

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE AMORY CENTRE; SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 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 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 Lander – One Northern Devon

1. **PRAYERS**

The meeting was opened in prayer by Reverend Grandey

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Henderson.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor thanked all the staff for the hard work over the Christmas Light Switch On event which was such a success and saw so many people coming to South Molton.

The next Council Meeting will be held on 12th December in the Court Room and there will be drinks and food available afterwards for Councillors and their partners.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Town Council

24th October 2023

It was unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes be approved.

6. **DCC TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Cllr Yabsley was not present. However, certain items were mentioned by the Town Clerk :

- New Road pothole has been reported to Highways;
- Chasing Queen Street closure and associated works.

7. **POLICE TO REPORT TO MEMBERS**

None.

8. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

9. **ONE SOUTH MOLTON**

James Lander gave a brief overview of the One Communities Model and the Community Development and Integrated Careboards Joint Forward Plan.

10. FRIENDS OF SOUTH MOLTON COMMUNITY WOODLAND

A presentation was given by Members of the Woodland Trust documenting their achievements to date and future plans. The Mayor thanked the Group for helping maintain such a lovely facility in South Molton which is enjoyed by many.

11. RECORDS OFFICE

It was unanimously resolved to donate £2,000 per annum for the next three years to the Records Office in Barnstaple.

12. REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

- a) None
- b) Councillor Bushell mentioned that Cllr Peter Jones had taken the lead on water testing and there is to be another training course in January and February.

Councillor Worden - The Pannier Market in Barnstaple has now officially opened after the recent refurbishments.

-The three District Councillors were in the process of deciding upon the section 106 monies available for certain projects

13. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO MEMBERS

The Town clerk reported on the following:

- Following a meeting with the car parks manager of NDC it had been agreed in principle that the residential parking in the Amory Centre Car Park would be reinstated as from next April and also that the lorry park could be split in two and one half to be used for further residential parking.
- Turning Southley Road into two way traffic had been discussed with NDC and DCC and in principle both were in agreement.
- The proposal for the positioning of the new toilets on NDC land is to be discussed with the Estates Department of NDC in the New Year,
- The Budget Meeting will be held on 16th January 2024.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.31 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....