

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2016 AT 7.00PM

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Present: In the Chair Town Mayor Cllr S. W. Lock  
Cllr M. Bushell Cllr M. Cornelius  
Cllr D. J. Goodman Cllr Mrs J. Foster  
Cllr M. J. Kingdon Cllr Mrs C. E. Lock  
Cllr E. J. Moore Cllr M. F. Way  
Cllr D. Worden

In Attendance: Town Clerk Mr A. C. Coates.

105/16 **PRAYERS**

In the absence of the Mayor's Chaplain Cllr Worden took prayers.

106/16 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Lewis and Yeo.

107/16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declaration of interest was read out by the Town Clerk:  
Cllr Way – DPI – Item 9 – Land owner at Pathfields

108/16 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman read out a letter from Mr Ron Herniman thanking the Town Clerk, the Market Manager and all the Town Council staff for all their hard work in making the events in November and December so successful.

109/16 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Town Council 22 November 2016  
It was RESOLVED that these minutes be unanimously approved.

110/16 **SPEEDING IN SOUTH MOLTON**

Cllr Bushell had requested that this item be placed on the agenda so that a resolution can be carried whether or not to write to the Police and DCC regarding speeding in South Molton and surrounding areas. It was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk write to the Police regarding speeding in South Molton highlighting the main areas of concern being Station Road, New Road, North Road and Cooks Cross. It was also noted that Jeremy Yabsley, DCC Councillor, supported this resolution.

111/16 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO MEMBERS**

- a) Pannier Market Toilets – these have now been repaired after vandalism two weeks ago. A signature check list has been instigated to monitor when the toilets have been checked.

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- b) Budget Meeting – this will be held on Tuesday 10 January 2017.
- c) Amory Centre – North Devon Homes have now moved into an office at the Amory Centre.
- d) Website – the new design website is available for Councillors to review as it is hoped it will go live on 6 February 2017.
- e) Arts Public Consultation – this will be held on Saturday 17 December 2016 in the Town Hall commencing at 10.00am.
- f) The Amory Centre will be closed from Friday 23 December 2016 until Tuesday 3 January 2017 for the Christmas period.

112/16 **REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- a) Cllr Bushell reported on the Larger Councils meeting. A copy of the report had previously been circulated to members.  
Cllr Bushell also mentioned the Star Council Awards which he thought might be relevant to South Molton Town Council.  
Cllr Worden recently attended a Crime Prevention Panel meeting and was pleased to report that crime rates were still low in the area but cyber crime was increasing.  
Cllr Moore reported that he had attended a Local Plan Consultation with Cllr Cornelius dealing with the issue of South Molton Town Strategy.
- b) No issues were reported by North Devon Councillors.
- c) The Police thanked the Town Council for their support during the last year.
- d) Cllr Yabsley spoke about the progress of the Local Plan Consultation.

113/16 It was RESOLVED that under the provision of the public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

115/16 It was RESOLVED that the meeting return to open session.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.52pm.

Chairman .....

Date .....