

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TOTNES TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015 AT THE GUILDHALL TOTNES**

Present: Councillors Hodgson (Chairman), Harper, Boswell, Vint, Marion Adams, Whitty, Harvey, Greenway, Horsburgh and Wellwood

Apologies: Councillors Craddock, Rosie Adams, Finn, Gorman, Westacott MBE and Cohen

In Attendance: Helen Nathanson (Town Clerk), Peter Bethel (Town Sergeant), 10 members of the public and 2 members of the press

No	Subject	Comments
1	The Mayor will open the Meeting and receive apologies.	The Mayor opened the meeting and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the apologies.
2	The Mayor will request confirmation that all Members have made any amendments necessary to their Declaration of Interests, if appropriate. Please note that if any Councillor is a member of any Town organisation by enrolment and/or paid subscription this must be declared and these declarations of interest also made known at the time of discussing such items.	There were no amendments.
3	<p><u>Public Question Time</u>: A period of 15 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding the work of the Council or other items that affect Totnes.</p> <p><u>Reports from County and District Councillors</u></p>	<p>Members of the public spoke about the following:</p> <p>The protest against rail fares at Totnes Station. The Council was asked to lend its support to the protest to bring rail back into public ownership.</p> <p>The Friends of Great Court Farm brought to the Council's attention that the Great Court Farm application will be discussed at the SHDC Development Management Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January. The Planning Officer's report is due out tomorrow and the Friends will formulate a response. They are hoping to be allowed to speak at the Committee Meeting and asked if the Town Council would also be so doing. The Chairman asked Councillor Wellwood, Chairman of Place, to respond and she expressed her concerns over the data used in the official reports. She recommended that Berry Pomeroy Parish's objections be supported and the Clerk was asked to request from SHDC an opportunity for the Town Council to speak at the Development Management Committee Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January. Councillor Wellwood will represent the Town Council.</p> <p>A member of the Friends of Great Court Farm also spoke about protecting dairy farming in the town and hoped that the Council would support this.</p> <p>A member of the Narnia New Year team thanked the Council for its support for the event, which was a great success. They plan to run the event again next year and also some other similar events throughout the year. The Mayor congratulated them on the event, which involved so many young people and was really enjoyable. The People Committee will evaluate this in more detail and discuss the elements that made it such a success.</p> <p>County Councillor's report</p> <p>The DCC Waste Management Plan has been produced and the new incinerator will create ash which we have no possibility of disposing of locally at this stage. Councillor Vint was the only councillor who voted against adopting the</p>

	<p><u>Report from Inspector Tomlinson, Devon and Cornwall Police</u></p>	<p>plan. The Chairman asked Cllr Vint if DCC could vote on retro-fitting the incinerator with a plasma plant, which he will investigate.</p> <p>The cycle path on the Bypass was not refused at HATOC but it was agreed to enter into negotiation with the owners of the Tollhouse to see if there could be a less expensive way to resolve the issue. Cllr Vint will investigate the outcome.</p> <p>District Cllr Westacott's report: Cllr Whitty asked about the transfer of houses and who will take them. The unconfirmed answer is that it will be another Affordable Housing provider but we do not know yet.</p> <p>Memorial seat for Tony Bowhay – Bridgetown Alive! has taken the lead on this and the bench will be placed near the Rowing Club.</p> <p>The report from the Police Inspector was noted. The Mayor asked for information in future reports about road safety incidents.</p>
	<p><i>The Council will convene to conduct the following business:</i></p>	
4	<p>To approve and sign the Minutes of the following Meetings :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Full Council 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014</li> <li>b. Place Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014</li> <li>c. Personnel Committee 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014</li> </ul>	<p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve and sign the Minutes.</p>
5	<p>To consider any matters arising from the Minutes.</p>	<p>The following matters arose:</p> <p><u>Full Council</u></p> <p>Item 10 As a matter arising the Council considered the earlier request from a member of the public about the rail protest. After discussion it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that: This Council supports the protest against rising rail fares and supports the transfer of the railways back into public ownership.</p> <p>Item 12 – The Christmas tree has been a success this year and a letter will be sent to the Rotary Club to thank them for putting up the lights and for all their Christmas fundraising.</p> <p><u>Place Committee</u></p> <p>Item 3 – The letter of objection has been received by the EC and we await a response.</p> <p>The letter to SHDC regarding the purchase of Parkers Barn needs to be followed up.</p> <p>Item 8 – There will not be a further consultation about the Narrows Shared Space work. Councillor Vint will find out if a date has been set for the BT Broadband work, which has to be completed before the Shared Space work can begin.</p> <p>The Confidential items were moved to the end of the meeting.</p>
6	<p>To note next week's informal budget meeting and to request that councillors look over their budget charts in advance.</p>	<p>This was noted.</p>
7	<p>To discuss the recommendations from the Investments WG.</p>	<p>The Council discussed the proposals and agreed that this needed further discussion: the Operations Committee was asked to discuss this at its next meeting.</p>
8	<p>To receive an update about Fairtrade.</p>	<p>This was received. Fairtrade fortnight will be 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015.</p>

9	To receive an update about the Rotherfold.	This item was deferred until the following meeting.
10	To note the opportunity to submit questions to the NALC Larger Councils Committee.	This was noted.
11	To note the letter from Harberton Parish Council and to agree a response.	This was noted and the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to support Harberton Parish Council's letter.
12	To note the consultation on the Government's intentions to modernise parish poll regulations and to discuss a response.	This was noted. Councillors wanted feedback on whether or not the remit of parishes to call a poll could be extended. The Clerk will await a response from NALC and submit a similar response from the Town Council.
		<i>Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to exclude the press and public "by reason of the confidential nature of the business" to be discussed and in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.</i>
		The confidential notes from the Minutes of the Personnel Committee were noted and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the recommendations therein.
13	To note the date of the next meeting: <b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 at 7pm.</b>	This was noted.

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MAYOR