

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2018 2017 AT 7.00PM

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

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

153/17 **PRAYERS**

The meeting was opened in prayer by the Mayor's Chaplain.

154/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Kingdon.

155/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were read out by the Town Clerk:
Cllr Bushell – Personal Interest – Item 9 – Chairman of Arts Committee
Cllr Cornelius – Personal Interest – Item 9 – Member of Arts Committee
Cllr Worden – Personal Interest – Item 9 – Member of Arts Committee
Personal Interest – Item 5 – Have a Barclays Account

156/17 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nil.

157/17 **BARCLAYS BANK**

Mr Michael Watts, Community Banking Director for Devon and Cornwall was in attendance to address members regarding the decision to close the South Molton branch in May 2018, primarily due to low footfall compared to other towns. A question and answer session followed. During discussions it was suggested that a Barclays cash machine be made available in South Molton and the Town Clerk said he would ask businesses in the town if they would be happy to site a cash machine at their property.

158/17 It was agreed that Cllr Yabsley reports to members

Cllr Yabsley reported to members that £6.5million had been allocated for drainage in Devon. He also outlined the various works orders outstanding which included re-pointing the wall in West Street and replacing the kerbstones. He also mentioned that it had been proposed, subject to Town Council approval, that the pavement areas to be tarmacked as a trial would be outside the Coaching Inn and the Bus Stop area.

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159/17 It was agreed that Item 9 on the agenda be considered next.

ARTS GROUP COMMITTEE

Following a brief presentation by Richard Westcott concerning siting a ram on the enhancement it was unanimously agreed to approve in principle the following:

- 1) To seek permission from North Devon Council for a licence to expand the mural project around 'Meddlers Corner'
- 2) To request permission to decorate the blanked windows in Market Street,
- 3) To site a Ram on the Enhancement.
- 4) That the grants to be applied for use South Molton Town Council as the main applicant.

160/17 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No issues were raised by members of the public.

161/17 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Town Council 16 January 2018

It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

Town Council 23 January 2018

It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

162/17 **POLICE AND DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

- a) Cllr Yabsley had previously reported to members.
- b) No Police were in attendance.

163/17 **NOMINATION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2018/2019**

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs C. Lock and Cllr Mrs J. Foster be nominated as Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively for the 2018/2019 municipal year. 8
For 2 Abstained.

164/17 **PANNIER MARKET SUB-COMMITTEE**

It was unanimously RESOLVED TO RE-INSTATE THE Pannier Market Sub-Committee with two representatives from each of the Thursday and Saturday markets who will have voting rights. This Sub-Committee will not have power to act. The five Councillors appointed were Cllrs M. Cornelius, Mrs J. Footman, Mrs C. Lock, S. Lock and D. Worden.

165/17 **DOCUMENT FOR EXECUTION**

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

Exclusive Right of Burial – Plot NG334 – Mrs Jenny Holland, Broden Hill Cottage, Clapworthy Mill, South Molton, EX36 4HT

166/17 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO MEMBERS**

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

The Appeal for Business Rates with the amended drawings has been submitted to the Appeals Office.

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Fire Service – The Fire Service have asked to use the Pannier Market for fitness training on 22 and 27 March 2018 from 6.30pm to 10.00pm.

The Town Clerk stated that he has given permission for this as it does not effect any events or the market set up.

Hunts Meadow – Awaiting planning consent and the Town Clerk understands that the land is actively being marketed at the moment.

Leader 5 Grants – The Town Clerk will be convening a meeting for all businesses and retailers for their input in the next few weeks.

The Town Clerk informed members that a meeting with the Gullacombes developer to discuss tree planting and landscaping in the Public Open Space area would be held on 12 March 2018 at 2.00pm.

167/17 **REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- a) Cllr Bushell informed members that the Arts Committee had instigated a postcard competition and thanks were to be given to Rev Grandey for his support for the use of the Church as a venue.
- b) Cllr Worden informed members that the Parish Grant for 2018/2019 had been re-instated. He also mentioned that the boundary changes were recommending three representatives for the South Molton area.

168/17 **COUNCILLORS PARTICIPATION**

Cllr Footman mentioned that she had read an article in one of the papers regarding the 'Compassionate Frome' project. The Town Clerk stated that he thought Lyn Winter was already involved in a similar project and that he would liaise with her regarding what progress had been made on it.

169/17 It was RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business by virtue of relating to legal-commercially sensitive matters and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council.

171/17 It was RESOLVED that the meeting return to open session.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.21pm

Chairman

Date