

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE AMORY CENTRE; SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2023 AT 7.00PM

Present: In the Chair: Town Mayor Cllr Ms J. Footman
 Cllr Miss V. Burnham Cllr P Bishop
 Cllr M. Bushell Cllr P. Henderson
 Cllr R. Herniman Cllr S. Hinchliffe
 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**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cornelius and C.Lock

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Burnham- Agenda Item 7- Personal Interest – Market Trader

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor wished all Councillors a very Happy Christmas and also mentioned there would be an informal meeting in January to discuss the Councillors Code of Conduct.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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It was RESOLVED that the minutes be approved. Cllr Henderson abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

7. **PANNIER MARKET ROOF**

It was unanimously RESOLVED to appoint David Wilson Associates as the project manager in order to progress to the next stage of obtaining Listed Building Consent and quotes for the works involved.

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

a) None

b) Cllr Worden informed Councillors that there was to be a new Torridge and North Devon Local Plan with the commencement date to be November 2024. This requires to be completed within 30 months. The new Plan will eventually replace the existing Local Plan.

Cllr Henderson urged the Council to identify the roads that require works on potholes in order to tap into the £6.5 million available for such works.

9. **TOWN CLERK’S REPORT TO MEMBERS**

The Town clerk reported on the following:

- Councillors were asked if they were in agreement with the proposal for the George Hotel to extend their seating area on the Enhancement by 12 feet and the general consensus was that I should grant the permission to the George Hotel.
- Queen Street closure to traffic has been agreed by the Safety department of DCC but they did express concerns that there could be traffic problems especially with the volume of hauliers before the relief road was completed. The Town Clerk mentioned this could cause a delay to the Queen Street closure but that he would push for completion before the relief road completion.
- The Filleigh Junction had been reported to DCC who had informed the Town Clerk that this would be investigated especially with the number of cars overshooting the junction and ending up in the hedge opposite. This will be pursued further. It was suggested that there should be a 40 mph speed limit on the Aller Cross Road and the Town clerk stated he would write to DCC requesting this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.31 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....