

## BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of FULL COUNCIL meeting held on MONDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015 at 7.00pm in the MAIN CHAMBER, THE GUILDHALL, BARNSTAPLE.

Present: Councillors S Upcott, A Windsor, Mrs S Haywood, I Roome, C Haywood, J Phillips, Mrs E Davies, M Chamings, Ms N Haywood, F Jefferies, Miss M Lovering, M Kennaugh, C Perkins-Beard, I Williams, G Langford, and A Rennles.

Also in attendance, Mr W Austin (Town Clerk), County Councillor J Mathews, and County Councillor B Greenslade.

### TC53 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, it was

RESOLVED: That Cllr Windsor should chair the meeting.

(13, 1abs)

Cllr Windsor assumed the chair

### TC54 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence, as recorded on the attendance sheet were received from Cllrs Mrs V Monk, Mrs V Elkins, F Vernon, Mrs J Hunt, Mrs A Dawson and L Dawson.

### TC55 DISPENSATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Mrs S Haywood and I Roome, as members of North Devon Council, declared dispensations under Standing Order 64 to discuss and vote on any item on the agenda unless the item refers to the financial or legal agreement or dispute between the two authorities.

Cllr Windsor declared a personal interest in item 9 on the agenda (minutes of Finance & General Purposes), as a relative of a supplier to whom payment had been made.

Cllrs Mrs S Haywood and Ms N Haywood declared personal interests in item 9 (minutes of Finance & General Purposes Committee), as relatives of an honorary member of the Showmen's Guild. Cllr C Haywood declared a personal interest in the same item, as an honorary member of the Showmen's Guild.

TC56      MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015 be received and approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

(14, 1abs)

TC57      MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the Mayor, Cllr Windsor reported that Louis Cataldo had passed away on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015. Mr Cataldo, of Barnstable USA, had been made an Honorary Burgess by the Council for his work in developing the twinning relationship between Barnstaple and Barnstable. A letter of condolence had been sent.

Cllr Windsor reminded councillors of the forthcoming Wellbeing Day and Mayor's Concert. Volunteer councillors were required for both events.

Cllr Windsor further reported that the Mayor had been privileged to meet HRH Prince Edward during his visit to the Seamoor Unit at North Devon District Hospital.

TC58      REPORTS FROM DEVON AND CORNWALL CONSTABULARY

No officer attended on behalf of Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

TC59      REPORTS FROM DEVON COUNTY AND NORTH DEVON COUNCILLORS

In respect of County Council issues, Cllr J Mathews reported on the cessation of traffic calming works in the Chichester Road area due to objections, and the resolution of a problem regarding waste bin collections on the Forches estate

On District Council matters, Cllr Mathews said that he had met with market traders regarding the possible closure of the road running through the Pannier Market, and had worked on a question from Cllr Upcott regarding the number of littering tickets issued. 13 had been issued during 2013/14, 4 in 2014/15, and none to date in 2015/16.

Cllr Mathews thanked the Council for his invitation to the Fair Proclamation, which he said had been well run.

Cllr Upcott expressed his concern that Barnstaple was getting ever dirtier, and that a concerted effort was needed.

Councillors discussed the problems of littering around public houses, and  
RESOLVED: That the matter be considered by the Council's Environment  
Committee.

(14, 1 abs)

Cllr Greenslade reported that the County Council had accepted his  
motion to withdraw charges for green waste deposited at recycling  
centres by town and parish councils and voluntary groups. He further  
reported on progress in seeking a direct rail journey from Barnstaple to  
London, the delay in the handover of the Search and Rescue service at  
Chivenor, traffic calming agreed for Bicton Street and proposed for St  
George's Road, bus services in Sunset Heights and Bicton Street, an  
unsatisfactory consultation on community bed provision, and  
arrangements for councils to receive Business Rate income direct.

Councillors expressed concern at the recent changes to bus services  
and thanked Cllr Greenslade for his work on traffic calming and green  
waste.

RESOLVED: That the reports be received and noted.

(NC)

TC60      REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO  
OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Roome reported that Hannah Harrington had taken over as Town  
Centre Manager. Her first priorities would be obtaining sponsorship for  
the Christmas lights, an event for New Year's Eve, and recruiting new  
members of the Town Centre Partnership.

Cllr Williams reported that he had attended the ND Voluntary Services  
AGM. The organisation provided advice and recruitment support, had  
regrouped following recent difficulties, and could be an asset to the Town  
Council.

RESOLVED: That ND Voluntary Services be invited to present to the  
Council at a future meeting.

(13, 2abs)

RESOLVED: That the reports be received and noted.

(NC)

TC61      REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Heritage, Culture and Community Committee of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015, pages 62-  
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RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Heritage, Culture and Community  
Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 be received and the  
resolutions contained therein be approved and adopted.

(NC)

Heritage, Culture and Community Committee of 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015, pages 99-101 and Appendix 1

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Heritage, Culture and Community Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 be received and the resolutions contained therein be approved and adopted.

(NC)

Planning and Transportation Committee of 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015, pages 107-111.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Transportation Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 be received and the resolutions contained therein be approved and adopted.

(NC)

Environment Committee of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015, pages 112-115

The Clerk reported that the minutes to be confirmed by the Committee would show that Cllrs Chamings and Jefferies attended.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 be received and the resolutions contained therein be approved and adopted.

(NC)

Planning and Transportation Committee of 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015, pages 116-119.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Transportation Committee meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015 be received and the resolutions contained therein be approved and adopted.

(NC)

Staff Committee of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015, page 120.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Staff Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015 be received and the resolutions contained therein be approved and adopted.

(NC)

Finance and General Purposes Committee of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015, pages 121-124 and Appendix 1

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted.

(NC)

The Clerk introduced a report circulated with the agenda. The Corporate Plan Working Party had recommended the following vision for the Council:

“To make Barnstaple a better place to live, work, visit, and do business, and to be a strong voice for the community”.

It had also recommended the following mission statement based on some of the committee objectives:

Within a democratic, accountable, efficient and responsible framework, our mission is to:

1. To take on responsibility for the public highway grassed and planted areas with appropriate resources for implementation.
2. To develop a budget/precept strategy to ensure that Council priorities are delivered whilst achieving financial efficiency and best value, and maintaining an appropriate level of reserves.
3. To preserve and protect Barnstaple’s heritage for the benefit of the community, and to increase and improve the availability, usage, promotion and community benefit of our heritage buildings, including the refurbishment of The Guildhall.
4. To develop partnership working in the pursuit of all of the Council’s objectives.
5. To complete a review of staffing that complements the Council’s Corporate Plan, and carry out any actions arising.
6. To secure the long term future and siting of Barnstaple Fair.

RESOLVED: That the vision and mission statement be agreed.

(NC)

TC63      ROCK PARK TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Rock Park Trust Management Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015 be received and noted.

TC64      QUESTIONS

No questions had been received from members of the Council under Standing Order 26, or public registered electors in the town under Standing Order 83.

The meeting ended at 7.57pm.

Chairman.

Signed .....

Dated .....