

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE GARDEN ROOM, THE AMORY CENTRE, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 28th JUNE 2022 AT 7.00PM

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Present: In the Chair: Town Mayor Cllr S. Lock  
 Cllr M. Cornelius Cllr Mrs. J Footman  
 Cllr. P Henderson Cllr R. Herniman  
 Cllr. M Hlland Cllr. M Kingdon  
 Cllr Mrs. C. Lock Cllr. M Way  
 Cllr D. Worden

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

1. **PRAYERS**

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

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor mentioned to Councillors that he was disappointed at the low turnout of Councillors at the Queens Jubilee Church Parade. The Mayor also asked if Councillors could discuss Agenda Item 8 after the Approval of Town Council Minutes so that Shaun Sexton could leave the meeting.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Town Council

24<sup>th</sup> May 2022

It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

Town Council – Annual Town Council Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> May 2022

It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

6. **CCTV IN SOUTH MOLTON**

It was RESOLVED to accept the proposal to site CCTV cameras in South Molton locations detailed below and to accept the quote in the sum of £6,028.00+VAT:

- 3 cameras situated on the Post Office building
- 1 Camera on the George Hotel
- 2 Cameras on the front of the Amory Centre
- 1 camera at the rear of the Amory Centre
- 2 Cameras in Central Park

For: 8. Abstained: Cllr Hlland. Against: Cllr Cornelius.

## 7. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley was not present at the meeting, Cllr Henderson mentioned the following:

- A Hardship Support Fund was available for families experiencing financial problems due to the cost of living crisis. DCC has been allocated around £5 million by the Government to support these families:
- Phil Norrey Chief Executive of DCC is retiring on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.
- Highways – There will be very little money available for Highways as 70% of all DCC income is directed towards Adult Health and Social Care and Children’s Services. Cllr Henderson has asked all the Parishes under his Constituency area write to their Local MP’s requesting extra funding for roads/highways.

Cllr Worden added that £192,000 for the Hardship Fund had been allocated to North Devon.

## 8. **ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 2022**

- a) It was unanimously RESOLVED that Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 be approved.
- b) It was unanimously RESOLVED that Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2021/22 be approval.

## 9. **REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- a) None.
- b) Cllr Worden mentioned:
  - ◆ The proposal for a new devolution system is stalling and probably will not be completed until the end of the year.
  - ◆ The new Leisure Centre in Barnstaple opened at the end of last week. Cllr Henderson stated that:
    - ◆ One of the Planning Enforcement Officers has a new role in identifying vacant properties that could be brought back into habitation.
    - ◆ NDC Senior Officers will have delegated powers which could result in the current £10,000 cap being increased to £250,000. The proposal was agreed at the Governance Committee and will now go to the Strategy and Resources Committee.

## 10. **TOWN CLERK’S REPORT TO MEMBERS**

The Town Clerk advised the following:

- Town Hall Clock should be in situ by the end of September.
- He had viewed with South Molton in Bloom all the sites that will be included in the judging on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022, which he found very impressive. He wished SMIB all the best for the competition.
- Steve Huxtable and the Town Clerk would be cleaning the signs on the approaches to South Molton as both are qualified to work on the Highways.

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.

It was RESOLVED that the meeting return to open session

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.21pm

Chairman.....

Date.....