ The launch of the Moor Otters Trail in which 94 hand-painted otters have been sponsored by local businesses and have been located

throughout the gateway towns of Dartmoor. The Museum and Town Hall have sponsored otters as part of the trail within Newton Abbot;

- ✓ The Crowning of the May Queen at Wolborough School, a wonderful display and beautiful dancing.

The Mayor commented that she was looking forward to her forthcoming engagements.

44. **PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES**

- A. The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on 14th March 2017 as presented by the Chairman, Councillor D Howe, were received and approved;
- B. The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on 4th April 2017 as presented by the Chairman, Councillor D Howe, were received and approved;
- C. The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Community & Heritage Committee** held on 12th April 2017 as presented by the Chairman, Councillor Mrs C Bunday, were received and approved;
- D. The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on 25th April 2017 as presented by the Chairman, Councillor D Howe, were received and approved;
- E. The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the **Community & Heritage Committee** held on 3rd May 2017 as presented by the Chairman, Councillor Mrs J Cleave, were received and approved subject to it being noted that Councillors Rob Hayes, Mike Joyce and Ms Liz Roberts attended and it also being noted that reference be given to the extract from the SLCC Clerk's Manual, concerning matters in relation to Committee membership, accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED that:
The Community and Heritage Committee comprising of all 18 Members of the Council sitting with an elected Chairman and as such would conduct the business of Community and Heritage matters and report to the Council in line with all Committees of the Council and its Terms of Reference be approved and adopted.
- F. The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the **Finance & Audit Committee** held on 3rd May 2017 as presented by the Chairman, Councillor C Parker, were received and approved;
- G. The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on 3rd May 2017 as presented by the Chairman, Councillor D Howe, were received and approved;
- H. The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Policy & Resources Committee** held on 3rd May 2017 as presented by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor C Parker were received and approved subject to it being noted that Councillor Mike Joyce attended.

- I. The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on 16th May 2017 as presented by the Chairman, Councillor D Howe, were received and approved.

45. **FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

The Mayor introduced the Financial Regulations and Policy documents, previously circulated. The Town Clerk reported that no questions had been received prior to the meeting.

Following the review of the documents it was;

RESOLVED that the:

- a) Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy,
- b) Risk Management Policy and
- c) Statement of Internal Control, subject to minor amendment, be hereby, approved and adopted.

It was proposed and seconded that the Statement of Internal Control, Section 3. Payments, reference electronic payments be amended. Upon being put to the vote the Motion was lost.

46. **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

47. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council was to be held on Wednesday 26th July 2017.

Chairman