

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 30TH MAY 2023 AT 7.00PM

Present: In the Chair: Town Mayor Cllr Ms J. Footman
 Cllr P. Bishop Cllr Miss V. Burnham
 Cllr M. Bushell Cllr M. Cornelius
 Cllr R. Herniman Cllr S. Hinchliffe
 Cllr Mrs C. Lock Cllr S. Lock
 Cllr W. Martin Cllr. D. Worden

In Attendance: Andrew Coates – Town Clerk
 James Swanson & Verity Hanson - Skatemolton
 Paul Cox – Chanters Bakery
 Margaret Chester – South Molton in Bloom

1. **PRAYERS**

The meeting was opened in prayer by Reverend Grandey

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Henderson

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Worden – Agenda Item 10 – Personal – Member of SMIB Committee.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Annual Meeting of Town Council

16th May 2023

It was unanimously RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved.

Town Council

25th April 2023

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved. Cllrs Burnham, Hinchliffe and Martin abstained as they were not present at that meeting.

6. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley was not present. The Town Clerk had nothing to report, however Cllr Worden asked that the Town Clerk contact Councillor Yabsley about speeding in Poltimore Road and the loose paving slabs around South Molton.

7. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

8. **SKATEMOLTON PROJECT**

James Swanson and Verity Hanson gave a very detailed and informative presentation regarding their new project which includes leasing the Old North Devon Tyres building in East Street. It was unanimously RESOLVED that the Council pays for the first year lease of the building in the sum of £6,000 plus £2,000 for the conversion of the lighting system to LED. The Mayor and Councillors thanked James and Verity for the fantastic work that they and their team have done for the youth in South Molton and surrounding area.

9. **CHANTERS BAKERY**

Paul Cox gave a brief presentation regarding his project for the Od Bakery. It was RESOLVED that the Council agrees in principle to support the undertaking of preserving the Old Bakery bread oven. For:10 Abstain:1

10. **SOUTH MOLTON IN BLOOM**

Margaret Chester of South Molton in Bloom (SMIB) gave a brief presentation updating the progress of SMIB to date.

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

a) Cllr Lock reported that the Friends of the Community Woodland will now submit the Agendas and Minutes of the Group to the Town Council. The AGM will be held on 28th June 2023. The fence around the pond is still in the process of being erected by the Probationers.

Cllr Worden reported the Community Gardens shed which had recently been rebuilt has been vandalised. The Community Gardens will be entering a garden competition later this year, being the Britain In Bloom It's Your Neighbourhood Category.

b) Cllr Worden reported on the following:

a. He was no longer Leader or NDC but is Deputy Leader, with Ian Roome now taking the role as Leader.

b. The Green and the Independent Councillors at NDC had formed a group together of thirteen in number.

12. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO MEMBERS**

It was RESOLVED that the items discussed by the Town Clerk should be addressed to the Council as a Confidential Item.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35.pm

Chairman.....

Date.....