

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE GARDEN ROOM, AMORY CENTRE, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023 AT 7.00PM

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Present: In the Chair: Town Mayor Cllr Ms J. Footman  
 Cllr P. Bishop Cllr Miss V. Burnham  
 Cllr M, Bushell Cllr M. Cornelius  
 Cllr P. Henderson 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

1. **PRAYERS**

The meeting was opened in prayer by Reverend Grandey

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Henderson – Item 8 – DPI – Service Supplier

Cllr Footman – Item 8 – Personal – Knows member of staff

Cllr Hinchliffe – Item 10 – Personal - Member of CLT

Cllr S Lock – Item 10 – Personal – Member of CLT

Cllr Worden – Item 10 – Personal – Chairman of CLT

Cllr Bushell – Item 10 – Personal - Member of CLT

Cllr Bishop – Item 12 – Personal – Member of NDC Planning Committee

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor mentioned that there had been anti-social behaviour outside the Kings Arms pub in South Molton, and that the Police were aware of this. All anti-social behaviour should be reported to the Police regardless of its seriousness so it can be logged onto the Police system for statistical purposes, as ASB's are not getting reported adequately.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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It was RESOLVED that the minutes be approved. Cllrs Cornelius, Bishop and Worden abstained as they were not present at that meeting.

6. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley was not present. However, certain items were mentioned for the Town Clerk to follow up:

- Dropped kerb at Woodlands crossing is not suitable for a disabled buggy.
- The re-marking of all the white lines in South Molton.
- The Pelican crossing dangers at Broad Street and New Road.
- Blue badge holders parking on dropped kerbs.

7. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

8. **SWIMMING POOL LEASE**

It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the Town Clerks proposal of extending the Swimming Pool lease to 99 years.

**9. WEED KILLING IN SOUTH MOLTON**

It was RESOLVED to accept the Town Clerks report to limit the areas that are sprayed and perform the spraying first thing in the morning, so the chemicals are all dry by the time the public areas become populated. The areas are Enhancement, West Street, North Street, East Street and the Church Yard. Cllrs Bishop, Cornelius, Hinchliffe and Worden abstained.

**10. COMMUNITY LAND TRUST HEADS OF TERMS**

It was RESOLVED to accept the Town Clerks recommendations to agree the Heads of Terms as set out in his report. Cllrs Herniman, Lock and Worden abstained.

**11. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

It was unanimously RESOLVED to support the Speedwatch Campaign initiative and to suggest some areas where the Speedwatch should apply. It was unanimously RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Martin as Coordinator. The areas suggested for the Speedwatch were New Road, North Road and East Street.

**12. TANNERY PLANNING APPLICATION**

The following was resolved:

- The Town Clerk writes to Highways
- The Town Clerk to write to NDC Planning regarding the problem of non-material amendments not being passed on to the Parishes for consideration. Also, that the Officers have a subjective power to decide what is a non-material amendment.
- Cllr Cornelius, Head of SMTC Planning to attend the NDC Planning Committee Meeting and to read out a statement regarding non-material amendments as above. Cllr Bishop abstained.

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

- a) Cllr Footman had attended the recent One South Molton meetings and was very excited about their concept of bringing the communities together.
- b) Cllr Worden reported on the following:
  - a. Toby Davies, Police Superintendent of North Devon, attended the NDC meeting where a lot of issues were discussed including ASB (Anti-Social Behavior) and Front desks in Police Stations. Cllr Worden asked that the Town Clerk write to Alison Hernandez to request the front desk at South Molton be opened one day a week.
  - b. That he was now Chaplain to NDC
  - c. That the Water Sports Centre at Ilfracombe is now open.
  - d. The issue of closing the Barnstaple Rail Ticket Office is at the Consultation stage, and he hoped that Councillors would express their views on the matter.
  - e. NDC Full Council Meeting would now be held at Petroc rather than Brynsworthy.
  - f. NDC had met with Torridge Council to discuss future Economic Development.

Cllr Bushell mentioned that the NDC Policy Committee would be discussing three items:

- a. NHS Dentists, water quality and agriculture.

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

The Town Clerk reported that the Queens Elizabeth II memorial stone had been placed by the Recreation Ground, the Town Clerk thanked Way & Son Transport Ltd for the transportation of the 2.5 tonne stone and Cllr S Lock for positioning the plaque on the stone, both offered the services free of charge.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.31pm

Chairman.....

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