

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of FULL COUNCIL Meeting held on 15TH MAY 2017 at 7.00pm in the GUILDHALL, BUTCHERS ROW BARNSTAPLE.

Present: Cllr Mrs J Hunt (Town Mayor) took the Chair.

Cllrs: S Upcott, Mrs V Monk, Mrs V Elkins, F Vernon, A Windsor, I Roome (Deputy Mayor), C Haywood, Mrs E Davies, J Carter, F Jefferies, Miss M Lovering, I Williams, M Kennaugh, C Perkins-Beard, G Langford, and A Rennles.

TC01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs V Elkins, Mrs S Haywood, J Phillips, Mrs J Wilsher, Ms N Haywood, M Chamings, and L Dawson.

Cllrs I Roome and Mrs J Hunt, as members of North Devon Council, declared dispensations under Standing Order number 66 to discuss and vote on any item on the agenda unless the item refers to a financial or legal agreement or dispute between the two authorities.

TC02 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL AND MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017/18

Cllr A Windsor proposed, seconded by Cllr I Roome, that Cllr Mrs J Hunt be elected. There being no other nominations it was

RESOLVED: That Cllr Mrs J Hunt be elected Chairman of Council and Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

(15, 1abs)

TC03 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Mrs Hunt signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman and Mayor and it was

RESOLVED: That the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office be received.

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TC04 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017/18

Cllr Mrs J Hunt proposed, seconded by Cllr F Vernon, that Cllr I Roome be elected. There being no other nominations it was

RESOLVED: That Cllr I Roome be elected Vice-Chairman of Council and Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

TC05 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Town Clerk advised that, if the Council resolved to retain the appointments agreed at and since the last Annual Town Council meeting, there would be two vacancies, to North Devon Voluntary Services and Pilton House Trust, due to the resignation of two councillors as representatives to these organisations

There being no immediate nominations to either organisation, Cllr I Williams advised that he would be willing to represent the Council on North Devon Voluntary Services until such time as a successor could be found.

RESOLVED: That Cllr I Williams be appointed to represent the Council on North Devon Voluntary Services until such time as a successor can be found.

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The following nominations for appointment of representatives to outside bodies were proposed and seconded:

OUTSIDE BODY	REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NEWPORT CHARITY	Cllrs M Chamings, C Haywood, Ms N Haywood and C Perkins-Beard
BARNSTAPLE MUNICIPAL	Town Mayor (ex-officio), Cllrs Mrs V Elkins, Mrs E Davies and J Phillips
PILTON UNITED CHARITIES BRIDGE TRUST	Cllrs B Vernon & Mrs V Elkins Town Mayor (ex-officio)*, Cllrs S Upcott, Mrs J Hunt, Mrs V Elkins, J Phillips and C Haywood
NORTH DEVON ATHENAEUM	Town Mayor (ex-officio) & Cllr J Phillips
WHIDDON VALLEY & NEWPORT COMM ASSN	Chairman of Finance & General Purposes
DALC	Cllr I Roome
CRUSE BEREAVEMENT	Cllr Mrs J Hunt
ND ARCHAEOLOGICAL	Cllr M Chamings
TAW & TORRIDGE ESTUARY FORUM	Cllrs A Rennles and F Jefferies
ND RAIL USERS GROUP	Cllr A Rennles
TARKA LINE FORUM	Cllr I Williams
TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT	Cllr I Roome
DAVIE TRUST	Cllrs A Windsor & Mrs V Elkins

ND VOLUNTARY SERVICES LTD	Cllr I Williams
PILTON HOUSE TRUST	Cllrs Mrs J Hunt and VACANCY
NORTH DEVON RECORD OFFICE	Chairman of Finance & General Purposes
SAVE OUR HOSPITAL SERVICES	Cllr I Williams

RESOLVED: That the representatives to outside bodies be agreed as proposed.

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TC06 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLVED: That councillors be appointed to standing committees of the Town Council as follows:

- a) Finance and General Purposes Committee: Cllrs S Upcott, Mrs V Monk, Mrs V Elkins, F Vernon, A Windsor, Mrs S Haywood, I Roome (Deputy Mayor Ex Officio), Mrs J Hunt (Mayor Ex Officio), J Phillips, J Carter, Mrs J Wilsher, Ms N Haywood, M Kennaugh, I Williams and G Langford. (15)
(NC)
- b) Heritage, Culture & Community Committee: Mrs V Monk, Mrs V Elkins, F Vernon, I Roome (Deputy Mayor Ex Officio), Mrs J Hunt (Mayor Ex Officio), C Haywood, Cllr J Phillips, Mrs J Wilsher, M Chamings, Ms N Haywood, F Jefferies, I Williams, G Langford, A Rennles, Miss M Lovering. (15)
(NC)
- c) Environment Committee: Mrs V Elkins, A Windsor, I Roome (Deputy Mayor Ex Officio), Mrs J Hunt (Mayor Ex Officio), Mrs E Davies, M Chamings, F Jefferies, M Kennaugh, I Williams, and Miss M Lovering. (10)
(NC)
- d) Planning & Transportation Committee: Cllrs S Upcott, F Vernon, I Roome (Deputy Mayor Ex Officio), Mrs J Hunt (Mayor Ex Officio), C Haywood, C Perkins-Beard, I Williams, L Dawson, A Rennles and Miss M Lovering. (10)
(NC)
- e) Staff Committee: Cllrs Mrs V Monk, Mrs V Elkins, A Windsor, Mrs S Haywood, I Roome (Lead of Major Political Group Ex Officio), and Mrs J Hunt (Mayor Ex Officio). (6)
(NC)
- f) Rock Park Trust: Mrs V Elkins, I Roome (Deputy Mayor Ex Officio, Vice Chairman), Mrs J Hunt (Mayor Ex Officio,

Chairman), Mrs E Davies, M Kennaugh, I Williams, and G Langford. (7)

(NC)

The Town Clerk advised that under Standing Order 61, the membership of the Buildings Review Committee was set as the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen, and one non-majority party member. There was therefore a need to elect one member from a non-majority party.

Two nominations were proposed and seconded, for Cllrs C Perkins-Beard and M Chamings. Cllr S Upcott requested a secret ballot.

The result of a ballot for two nominated councillors was as follows:

Cllr C Perkins-Beard	10 votes
Cllr M Chamings	4 votes
Spoilt papers	2 votes

There being a majority of votes in favour of one nominee, it was

RESOLVED: That Cllr C Perkins-Beard be elected as a member of the Buildings Review Committee.

TC07 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 20TH MARCH 2017, 28TH MARCH 2017, AND 10TH APRIL 2017.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings held on 20th March 2017, 28th March 2017, and 10th April 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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TC08 REPORT FROM DEVON AND CORNWALL CONSTABULARY.

No report was received from Devon and Cornwall Constabulary:

TC09 REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS.

Cllr Mathews had submitted his written apologies for the meeting, along with a written report on a proposed housing development at Westacott, as shown at Appendix 1 to these minutes.

Cllr Mrs Hunt advised that she and Cllr Mrs S Haywood had been representing residents on the housing development, and that the sale of land by North Devon District Council to the developer would be subject to the approval of the District Council Executive.

Cllr Roome reported that he intended to speak at North Devon District Council's Planning Committee regarding a proposed housing

development off Goodleigh Road. He said he would speak against the application on the grounds of its visual impact.

Cllr Perkins-Beard asked how many residential units were proposed at Goodleigh Road. Cllr Roome replied that 23 units were proposed.

RESOLVED: That the reports be received and noted.

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TC10 COMMITTEE MINUTES

Planning and Transportation Committee of 16th March 2017

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Transportation Committee meeting held on 16th March 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be received and adopted.

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Finance and General Purposes Committee of 27th March 2017

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 27th March 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be received and adopted.

(15, 1abs)

Cllr Upcott offered his thanks to the committee for their work during the Mayoral year 2016-2017. He said that the last meeting had unfortunately been inquorate, but that this was the first time in his memory.

Planning and Transportation Committee of 30th March 2017

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Transportation Committee meeting held on 30th March 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be received and adopted.

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Environment Committee of 3rd April 2017

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 3rd April 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be received and adopted.

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Buildings Review Committee of 13th April 2017

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Buildings Review Committee meeting held on 13th April 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be received and adopted.

(15, 1abs)

Planning and Transportation Committee of 13th April 2017

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Transportation Committee meeting held on 13th April 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be received and adopted.

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Planning and Transportation Committee of 27th April 2017

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Transportation Committee meeting held on 27th April 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be received and adopted.

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Heritage, Culture and Community Committee of 11th May 2017

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Heritage, Culture and Community Committee meeting held on 11th May 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be received and adopted.

(14, 2abs)

TC11 TOWN COUNCIL BANKERS.

RESOLVED: That NatWest be confirmed at Town Council bankers for the coming year.

(NC)

TC12 ROCK PARK TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Rock Park Trust Management Committee held on 5th April 2017 be received and noted.

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TC13 MCDONALD'S ENVIRONMENT CUP.

A letter had been included with the agenda from Mr David Hunt, requesting the instigation of a new environmental award sponsored by McDonald's to be made annually by the Town Council.

Cllrs Mrs J Hunt and C Haywood declared disclosable pecuniary interests in this item, as close relatives of Mr Hunt, and left the meeting at this point for the duration of the discussion and decision on this item.

Cllr Upcott spoke in support of the request. He said that the Council had a strong history of making community awards and that this would be an ideal addition to recognise environmental achievement. He proposed that the request be accepted.

Seconding the proposal, Cllr Windsor said that in his capacity as longstanding Chairman of the Environment Committee he considered the award a superb idea that would build on the Council's achievements to date in improving Barnstaple's grass and planted roadside areas. He also felt it would encourage community involvement.

Cllr Rennles said that two roundabouts in Roundswell needed attention and that this award might encourage this.

Cllr Roome said that McDonald's already provided staff to help tidy up the town which showed their commitment to the environment.

Cllr Williams said that the Town Council's environmental efforts had thrived on sponsorship, and that this request was an excellent initiative.

Cllr Jefferies said that companies across the town supported the community in various ways and that he supported the request.

RESOLVED: That the request from Mr David Hunt for the instigation of a new annual environmental award from the Town Council and sponsored by McDonald's be accepted.

(NC)

Cllrs Mrs Hunt and C Haywood returned to the meeting at this point

TC14 EARMARKED RESERVES, ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT RETURN.

The Town Clerk advised that the Council's earmarked reserves, annual accounts and annual external audit return for 2016-2017 were not available for consideration, and recommended that councillors defer the agenda items relating to these matters to the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the Council's earmarked reserves, annual accounts and annual external audit return for 2016-2017 be deferred to the next meeting.

(NC)

Meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Chairman.

Signed:

Dated:

Devon County Councillor John Mathews

Report to Barnstaple Town Council 15 May 2017

Planning at Westacott

At the Planning meeting of NDC last week, they approved the application 7 votes to 5 with 1 abstention. Cllrs Sue Haywood, Julie Hunt and myself spoke against the application as a united front but were not quite successful. The fight continues and I will keep Des Brailey to his word and not sell the land the developer wants. The County Council meets for its first meeting on the 25th May.

Nothing else to report at this time.

John