

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 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
C Coyle-Moore	M Pilkington
R Hayes	Ms L Roberts
M Hocking	M Ryan
D Howe	Mrs L Sheffield
R Jenks	T Ward
M Joyce	

Freeman: Mr Henry Cole

Representative of the Press: Sam Hall – Mid Devon Advertiser

By Invitation: District Councillor Phillip Bullivant
County & District Councillor Mrs Jackie Hook
County & District Councillor Gordon Hook

Representatives from: Newton Abbot & District Society of Arts
T.H.A.T. Foodbank
Citizens Advice Teignbridge
Newton Abbot Community Transport
Pete's Dragon

In attendance: Philip Rowe – Town Clerk
Nigel Canham – PR & Communications Consultant
Alexandra Robinson – Committee Administrator

INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Mayor welcomed representatives from Newton Abbot & District Society of Arts and T.H.A.T. Foodbank presenting them both with a Grant from the Town Council, for projects. The Mayor similarly welcomed Citizens Advice Teignbridge, Newton Abbot Community Trust and Pete's Dragon where upon she presented a Financial Assistance Grants in support of the work that they carry out. Each organisation thanked the Town Council for their ongoing support.

The organisations having received their cheques, were applauded by the Members of the Council, where upon they left the meeting.

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

257. WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor welcomed all to the final full council meeting of 2017 and she hoped that all Councillors would strive to continue to work together for the town.

258. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor David Corney-Walker.

259. **INTERESTS**

None declared.

260. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27th September 2017 were received and signed as a correct record.

261. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

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

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

- The Local Enterprise Partnership – Heart of the South West; he noted the importance of the recent developments and encouraged all Members to respond to the latest consultation – ‘Stepping Up to the Challenge’ a review of productivity strategy to be submitted, online via the link: www.torbay.com/devolution, by the extended deadline of the 14th December 2017.

B. County and District Councillor Gordon Hook reported on the following issues in which he had direct involvement:

- Endorsed support for responding to the strategic review as part of the Local Enterprise Partnership.
- Review of highways improvements to St Marychurch Road to be activated in the next financial year.
- Approval for local parking restrictions in number of roads to include: Haytor Road, Linden Terrace, Aller Brake Road and Coach Road.
- National statistics had reported an increase of fatalities on the roads of 4%, DCC were looking into the reasons for local increases.
- Reports of speeding traffic on Aller Brake Road.
- Democratic Services reviewing salaries of County Councillors.

C. County and District Councillor Mrs Jackie Hook reported on the following issues in which she had direct involvement:

- Application for £2,000 from the DCC Community Enhancement Fund to carry out minor repairs and maintenance to highways no

longer carried out by DCC. Necessary training would be provided by DCC.

- Ashburton Road, evening road closure to clear route for pedestrian/cycle path.
- Pavement installation and improvements to Ashburton Road due to commence 8th January 2018.
- Temporary Bus stop installed to Ashburton Road whilst highway works undertaken.
- Experimental Traffic Order Highweek Village.
- Meeting with the Head teacher and DCC regarding parking issues at Bradley Barton School.
- Gypsy traveller Forum – biannual meeting of gypsies, travellers and associated agencies which discussed details of proposed new site.
- Aspirations Group – local support group for families of 3-18 year olds with Asperger's Syndrome and Autism.

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

- Experimental Traffic Order Highweek Village.
- NA1 Framework Development Plan for Houghton-Barton, an indicative, not prescriptive plan for developers.
- Review of sports facilities throughout Teignbridge targeting 'getting fit' rather than provision for those who are already actively engaged in sport.
- Planning Application in relation to lighting of sports field at Coombeshead College, new installation will reduce light spillage.

263. **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Council received the list of engagements (previously circulated) which the Mayor had carried out since 27th September 2017.

The Mayor reported that she had thoroughly enjoyed the diverse and interesting engagements she had attended during the last couple of months and in particular drew attention to the following: -

- ✎ The McMillan Coffee Morning Decade of Antiques
- ✎ Newton Abbot Town Ball
- ✎ Civic Services across the region
- ✎ Newton Abbot Fire Station Role and 45th Anniversary Evening whereupon the Mayor presented two long-service awards and received a commemorative plaque
- ✎ A meet and greet welcome to the visiting coaches to Newton Abbot accompanied by Henry Cole, where upon visitors complimented Newton Abbot on the variety of independent shops and available coach parking.

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 Paignton Stagecoach event at which they launched their new £5m fleet of coaches and the Hop 12 route through Torbay and Newton Abbot.

264. **PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES**

- A. The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on 11th October 2017 as presented by the Chairman, Councillor D Howe, were received and approved;
- B. The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Community & Heritage Committee** held on 18th October 2017 as presented by the Chairman, Councillor Mrs J Cleave, were received and approved;
- C. The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on 31st October 2017 as presented by the Chairman, Councillor D Howe, were received and approved;
- D. The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Policy & Resources Committee** held on 1st November 2017 as presented by the Chairman, Councillor M Ryan, were received and approved,
- E. The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Finance & Audit** Committee held on 1st November 2017 as presented by the Chairman, Councillor C Parker, were received and approved, subject to it being noted that following a meeting with the Devon and Cornwall Police and the Community Safety Partnership that it was;

RESOLVED that a grant of £1,500 be awarded to Devon and Cornwall Police and the Community Safety Partnership for Operation Turf.

- F. The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on 21st November 2017 as presented by the Chairman, Councillor D Howe, were received and approved.

265. **POLICY DOCUMENTS**

The Town Clerk introduced the Policy document, previously circulated and reminded Members that it was necessary to review the document as a requirement of the annual audit. Accordingly, it was: -

RESOLVED that the:
Standing Orders, be hereby, approved and adopted.

266. **NEWTON'S PLACE – PROJECT UPDATE**

The Mayor invited Nigel Canham, PR and Communications Consultant to update Members on the project. Mr Canham reported that there had been good media coverage on the project to date and the feedback and recognition among the wider community reflected positive support and enthusiasm.

Mr Canham informed Members that the Crowdfunding scheme had been launched at the Film Night event on the 17th October and more recently he and the project team had encouraged local businesses to pledge their support. To date Austins had made a pledge and the total raised to date was in the region of £1,300 but £10,000 was needed to be achieved before the money could be

released for the project. He encouraged Members to place pledges and to share with contacts to increase publicity across the community.

Members offered to circulate leaflets advertising the Crowdfunding scheme and publicise on noticeboards.

Crowdfunding could be pledged at:
www.spacehive.com/newton's-place

The Mayor invited the Town Clerk to update Members on the Mid-term Review meeting with the Grants Officer of the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) held earlier in the day. The Clerk reported that the overall response from the HLF was that the project had made a superb effort during the Development Phase to date. They considered the documents provided in draft and acknowledged that the Activity Plan would be prepared in more detail for a further submission in January 2018. At that point it would be clear as to the timing of the proposed Round Two project submission for the Delivery Phase. Overall the project team were pleased with the response from the HLF and reported that the project remained on track.

The Mayor thanked the Project Team for their extensive hard work and efforts to deliver on the project to date and the Council welcomed further updates in due course.

267. TOWN CENTRE VISITORS

The Mayor invited Henry Cole, Freeman of the Town to update Members on his interaction with visitors to the town. Mr Cole reported that he had met with the coach drivers bringing tourists and visitors to the town. The feedback from drivers was that they appreciated the newly allocated coach parking and the accessibility to the town and this would encourage further visits.

268. LATE CORRESPONDENCE

None.

269. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council was to be held on Wednesday 24th January 2018 (Precept).

Chairman