

Agenda Item 5

MINUTES

of the Meeting of the **TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL** held at the Council Chamber, Drake Road, Tavistock on **TUESDAY 10th MAY, 2016** at **6.45pm**

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs S Bailey (Mayor)

Councillors T Gibbins, Mrs A Johnson, A Lewis, J Moody, Mrs L Roberts, C Rogers, E Sanders, P Sanders, J Sheldon, A Venning, P Ward and Mrs J Whitcomb.

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager, Assistant to the Town Clerk

Note - Prior to the Meeting:-

Councillors received a presentation from representatives from Blue Cedar Homes regarding their proposed residential development at Lower Trendle, Mount Kelly College, Parkwood Road, Tavistock

- there was an opportunity for quiet reflection led by David Palmer of Tavistock Methodist Church, together with reports from Sgt David Anning (Tavistock Neighbourhood Policing Team), County Councillor Mrs D Sellis and Borough Councillor P Sanders

Members and those in attendance were advised that 'live streaming' of the Meeting would take place

369 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mrs M Ewings (Deputy Mayor), P Palfrey, H Smith and P Williamson.

370 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

371 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tavistock Town Council held on Tuesday 12th April, 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

372 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Council considered the following reports of Standing Committees.

(a) Plans Committee – 19th April 2016

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Plans Committee held on 19th April, 2016 (Minute No's 342-349 inclusive)

(b) Properties Committee – 3rd May 2016

Subject to the deferral of Minute No's 356-357 in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the Minutes of the Meeting of the Properties Committee held on 3rd May, 2016 (Minute No's 350-355 inclusive).

In connection with Minute 355 (b) – Letting of Council Premises – Tenant Surety it was:-

RESOLVED THAT this item to be deferred to a future Meeting in order that additional information could be available

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

The Mayor requested that the consideration of the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, held on the 3rd May 2016 (Agenda item 4c), be deferred until a later part of the Meeting to allow the next item on the Agenda to be taken beforehand

373 NOTICE OF MOTION

Following clarification by the General Manager that Standing Order No. 9 (f) allowed for the following item to be on the Agenda;

The Council considered a Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor P Sanders, seconded by Councillor J Moody and subscribed to by 3 other Members pursuant upon the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 (a). Namely to the effect that the decision of Tavistock Town Council taken at its Meeting on the 12th April 2016, in connection with Committee arrangements (Minute No. 338 refers), be dis-applied.

Following a period of discussion, in which a range of views were expressed both in favour of, and in opposition to the motion it was:-

RESOLVED THAT the provisions of Minute No. 338 seeking the continuation of the operation of the Finance and General Purposes and Properties Committees be dis-applied and that Tavistock Town Council dis-continue the operation of the Finance & General Purposes and Properties Committees and determine matters itself upon a six weekly cycle, and the new arrangements to be subject to review after a period of twelve months in operation.

374 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES contd

The Council considered the following report of the Standing Committee

Finance and General Purposes Committee – 3rd May 2016

Subject to the deferral of Minute No's 365–368 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 3rd May, 2016 (Minute No's 358-364 inclusive).

In connection with Minute No. 363 (a) – Calendar of Meetings 2016-17

Following the decision at Minute No. 373 above, the Assistant to the Town Clerk to issue the Programme of Meetings for 2016-2017 without the former Properties and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meetings being scheduled

In connection with Minute No. 363 (b) – Letting of Council Premises Tenant Surety it was:-

RESOLVED THAT this item to be deferred to a future Meeting in order that additional information could be available

In connection with Minute No. 363 (d) – Grant Application

Following a review of the additional information provided by the applicant, it was;

RESOLVED THAT this application be declined due to the lack of clarity as to the purpose and benefits of the proposed publication

RESOLVED THAT subject to any amendments listed above the recommendations included in the foregoing reports of the Committee Meeting be approved and the reports be received.

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

The Mayor thanked all those who attended her recent End of Term Party, and for the gifts she received.

The Mayor went on to thank her Councillor colleagues, and the staff of the Town Council, for their support during her Mayoral year.

376 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.

377 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 3rd May, 2016, consider of which had previously been deferred (Minute No's. 372 and 374 refer).

a. Properties Committee

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Properties Committee held on 3rd May, 2016 (Minute No's 356-357)

b. Finance & General Purposes Committee

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on the 3rd May, 2016 (Minute No's 365-368)

At Minute No. 368 – the Assistant to the Town Clerk gave a verbal update on the Town Council's dilapidation claim against a former tenant

In connection with Minute No. 368 itself - the General Manager provided a verbal update on the current situation as promised in this Minute, following a meeting he had attended that day.

Following discussion of the potential financial impact on the Council's rental income, it was:-

RESOLVED THAT a proposal be put to the other party, without prejudice, allowing for a Council contribution of £ 6,600 towards the rental cost of the unit involved, plus project management support up to £ 5,000. The above is subject to full rental income being realised on the second unit

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

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

378 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 8.14pm.

Chairman _____

Date _____

