

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TOTNES TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY 4th JANUARY 2016 AT THE GUILDHALL TOTNES

Present: Councillors Hodgson (Chair), Boswell, Horsburgh, Vint, Simms, Harper, M Adams, Paine, Connelly, Hendriksen, R Adams, Cohen, Piper and Westacott MBE

Apologies: Councillor Whitty

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

No	Subject	Comments
1	The Mayor will open the Meeting and receive apologies.	It was RESOLVED to receive 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 rubbish in the Mill Leat which looks very untidy and which he believes should be cleared up by Morrisons. The Mayor informed him that this had already been raised by another resident and would be discussed by the People Committee.</p> <p>He also asked if the leat could be planted to make it look more attractive.</p> <p>Comment was made about the traffic report for the Riverside development and some suggestion was made that this was improper. The District Councillors were asked to look into this. Lorries driving through the town are driving too fast down Fore Street and, when turning right up into Fore Street, are mounting the pavement. The Traffic and Transport Forum has failed to record these comments in the minutes when this issue was raised.</p> <p>Councillor Green's report had not been attached in its entirety so the full report is included in the Minutes. He also added that SHDC will not be receiving any move revenue support grants from 2018-19. They are considering putting Council services into a trading arm of the Council which he does not think is a good development.</p>
	<i>The Council will convene to conduct the following business:</i>	
4	<p>To approve and sign the Minutes of the following Meetings :</p> <p>a. Full Council 7th December 2015</p> <p>b. Planning and Place Committee 17th December 2015</p>	It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the Minutes.
5	To consider any matters arising from the Minutes.	<p>Planning and Place Committee</p> <p>Item 5</p> <p>The pedestrian crossing outside the Grove School is to be installed during February half term. The crossing has been promised for 10 years and councillors were very angry that it has taken so long.</p>

6	To note the election of a new Town Councillor. (Elections to Committees will take place at the February Council Meeting)	This was noted. The Council RESOLVED to allow the new councillor, Kate Sermon, to sign her Declaration of Acceptance of office before the meeting of the February Full Council. She was welcomed by the Mayor.
7	To note the draft budget for 2016/17 and to receive any amendments for consideration.	This was noted. The Council tax base for the town has risen by only 9 Band D properties this year. The Totnes Museum has submitted a request for £10,000 from the Town Council, which will be discussed at the Budget Meeting.
8	To discuss the Coronation Road and Bridgetown Hill signing proposals from DCC.	This was discussed and the Council supported the recommendations without amendment. A vote was held about the proposal to alter the lane filter outside the hospital and the result was a vote in favour of the proposed changes.
9	To receive an update about Whitecleaves Quarry.	This was received. Cllr Hodgson expressed her dismay that the much delayed EU response only seems to have considered the developer's argument and not that of the Whitecleaves Quarry group. She will meet with the Group to discuss next steps.
10	To note the briefing from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) about the new NALC president.	This was noted.
11	To note the date of the next meeting: Monday 1st February 2016	This was noted.

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MAYOR