

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2017 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 Ms T. Lewis  
Cllr Mrs C. E. Lock Cllr E. J. Moore  
Cllr M. F. Way Cllr D. Worden

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

121/16 **PRAYERS**

The meeting was opened in prayer by the Mayors Chaplain.

122/16 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Nil.

123/16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were read out by the Town Clerk:

Cllr Moore – Personal Interest - Item 9 – I live in Cooks Cross  
Personal Interest – Item 10

124/16 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cllr Way informed members that the South Molton Under 14's Football Team had managed to get through to the semi-finals of the National Schools Championship. It was suggested that the Town Clerk writes to the Community College to congratulate them.

125/16 **YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Chairman announced that Mr Peter Stephenson could not be in attendance and that instead Gareth Sorsby and Stuart Grenyer from the YMCA would be addressing members regarding the future of the Youth Resource Centre. The two YMCA representatives outlined the present situation regarding the YMCA in South Molton which included a potential shortfall in funding for the Friday evening youth activities. Councillors were invited to a Wine and Cheese evening to be held on either the 8 or 13 March 2017.

126/16 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Town Council 13 December 2016

It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

Town Council 10 January 2017

It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved. 10 For 1 Abstained.

127/16 **DOCUMENT FOR EXECUTION**

It was RESOLVED that the following document be signed by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and witnessed by the Town Clerk:

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Exclusive Right of Burial – Plot P35 – Mrs Christine Brend, The Old Estate House, The Square, North Molton, EX36 3HP

It was agreed that Item 10 on the agenda be considered next.

**128/16 DOGS IN PANNIER MARKET**

Members noted that Cllr Moore was proposing that the following resolution be considered – “Because the stallholders profit jumped by 70% when dogs were allowed in the Pannier Market, they are asked to fund a Dog Warden for the Market”. After lengthy discussion between Councillors and the public Cllr Moore decided to retract the whole of the motion.

It was agreed that Cllr Yabsley address members.

Cllr Yabsley mentioned that the education funding formula for Devon was being discussed and that any further information regarding this would be passed on to the Town Clerk.

**129/16 PAVEMENTS IN SOUTH MOLTON**

Cllr Worden informed members that he was not particularly happy with the response received from DCC in respect of the above. The question was asked about Town Council staff repairing paving slabs and the Town Clerk reported that the Town Council had lost one of the members of staff who had Chapter 8 Accreditation and that he would look into the possibility of retraining another member of staff. Cllr Yabsley mentioned that there was a Community Enhancement Fund which could be applied for in order to carry out such repairs. The Town Clerk advised he would investigate further. There was no resolution required on this agenda item.

**130/16 PARKING AT COOKS CROSS**

Cllr Moore had requested that this item be placed on the agenda following a recent incident when the Fire Brigade were unable to access a property in Cooks Cross due to parked cars in the area. It was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk requests that Devon County Council places yellow lines in certain areas at Cooks Cross. 9 For 2 Abstained.

**131/16 NOMINATION FOR ROYAL GARDEN PARTY**

Members noted that the Devon Association of Local Councils were requesting nominations for the 2017 Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 1 June 2017. It was RESOLVED that Cllr S. Lock and Cllr Mrs C. Lock be nominated to attend. 9 For 2 Abstained .

**132/16 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Speeding in South Molton – following the letter sent to the Police regarding speeding in South Molton the Town Clerk reported that the Police would soon be visiting the area with mobile speed cameras.

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Pathfields Business Park 4 – A new application for LEP funding for the roadway for PBP4 is in draft format and the Town Clerk would be meeting with Ellen Vernon from NDC for final verification before final submission this Friday.  
Dog Warden – Cllr Foster had met with the Dog Warden today and the Town Clerk will be inviting him to attend a meeting to formulate an action plan.  
Visitor Information Centre – The Town Clerk informed members that the TIC website was now up to date and that new subscriptions are in the process of being collected. Also the stocks of leaflets will soon be replenished in the Amory Centre for the start of the tourist season.

133/16 **REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- a) No issues were reported by members.
- b) Cllr Worden asked that the NDC Peer Report be circulated to all members.
- c) There were no Police present to report but Cllr Cornelius mentioned that there was a fire started in the George Arcade with a roll of toilet paper.
- d) Cllr Yabsley had previously reported to members.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Chairman .....

Date .....