

**AGENDA ITEM No 3(a)**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of the **TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL** held at the Council Chamber, Drake Road, Tavistock on **TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE, 2015** at **6:47pm**

**PRESENT** Councillor Mrs S Bailey (Mayor)  
Councillor Mrs M Ewings (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors T Gibbins, Mrs A Johnson, J Moody, E Sanders, P Sanders, H Smith, J Sheldon, A Venning, Mrs J Whitcomb.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Town Clerk, General Manager, Financial Administrator

Note - Prior to the Meeting there was an opportunity to receive a report from County Councillor Mrs D Sellis and Borough Councillor Mrs J Evans

**28 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence, all Members were present.

**29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**30 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of Tavistock Town Council held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**31 CO-OPTION**

The Council received presentations from 8 candidates who had expressed an interest (Appendix 1) in being considered for co-option to the Council (there being vacancies on the North (1), South East (2) and South West (1) Wards).

The candidates were Mrs M Corner, Mr A Lewis, Mr N Maidman, Mr P Williamson, Mr P Palfrey, Mr L Brodley, Dr P Ward and Mrs S Hammond.

Following a vote by ballot it was

RESOLVED THAT Messrs A Lewis, P Williamson, P Palfrey and Dr P Ward be co-opted to serve as Councillors on Tavistock Town Council.

Noted That it was anticipated elections (if contested) in the North and South East wards would be held on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2015. In view of the recent circumstances associated with vacancies on the Council it was further the consensus that Poll Cards be endorsed to maximise electorate interest and voter turnout.

### **32 USE OF BEDFORD SQUARE**

The Council considered the possibility of Bedford Square being made available to the Spooners and West Dartmoor Hunt in lieu of a request for use of the Guildhall Car Park (Minute No. 20 refers).

The County Council, as landowner, had indicated it had no objection to the proposal subject to appropriate measures being agreed to ensure the site was left in a clean and tidy condition after use.

RESOLVED THAT subject to the Spooners and West Dartmoor Hunt agreeing to put in place appropriate measures to secure the cleanliness of the area after use it be offered the use of the Bedford Square for the annual Boxing Day Hunt.

### **33 TAVISTOCK GUILDHALL**

The Council considered the report (Appendix 2) of the Town Clerk in respect of the Tavistock Guildhall Gateway Centre proposal and the outcome of a successful 'Stage 1 pass' from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Reference was also made to arrangements within the proposal to secure adequate levels of accessibility for the disabled.

RESOLVED THAT Tavistock Town Council endorse and authorise arrangements for the development of the Stage 2 bid for funding to the Heritage Lottery Fund in respect of the Tavistock Guildhall Gateway Centre consistent with the approach set out in the Stage 1 application.

### **34 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

The Council considered a schedule (Appendix 3) of applications for planning permission arising from which it was:

RESOLVED THAT:

- a) 00520/2015 – a site meeting be recommended
- b) 00541/2015 – the Council support this application
- c) 00550/2015 – the Council support this application
- d) 00538/2015 – the Council support this application
- e) 00542/2015 – the Council support this application
- f) 00540/2015 – the Council support this application
- g) 00539/2015 – a neutral view be expressed
- h) Applications in respect of trees – 00545/2015; 00544/2015 – the foregoing applications be referred for consideration by the West Devon Borough Council Tree Officer
- i) 00578/2015 – the Council support this application  
Noted That -Councillor P Sanders declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in the above application by virtue of a social connection
- j) 00581/2015 – no view be expressed
- k) 00569/2015 – a neutral view be expressed
- l) 00568/2015 – this application be referred to the Conservation Officer for consideration
- m)00561/2015 – the Council support this application
- n) 00565/2015 – the Council support this application

**35 DEVON ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – ELECTION TO COUNTY COMMITTEE**

The Council considered a schedule of applicants (Appendix 4) for election to the Devon Association of Local Councils County Committee.

RESOLVED THAT the Council support the nominations in respect of Mr D Butland, Mrs G Hill and Mrs C Marsh.

**36 ITEMS CIRCULATED FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- a) Service Reports  
The Council received and noted the reports of the General Manager and Works Department (Appendices 5-6 refer)
- b) Plans  
A schedule (Appendix 7) outlining decisions recently made by the Local Planning Authority was noted
- c) Councillor ICT  
The Council noted progress in discussions with the Borough Council together with present and (subject to re-acquiring the Power of General of Competence) future arrangements.

- d) Tavistock Heritage – Terms of Reference (Appendix 8)
- e) Devon Association of Larger Councils Sub Committee – Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 (Appendix 9)

**37 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT 1960)**

Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was:-

RESOLVED THAT the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting for the following items of business.

**38 DEBTORS**

(**Confidential** – by virtue of relating to commercially sensitive information and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council).

The Council considered and noted the list of all those with debts to the Council dated from earlier than the last quarter day and received updates, where appropriate, in respect of same. Arising from consideration of the above it was

RESOLVED THAT in the event that there was not a material improvement in the position of the debts owed by debtors 'C' and 'D' the Town Clerk be authorised to bring proceedings for the recovery of the outstanding sums due and such other proceedings as are necessary.

The Press and Public were re-admitted to the Meeting.

**39 COUNCIL SEAL**

RESOLVED THAT - The Council Seal be affixed to the various deeds and documents to be made or entered into for the carrying into effect of those decisions or matters approved by the Council this day.

The Meeting closed at 8:53pm.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

