

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE GARDEN ROOM, THE AMORY CENTRE, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.00PM

Present: In the Chair: Town Mayor Cllr M. Way
 Cllr M. Bushell Cllr M. Cornelius
 Cllr R. Herniman Cllr. M Hlland
 Cllr Mrs. C Lock Cllr S. Lock
 Cllr Ms. T King Cllr D. Worden

In Attendance: Mr. A. C. Coates – Town Clerk
 Mrs C. Bere - RFO

1. **PRAYERS**

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

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Footman, Henderson and Kingdon.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Town Council - Budget 18th January 2022
 It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved. Cllr King abstained as she was not present at that meeting.

Town Council 25th January 2022
 It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved. Cllrs Worden and King abstained as they were not present at that meeting.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman asked Councillors if they would support deferring Agenda Item 7 CCTV in South Molton, due to the lack of a Representative from the CCTV Company being present. Councillors agreed to this.

6. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley was not present at the meeting. However, The Town Clerk read out part of the County Councillors Report which included the following:

- Grants for patients to support hospital discharges;
- 20 mph speed limits in Town Centres;
- Queen Street closure being pursued for completion.

Councillor Bushell asked about the wet area in front of the Church Hall steps, the Town Clerk did report that he had already passed this on to Cllr Yabsley. Also mentioned were the potholes at the top of New Road, the uneven surface down West Street before the second roundabout and the traffic lights in Alswear Road, which have been in situ for a long time.

7. **CCTV IN SOUTH MOLTON**

Deferred until the next meeting.

8. **REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- a) Cllr Worden informed Councillors that he had attended the South Molton in Bloom AGM and that the group were already organised for this years competition.
- b) Cllr Worden mentioned that North Devon Council Budget will be approved this week and he stated that the NDC proposed share was to be increased by £0.10/week. Councillor Worden also mentioned that there were discussions being held about potential devolution and he outlined the various options available.

9. **TOWN CLERK’S REPORT TO MEMBERS**

The Town Clerk advised the following:

- That the Vaccination Centre held in the Town Hall had been a great success, with several people getting their third booster.
- Scaffolding had been erected on the Town Hall to repair the wind damaged roof.
- The Contractor was coming tomorrow to make safe the damaged trees in the Woodlands.
- The window damage in East Street had been temporarily repaired while Duke Street was closed by the Town Council.

10. **NOMINATION OF MAYOR FOR 2022/2023**

The Mayor requested nominations for the above:

It was RESOLVED that Cllr S Lock be the Mayor of South Molton for the ensuing municipal year 2022/2023. For: Cllrs Herniman, Mrs C Lock, S Lock, Ms King and Way. Against: Cllrs Bushell and Hulland. Abstained: Cllrs Cornelius and Worden.

11. **NOMINATION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2022/2023**

It was further RESOLVED that Cllr D. Worden be the Deputy Mayor of South Molton for the ensuing municipal year 2022/2023. For: Cllrs Bushell, Cornelius, Herniman, Ms King, S Lock, Mrs C Lock, Way and Worden. Against: Cllr Herniman.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.34pm

Chairman.....

Date.....