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12th September 2023

COUNCIL MEETING

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the
TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
to be held at the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES,**
DRAKE ROAD, TAVISTOCK
on **TUESDAY 19th SEPTEMBER, 2023** at **6.45pm****

- Prior to the Commencement of the Meeting there will be an opportunity at:-

5.30pm for Town Councillors* to consider the outcome of a recent Meeting with Devon County Council regarding proposals for the introduction of charges for on-street parking in Tavistock (Agenda Item No 8 refers)

6.15pm for Town Councillors* to provide feedback to representatives of Devon Communities Together with regard to the Housing Stories Project.

* Denotes informal session for Town Councillors only.

** Note Start Time.

6.40pm for Members and the Public -

QUIET REFLECTION

Those who wish to do so may prepare themselves for the Meeting by a few moments of Quiet Reflection led by Father Cyracius Uzochukwu of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Mary Magdalene Roman Catholic Church, Tavistock.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS IS PROPOSED TO BE TRANSACTED

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive disclosures of unregistered or other interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the Meeting. The disclosure shall include the nature of the interest. If a Member becomes aware, during the course of a Meeting, of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item they must immediately disclose it.

Under the Code of Conduct Councillors with a registerable interest must leave the room for the duration of consideration of the item to which the interest relates. Those with a 'other' interest must apply the tests set out in the Code of Conduct as to whether or not there are circumstances that might enable them to remain.

3. **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

- a) To confirm the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Tavistock Town Council held on Tuesday 29th August, 2023 (enclosed);
- b) Matters arising.

4. **PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS & QUESTIONS***

To receive any representations or previously submitted questions from Members of the Public in attendance submitted in accordance with Standing Order No 3(y). Two questions have been received.

- a) Mr P Piers of Buzzard Road – to consider a question (note - additional detail has been circulated under separate cover) that:-
'It is submitted by myself that this Town Council should debate and declare that Tavistock is subject to a "Housing Crisis". Will it do so, and either adopt the recommendations herein or an alternative set of recommendations?'
- b) Ms J Sanders of Tavistock Business Improvement District:
'Does Tavistock Town Council continue to agree with the BID Co that the introduction of charging for on-street parking proposed by the County Council would negatively impact the vitality of our local economy, the viability of town centre businesses, and that it would make life even more difficult for local residents and visitors struggling with the cost-of-living crisis?'

ITEMS REQUIRING A DECISION

5. **GENERAL FINANCE**

- a) **Schedule of Payments** – to consider and endorse the Monthly Accounts as at 31st July and 31st August 2023 (schedules of all payments are listed on the Website);
- b) **Budget Monitoring Report** – to consider and endorse the phased Budget Monitoring Report as at 31st August, 2023 (enclosed).

Note – Should Members have any detailed questions concerning any payments or other financial matters they should be passed to the Internal Auditor or the General Office well in advance of the Meeting in order that enquiries may be undertaken and an informed response prepared.

6. BUDGET & POLICY COMMITTEE

To consider the Minutes of the Meeting of the Budget & Policy Committee held on Tuesday 5th September, 2023 (enclosed).

Note –

- i) Members are requested to bring to the Meeting the Agenda and associated documents relating to the foregoing Meeting.
- ii) Should further deliberations be required on any of the matters arising as appertain to matters subject to the 'Exclusion of the Press & Public' addressed at the above Meeting it will be necessary to take same in the corresponding section of this Agenda.

7. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT & LICENSING COMMITTEE (DM&L)

To receive and consider the Minutes of the Meeting of the Development Management & Licensing Committee held on:

- i) Development Management & Licensing Committee – Tuesday 15th August, 2023 (previously circulated);
- ii) Development Management & Licensing Committee – Monday 4th September, 2023 (enclosed).

8. ON-STREET PARKING CHARGES

To consider the Councils response to pre-public consultation communications from the Highway Authority regarding the potential scope of arrangements for a public consultation on the introduction of charges for on-street parking in Tavistock.

9. CO-OPTION – TAVISTOCK SOUTH EAST WARD

a) To consider the application for co-option to Tavistock Town Council for the vacancy arising in the South East Ward, details of the applicant having previously been circulated.

The candidate has been invited to attend, and can make a brief presentation (of not more than 2 minutes) in connection with their application whilst addressing any questions as may be raised with them:

South East Ward

- i) Miss Sarah Cohen, Green Lane Tavistock.

Note:

- The candidate will be invited to address the Meeting. The candidate will then withdraw whilst the Council deliberates before being recalled to be advised of the decision of the Council.
- Councillors are reminded that if they know, or are associated with the candidate, by friendship, business or other association, they should consider their position in accordance with the tests set out in the Code of Conduct, most especially para 7.2(a)-(c) and, if met, declare the Interest immediately and withdraw from the Meeting for this item of business.
- in the event the candidate is successful, arrangements to take office and then to attend at and participate in full from the next Meeting

of Council, will be made. To be co-opted a candidate must receive an absolute majority of votes from amongst those present and voting.

- b) To consider the 'next steps' with regard co-option into the current vacancy in the North Ward.

ITEMS CIRCULATED FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The following items are circulated for information only

10. SERVICE REPORTS

To receive, for information, the following Service Reports:-

- i. General Manager's Report (enclosed);
- ii. Pannier Market Report (enclosed);
- iii. Works Department Report (enclosed);
- iv. Town Hall & Butchers' Hall Report (enclosed).

11. FINANCE & OTHER MATTERS

To receive, for information, the following:-

- a) Report of the Assistant to the Town Clerk (enclosed);
- b) Notes of the Goose Fair Consultative Group Meeting held on 3rd August, 2023 (enclosed);
- c) Devon County Councillor Report – Report from County Councillor Mrs D Sellis (enclosed)
- d) To receive;-
 - i. Any update from, or questions to, Council representatives serving on other outside bodies in connection with the work of those bodies;
 - ii. Feedback from Members following their attendance at any training sessions.

Note – Borough Councillor Mrs D Sellis was not in a position to provide a West Devon Borough Council Report, this has now been invited for the next Meeting.

12. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS OR REPORTS AS MAY BE SUBMITTED BY THE TOWN MAYOR

13. URGENT MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TOWN MAYOR

EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

14. 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 to consider that the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting for the following items of business.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS REQUIRING A DECISION

15. BUDGET & POLICY COMMITTEE CONTINUED

(**CONFIDENTIAL** by virtue of relating to legal and/or commercial matters, staffing and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council)

To consider any Confidential Minutes of the Meeting of the Budget & Policy Committee held on Tuesday 5th September, 2023 (enclosed).

16. PROPERTY, LEGAL & FINANCE MATTERS

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i) DEBTORS' REPORT AND OTHER MATTERS

To consider the Report of the Assistant to the Town Clerk in connection with the above (enclosed).

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i) GUILDHALL GATEWAY CENTRE ADVISORY FORUM

To consider the Notes of the Meeting held on Thursday 7th September, 2023 (enclosed);

ii) LANDLORD TENANT MATTERS

To receive any oral update in connection with lease renewal/ ancillary matters or in connection with outstanding legal, contract or property matters not previously listed (for information only).

Re-admission of the Press & Public.

NOTE – Councillors are reminded that if a matter has not been specified on the Agenda no formally binding decision can be made on it.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Councillor A Hutton (Mayor)

Councillor P Ward (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors Ms M Ewings, S Hipsey, J Irvine, Mrs A Johnson, A Lewis, U Mann, N Martin, Mrs B Moody, J Moody, T Munro, B Smith, P Squire, A Venning.

TOWN CLERK.....

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USE OF TELEVISED & SOUND RECORDINGS AT COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Televised, vision and sound recordings or live broadcastings by members of the press or public at Council or Committee debates are permitted and anyone wishing to do so is asked to inform the Chairman of the respective Committee of their intention to record proceedings.

If members of the public make a representation to the Meeting, they will be deemed to have consented to being filmed and audio recorded. By entering the body of the Chamber, attendees are also consenting to being filmed and audio recorded.

If members of the public have any queries regarding filming or audio recording of Meetings, please contact the Town Council on 01822 613529 or at info@tavistock.gov.uk

*Members of the Public who wish to address the Council are requested to contact the Council Office either by phone 01822 613529, or by e-mailing info@tavistock.gov.uk regarding the necessary requirements for participation not less than 24 hours in advance of the Meeting.