

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018** 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
Mrs J Cleave	C N Parker
D Corney-Walker	Ms L Roberts
R Hayes	Mrs L Sheffield
M Hocking	M E Ryan
D Howe	T Ward

Freeman: Mr Henry Cole

Representative of the Press: Sam Hall – Mid Devon Advertiser

By Invitation: District Councillor Phillip Bullivant  
The Reverend Prebendary Alan White

Mr John Pike – Newton Abbot Community Interest Company  
Mr Michael Cooke – Heath Rail Link

In attendance: Philip Rowe – Town Clerk  
Alexandra Robinson – Committee Administrator

## **INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION**

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Mayor welcomed representatives from Newton Abbot Community Interest Company and Heath Rail Link presenting them both with a Grant from the Town Council, in support of projects in relation to the work that they carry out. Both organisations expressed their appreciation and thanked the Town Council for their 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.

### **386. WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to her last Full Council Meeting in her term of office as Mayor.

### **387. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of County & District Councillors Mrs Jackie Hook and Gordon Hook; and Councillors Chris Coyle-Moore, Richard Jenks, Mrs Sheila Kingdom and Mike Pilkington.

### **388. INTERESTS**

None declared.

**389. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and the Special Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 were received and signed as correct records, subject to amendment.

**390. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**391. PRESENTATION TO TOWN CRIER**

The Mayor presented the Outgoing Town Crier, Councillor Ken Purchase with an engraved glass bell and certificate in recognition of his retirement as Town Crier for Newton Abbot and to commemorate his 25 years of service to the town. The Mayor thanked Councillor Purchase on behalf of the Council for his long-term commitment as Town Crier for the Newton Abbot.

Councillor Purchase thanked the Council for the gift and described his pleasure as Town Crier since he had travelled the country and abroad and had met many people over the years, some of whom had become long term acquaintances. It had been an honour to be the Town Crier for Newton Abbot and he wished his successor Nigel Kenneison the very best.

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

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

- Planning Application for Aldi Supermarket had been approved;
- Application for Industrial/Employment Land approved South West of Exeter which would make provision for in the region of 1500 job opportunities;
- Bradley Barton Planning Application to be considered regarding density of dwellings and poor access;
- Teignbridge District Council, budget approval for 2018/19;
- Refuse collection, waste recycling; and
- Osborne Street car park.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Bullivant for his update and invited questions from Members who raised the following points:

- Recycling of plastic and food waste;
- Littering of pavements following refuse collections;
- Commended the refuse collection team during the extreme weather;
- Proposals for three-weekly collections of refuse; and
- The extensive work of the Town Council's Handyman who supplemented the District Authority operatives during the extreme weather;

The Mayor thanked Councillor Bullivant for taking questions and requested that the comments made be noted and referred back to the responsible officers.

### 393. **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Council received the list of engagements (previously circulated) which the Mayor had carried out since 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

The Mayor reported that despite it being quieter following Christmas that she had attended a variety of engagements and drew particular attention to the following: -

- ✓ The Holocaust Memorial Service in Paignton where upon she had met a woman who was one of the last passengers on the 'Kinder Transport' from Europe in 1939;
- ✓ The wonderful NADSA concerts; and
- ✓ The ATC Presentation evening.

The Mayor reported that she was looking forward to the Past Mayors Dinner to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018; the Mayor and Murder evening in Totnes and the Masquerade Ball in Teignmouth.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had attended the AGM of the Talking Newspaper which he found extremely interesting and the Mayoral Civic Reception in Exeter.

### 394. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

The Mayor invited Councillor David Howe to Move his Motion, in accordance with Standing Order number 8:

'That this Council moves to a situation whereby single use plastic drink cups and plates are removed from the Council use and replaced with reusable plastic or glass.'

The Mayor informed Members that she was prepared for the matter to be discussed at the Council Meeting.

Members discussed the matter in detail, raising the following points for consideration:

- ❖ Positively encourage the use of reusable drinking cups;
- ❖ Recycle as much as is possible;
- ❖ The lack of commercial recycling facilities available to businesses in the town;

The Mayor invited the Town Development Manager, Mrs Sally Henley to update Members on recycling and access to drinking water in the town. To which Mrs Henley advised on her research and possible facilities that could be made available within the town.

Following a lengthy open discussion, Members felt that further research was required in order to make recommendations and a new Council Policy therefore, accordingly it was:

**RESOLVED** that the Motion as moved by Councillor David Howe be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018, where upon full consideration would be given to the arrangements for use of plastic, recycling and drinking water facilities in the town.

395. **PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES**

- A. The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 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 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 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 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 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 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 as presented by the Chairman, Councillor M Ryan, were received and approved, subject to it being noted that under Minute 18/02(371) the consultation period for the next stage of the **Greater Exeter Strategic Plan**, would now not be expected until the autumn 2018.
- E. The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Finance & Audit** Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 as presented by the Chairman, Councillor C Parker, were received and approved.

396. **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

397. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council was to be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018, The Annual Meeting of the Council.

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Chairman (Mayor)