

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 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	M Joyce
D Corney-Walker	Mrs S Kingdom
C Coyle-Moore	C N Parker
R Hayes	M Pilkington
M Hocking	Ms L Roberts
D Howe	M Ryan
R Jenks	Mrs L Sheffield

Freeman: Mr Henry Cole

Nigel Kenneison – Newton Abbot Town Crier

Representative of the Press: Sam Hall – Mid Devon Advertiser

By Invitation: District Councillor Phillip Bullivant

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, following which the Council held a minute's silence in Memory of Mrs Di Nicholls, former Town and District Councillor, former Mayor and Freeman of the Town.

**180. APOLOGIES AND WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed Mr Nigel Kenneison, newly appointed Newton Abbot Town Crier.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of County and District Councillors Mrs Jackie Brodie and Gordon Hook and Councillors Mrs Julie Cleave and Terry Ward.

**181. INTERESTS**

None declared.

**182. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July were received and signed as a correct record.

**183. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

184. **PRESENTATION – NEWTON ABBOT TOWN CRIER**

The Mayor introduced Mr Nigel Kenneison and invited him to give an introductory Cry as the newly appointed, Newton Abbot Town Crier.

Mr Kenneison announced his Cry with the aid of a Post Horn and introduced himself to Members with a Cry in the Chamber. His jovial speech was welcomed by Members and the Mayor thanked him on behalf of the Town Council, following which Mr Kenneison left the meeting.

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

A. District Councillor Phillip Bullivant reported on the following issues in which he had direct involvement:

- Bradley Community picnic in Larksmead Close involved over 100 people,
- Houghton Barton Development Plans to be submitted end November, with proposals for 1000 dwellings,
- The A383 cycle paths now operational,
- Town Centre Regeneration Proposals - £2m investment,
- Teignbridge forward plan has identified £233m investment over the next ten years, of which, £70m is planned for Newton Abbot,
- Teignbridge has been praised for being the best for waste recycling in Devon,
- Dawlish Warren Regeneration Project, is now complete and an area of 60 acres has been made available to the public; a similar scheme is planned for Houghton Barton, and
- Homelessness support has been increased significantly and the success of Albany House has been reviewed by other authorities with plans for a second 'House of Safety' in the area.

B. District and Town Councillor Mike Pilkington reported on the following issues in which he had direct involvement:

- The Review of the Teignbridge Local Plan and protection of rural economy balanced with location of industrial land.

C. District and Town Councillor Mike Hocking reported on the following issues in which he had direct involvement:

- The Review of the Teignbridge Local Plan and the identification of suitable alternative locations for the industrial business.

D. District and Town Councillor Colin Parker reported on the following issues in which he had direct involvement:

- The Review of the Teignbridge Local Plan and the need to deliver employment for Newton Abbot.

186. **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Council received the list of engagements (previously circulated) which the Mayor had carried out since 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

The Mayor reported that she had thoroughly enjoyed the diverse and interesting engagements she had attended during the summer; however, she drew particular attention to the following: -

- ✓ The opening of the new disabled lift at Meadowside
- ✓ A Garden Party at Torre Abbey
- ✓ A Plaque presented to the Town Council at the Junior Leaders Disbandment Dinner
- ✓ The thoroughly enjoyable trip to Besigheim, as part of the Wine Festival as organised by the Twinning Association and accompanied by Councillor Mrs C Bunday.

The Mayor closed her report in noting that she would be looking forward to the forthcoming events leading up to Christmas.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had enjoyed his attendance at the Dawlish Carnival Opening Ceremony.

#### 187. **TOWN CLERK REPORT**

The Mayor invited the Town Clerk to report to Members on a number of matters, concerning the Town Council:

##### **A. Star Councils 2017**

The Town Clerk was pleased to announce that the Town Council had been placed in the long-list of 12 potential successful nominees for the national award of Star Council and would hear shortly if it would be placed in the short-list of finalists. Following support and congratulations from the Council it was

**RESOLVED** that should the Town Council be short-listed for the national award of Star Council 2017 that the Town Clerk be authorised to arrange for a group of Members and the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk to attend the ceremony at the end of October 2017.

##### **B. Team Building 2017**

The Town Clerk reported that on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September all the staff from the Town Council and Museum participated in a team building day. He noted that the staff appreciated the support of the Town Council in facilitating the event. Members noted the officers' appreciation and endorsed the benefit to staff of such an event.

##### **C. General Data Protection Regulations 2018**

The Town Clerk referred the Council to the summary paper tabled at the meeting intended to brief Members on the new data protection regulations due to come in force in May 2018. The new regulations will have implications for the Town Council and all organisations who hold and share personal data. Whilst officers have been researching the specific details for the Council; not least of which will be the appointment of a Data Protection Officer; the Town Clerk reported that NALC had also lobbied Government on behalf of Town and Parish Councils to ascertain what is expected of them. The Town Clerk would report back in due course.

188. **PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES**

- A. The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 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 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017 as presented by the Chairman, Councillor D Howe, were received and approved;
- C. The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Policy & Resources Committee** held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017 as presented by the Chairman, Councillor M Ryan, were received and approved, subject to it being noted that the Policies listed under Minute 163 had been duly amended and also that the Newton's Place Project will launch its Fundraising Campaign at a Film Night on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017.
- D. The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 as presented by the Chairman, Councillor D Howe, were received and approved.

Following which, it was:

**RESOLVED** that the Policies listed under Minute 17/09(163) in relation to

**Health & Safety:**

- (a) Display Screen Equipment Regulations 1992,
- (b) Electrical Safety,
- (c) Guidance on Manual Lifting and Handling,
- (d) Potentially Abusive or Violent Persons,
- (e) Working Alone,
- (f) Safety in Offices and Museum and,

**Information Communication Technology (ICT):**

- (a) Internet and E-mail Policy,
- (b) Fire Wall,
- (c) Remote Access & Mobile Working Policy, and
- (d) Password Policy, be hereby, approved and adopted and duly signed by the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.

189. **LOCAL POLICING NEWTON ABBOT**

The Mayor noted that further to Minute 17/07(102) she invited Members to consider the responses to her letters regarding local policing, previously circulated. Members raised their grave concerns at the continued lack of resourcing for local police and the impact on Newton Abbot. Members were invited to make suggestions for items to be included in a further, strengthened, letter to be written by the Mayor on behalf of the Town Council.

In addition, Members felt it was important to accept the Police and Crime Commissioner's invitation to nominate a Councillor Advocate to represent the Town Council at future PCC meetings. Following a lengthy discussion, it was:

**RESOLVED** that:

a) The Mayor would write a further letter to the Home Office, on behalf of the Town Council, expressing the Council's grave concerns for the lack of local police resourcing and the implications for Newton Abbot, and

b) that Councillor Mike Joyce be nominated as Councillor Advocate to the PCC scheme and for him to contact Sergeant Jeff Coe at the PCC office to make arrangements.

190. **TOWN CRIER APPOINTMENT**

The Mayor invited Members to note the summary document which outlined the appointment of Mr Nigel Kenneison as the Newton Abbot Town Crier. Members noted his superb introductory Cry earlier in the Meeting and welcomed the appointment.

Councillor Colin Parker led the Town Council in its expression of appreciation to Councillor Ken Purchase who had held the position of Town Crier for 25 years.

**RESOLVED** that the appointment of Mr Nigel Kenneison as Newton Abbot Town Crier, be hereby, duly ratified and accepted.

191. **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

192. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council was to be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017.

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Chairman