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Town Council 24 May 2016

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46/16 **ARTS COUNCIL GRANT**

Mr Michael Munro-O'Brien addressed members regarding the successful outcome of the Arts Council Grant application and informed members that £9500 had been awarded to the Town Council. He advised that an artist would be hired with the grant monies allocated to ascertain what art would be in the best interest of South Molton and that would make the town an 'art destination'. This would be in consultation with the residents of the town. It would be anticipated that early next year a further grant might be obtained for the installation of artwork in South Molton. The Clerk advised that there would be a cost of approximately £900 to the Town Council towards this initiative and it was unanimously RESOLVED that Mr Munro-O'Brien be instructed to proceed with this project.

47/16 **QUEEN STREET AND KING STREET**

Members noted that the Clerk had spoken to Cllr Yabsley regarding changing the direction of traffic through Queen Street to a 'one-way system'. Following discussion it was RESOLVED that any decision is deferred until such time as the Town Clerk has obtained recommendations and comments from the emergency services regarding a one-way system in this area. 10 For 1 Against 1 Abstained.

48/16 **RUTS IN HIGHWAY**

Members discussed the pedestrian issue of ruts in the highway around the enhancement and it was unanimously RESOLVED to contact Cllr Yabsley for his attention on this matter. It was also noted that there had been several incidents regarding pedestrians who have tripped due to the uneven surface.

49/16 **TREE IN COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUNDS**

Following a discussion regarding the merits of planting a Magnolia tree in the Community Woodlands to commemorate the 90th Birthday of HRH Queen Elizabeth II, it was RESOLVED to plant an Oak tree rather than a Magnolia tree in the Community Woodlands. The voting was 6 For 6 Against with the casting vote by the Chairman in favour of the resolution. For – Cllrs Lock, Foster, Lewis, Cornelius, Kingdon and S. Lock. Against – Cllrs Yeo, Worden, Goodman, Way, Moore and Bushell.

50/16 **ANNUAL RETURN 2015/2016**

Members noted the above document (Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2015/2016 and Section 2 Accounting Statements) and it was RESOLVED that these documents be unanimously approved.

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51/16 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO MEMBERS

Before the Town Clerk spoke the Chairman mentioned the Dementia Awareness talk on 12 July 2016 and that an invitation will be sent to all Councillors.

- i) Cottage Homes – the Town Clerk asked Councillors again if anyone was interested in becoming a Trustee of Cottage Homes in 2017 when a vacancy is likely to arise. Cllr Moore stated that he would like his name to be put forward.
- ii) Pond at Community Woodland – The Town Clerk reported that the parrot feather had been removed from the pond and that the contractor would be returning next Monday to remove the parrot feather from the Woodlands bank.
- iii) Woodlands Car Park at Hacche Lane – depending on the Cemetery works the Maintenance Operatives would be tidying up the car park in the woodlands and filling in the potholes this week.
- iv) Pannier Market Gates – these are being installed within the next two weeks.

52/16 REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

- a) Cllr Lewis informed members that the Twinning Association took £63.10 at their market stall at the Olde English Fayre. The Safari Supper would be held on 23 July and the next meeting on 14 July.
Cllr Moore informed members of the North Devon Link Road Options Consultation which sets out the forthcoming strategy for improvements to North Devon Link Road. He asked members to fill in the questionnaire and to look at the scheme objectives copies of which will be held in the Amory Centre. The closing date for this consultation was 29 July.
- b) Cllr Worden reported on the proposed plans for recycling and waste collection to be discussed at the NDC Executive meeting on Monday 4 July. Councillors had been forwarded the proposals for discussion on this date and it was suggested that any comments prior to the meeting be emailed to the Town Clerk to forward on to the Leader of NDC.
- c) No Police were in attendance to report to members.
- d) Cllr Yabsley was not in attendance to report to members.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman

Date