

**AGENDA ITEM No 3(a)**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of the **TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL** held at the Council Chamber, Drake Road, Tavistock on **TUESDAY** the **9<sup>th</sup>** **September, 2014** at **7:00pm.**

**PRESENT** Councillor Mrs S Bailey (Deputy Mayor)  
(In the Chair)

Councillors R Eberlie, Mrs M Ewings, Mrs A Johnson, Mrs J Metcalf, J Moody, E Sanders, P Sanders, J Sheldon, E Sherrell, B Trew, D Whitcomb, Mrs J Whitcomb

**IN ATTENDANCE** Town Clerk, General Manager, Assistant to the Town Clerk

Note - Prior to the Meeting there was an opportunity for quiet reflection and to receive a report from West Devon Borough Councillor, P Sanders together with a presentation from the Internal Auditor. An update had been received from the Police which was reported.

In response to a question from a Member of the Public it was reported that consideration of whether or not to make representations to the Borough Council in connection to the application of the New Homes Bonus would be considered in due course.

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**180 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors C Rogers, J Sellis and H Smith (Mayor).

**181 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Mrs S Bailey, Mrs M Ewings, P Sanders and E Sherrell declared an interest in Minute Number 169(b) in the event a discussion were to take place upon the matter by virtue of Membership of the West Devon Borough Council.

## **182 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Tavistock Town Council held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **183 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Council considered the following Reports of Standing Committees.

### **a) Plans Committee – 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2014**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Plans Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2014 (Minute No's 144-152 inclusive).

### **b) Plans Committee -26<sup>th</sup> August, 2014**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Plans Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 (Minute No's 153-161 inclusive).

### **c) Properties Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014**

Subject to the deferral of Minute No 169 to a later point in the Meeting in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the Minutes of the Meeting of the Properties Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014 (Minute No's 162–168 inclusive).

Noted That in the discussion arising from consideration of Minute No 167 a Member requested it be recorded that he had expressed concern when advised a request that information appertaining to the purchase of premises could not appropriately be made available prior to the exchange of contracts for reasons of commercial sensitivity.

### **d) Finance and General Purposes Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014**

Subject to the deferral of Minutes No's 178-179 in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014 (Minute No's 170-177 inclusive).

Noted That

- i) Minute No 174(d)  
Preliminary investigations including discussions with other authorities progressing this approach indicated the matter was worthy of further investigation. To that end it would be brought before the Forward Planning Policy and Programme Sub-Committee in due course.
- ii) Minute No 175 (a) - Reference was made to the benefits and drawbacks associated with the proposed course of action together with past practice in respect of Council twinning activities.
- iii) Minute No 175 (b) – No Member being forthcoming to serve on the Southern Parishes Link, alongside the existing Council representative, it remained open to Members to express an interest in appointment.
- iv) Minute No 175 (e)  
A discussion took place regard to the options available in respect of the content of Standing Orders.

RESOLVED THAT - Subject to any amendments listed above the recommendations included in the foregoing Reports of Committee Meetings be approved and the Reports be received.

Noted That - Councillor E Sherrell left the Meeting.

**184 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE TOWN MAYOR**

**a) Council Photographs 2014-15**

Official Council Photographs were available to interested Members.

**185 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.

## **186 COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)**

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

The Council considered the outstanding Reports of the following Standing Committees held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014, consideration of which had previously been deferred (Minute No 183 refers).

### **a) Properties Committee**

(Minute No. 169)

Subject to

- the amendment of Minute No 169 (b) (i) to reflect that Councillor E Sherrell declared an interest and left the Meeting at that point and did not return, together with
- an additional point

“(iii) It was indicated that, should it be necessary and/or appropriate, a Special Meeting of Council could be convened to further address this matter in due course upon the outcome of the discussions proposed”

the Minutes of the Meeting of the Properties Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014 (Minute No. 169).

### **b) Finance and General Purposes Committee**

(Minute No. 178-179)

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014 (Minute No's 178-179).

Noted That - A summary document in support of the application made arising from Minute No.178 was circulated by Councillor Mrs M Ewings. As Chairman of the organisation concerned she advised she was solely drawing the attention of the Meeting to the case for the proposal given that no determination was proposed at this stage.

RESOLVED THAT - Subject to any amendments listed above the recommendations included in the foregoing reports of Committee Meetings be approved and the Reports be received.

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

**187 COUNCIL SEAL**

RESOLVED THAT - The 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 8:03 pm.

Chairman\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_