

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN
THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 25 APRIL 2017 AT 7.00PM

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 Mrs S. Yeo

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

169/16 **PRAYERS**

The meeting was opened in prayer by the Mayor's Chaplain. The Chairman thanked Rev Innals for his services as Mayor's Chaplain over the last year. Rev Innals then left the meeting.

170/16 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Moore, Way and Worden

171/16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were read out by the Town Clerk:
Cllr Cornelius – Personal Interest – Item 10 – Governor of Community College
Cllr Goodman – Personal Interest – Item 10 – Daughter works at Community College

172/16 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman informed members that the next Neighbourhood Plan meeting will be held on 9 May 2017 at 6.30pm for 6.45pm in the Amory Centre.

173/16 Mr Richard Martin addressed members regarding his role and policing in the area which was followed by a question and answer session by Councillors and the public in attendance.

174/16 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

One resident asked Councillors where the Council stood regarding a one way system operating in Queen Street. The Clerk replied that the Council had discussed this but had not discussed it further due to the fact that the emergency services themselves could not agree in which direction the one way system should run. Cllr Yabsley brought to members attention that Highways would now only consider pedestrianizing the bottom end of Queen Street.

A resident informed Councillors that he did not agree with the way in which a planning application had been dealt with stating that he considered the reasons given for refusal were not valid. Cllr Cornelius responded by saying that the powers of the Town Council regarding planning were very limited.

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175/16 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be approved. Cllr Lewis abstained as she was not present at the meeting.

176/16 **POLICE AND DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

- a) No Police were in attendance.
- b) Due to purdah restrictions Cllr Yabsley did not report on any major issues.

177/16 **QUALITY STATUS**

Members noted that in order to obtain the Foundation Stage of the accredited Local Council Award Scheme a resolution is required confirming that the relevant criteria has been achieved. It was RESOLVED that the relevant criteria has been achieved. It was further RESOLVED that the Declaration of Completion of achieving Continuous Professional Development points by the Town Clerk be approved.

17816 Cllr Goodman had requested that a resolution is passed to write to both the Community College and the Junior School thanking staff involved for the extra work undertaken during their move into new premises. It was RESOLVED that this request be approved.

179/16 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO MEMBERS**

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

Recycle Shop Area – The Town Clerk reported that the Molton Meddlers are doing a great job in tidying up this area. They will be painting the walls and planting some flowers along the middle strip.

YMCA Open Day – to be held on 31 May 2017 at the YMCA building from 6pm to 8pm.

Annual Town Meeting – This is to be held on 23 May 2017 and for the first time the Council will be asking all organisations who received a donation from the Town Council to give a presentation to the Council on how these monies were spent and their achievements through the year.

Annual Meeting of the Town Council – will be held on 9 May 2017.

Coaches in South Molton – The Town Clerk reported that he has asked North Devon Council to allocate coach parking areas in the lorry park so that the Town Council can invite coach companies to visit South Molton.

Paving Slabs – The Town Clerk reported that once the 1 East Street renovations have been completed the Council staff will continue completing the repairs to the paving slabs.

180/16 **REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- a) Cllr Bushell informed members that some members of the Neighbourhood Plan group wished to join the newly formed Arts Council Group as stakeholders. Cllr Bushell thanked Cllr Cornelius for all his hard work compiling the data from the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire.

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b) Cllrs Moore and Worden were not in attendance.

181/16 **COUNCILLORS' PARTICIPATION**

. Cllr Bushell asked about the Arts Council Group and stakeholders who might be interested in joining. The Clerk stated that he would call a meeting soon when it would be decided how to progress further with potential new stakeholders and future plans.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Chairman

Date