

- 464. ASSISTANT TO TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**
Members noted the report and thanked the author. Cllr P Sanders was concerned at the colour of the publicity material for the Garden festival, and the lack of white background.
- 465. MINUTES OF THE TAMAR VALLEY INTERPRETING TAVISTOCK**
Members noted the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th October 2009.
Noted that Cllr Pike was the Town Council representative and not as shown.
- 466. MINUTES OF THE G10 GROUP**
Members noted the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th November 2009.
- 467. MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN PARISHES LINK COMMITTEE**
Members noted the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd December 2009.
Cllr Whitcomb noted the length of the meetings.
- 468. MINUTES OF THE WEST DEVON/TAVISTOCK CONSULTATIVE LIAISON GROUP**
Members noted the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th December 2009.
- 469. MINUTES OF THE TaVi OPEN FORUM**
Members noted the minutes of the meetings held on the 8th December 2009.
- 470. MINUTES OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
Members noted the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th January 2010.
- 471. GENERAL FINANCE**
- a. Accounts** Members considered the monthly accounts for submission to the next Council Meeting, a copy of which is at Annex A. It was **RECOMMENDED** that they be passed for payment.
- b. Outturn.** Members noted the phased budget reporting system print to 31st December 2009.
- 472. TOWN CRIER**
- a.** At Minute 307 Members had asked if the Lions would hold the competition to find a new town crier (as in 1983). In principle the Lions agree but have questions about the funding and status of the individual, and costs of the competition.
- b.** The Lions envisage that the competition will be by an entry form, maybe an interview and then a demonstration of their abilities on Bedford Square on the due date. According to previous competitions there will not be too many candidates. The Lions are in contact with the Callington Town Crier and the Guild of Town Criers so will put together a selection process.
- c.** Members felt that the new Crier should be an unpaid employee of the council so some control could be kept over the post. They were unwilling to commit resources to the project until they knew how much the uniform and equipment might cost, and how much the Lions felt the competition might

cost. They were content with the proposed date of 10th April, and the format of the competition. The Clerk drew Members attention to the existing Standing Orders Part 3, Section 15 (Code of Practice for the Town Crier, approved by Council in September 2006). Members **RECOMMENDED** that the Crier should be an employee. They also **RECOMMENDED** that full Council should consider if there should be any financial remuneration attached to the post.

473. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 it was **RESOLVED** that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and the press leave the meeting during consideration of debtors to the Council.

474. DEBTORS

Members received a list of all those who had a debt to the Council dating from earlier than the last quarter day.

475. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

RESOLVED that the public and press be re-admitted to the Meeting.

476. URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Cllr Mrs Johnson asked if the Working Group for the Strategic Objectives could meet and continue their work. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Govier, Cllr Mrs Johnson, Cllr Pike, Cllr P Sanders and Cllr H Smith should reconvene, elect a Chairman and progress the matter.

Rising 7. 58 p.m.

Signed.....

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