

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TOTNES TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY 6th JUNE 2016 AT THE GUILDHALL TOTNES

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

Apologies: Councillor Whitty

In Attendance: Catherine Marlton (Deputy Town Clerk), Peter Bethel (Town Sergeant), 1 member of the press and 10 members of the public

No	Subject	Comments
1	To receive apologies.	It was RESOLVED to receive the apologies from Cllr Whitty.
2	The Mayor will request confirmation that all Members have made any amendments necessary to their Declaration of Interests, if appropriate.	There were no amendments.
3	<p><i>The Council will adjourn for the following items:</i></p> <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>Police Report</u></p> <p><u>Reports from County and District Councillors</u> <i>The Council will convene.</i></p>	<p>Members of the public spoke about the following matters:</p> <p>An email from a member of the public was read out in their absence, asking for the Town Council to consider banning the use of Glyphosate in the locality of Totnes.</p> <p>A representative from Birdwood House explained the reasoning behind the request for the scaffolding licence extension into the summer embargo period which is due to urgent works being required to the listed building and the cost implications of removing and re-erecting scaffolding later in the year.</p> <p>A resident circulated a document detailing traffic figures taken from the 'King Bill' corner of Fore St/High St. This resident felt the Town Council is not listening to concerns from some local people regarding the safety of pedestrians now the traffic flow has been reversed.</p> <p>The report was noted. The Deputy Clerk was asked to contact Inspector Tomlinson for a response to the Freedom of Information report handed to him at the previous meeting and to ask about the possibility of community speed check for Fore St/High St.</p> <p>Cllr Green explained that SHDC is now only using Glyphosate on highways, and is investigating different options for other areas. Cllr R Adams asked Cllr Green to forward any information on alternatives when available.</p> <p>Cllr Vint fed back the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Grove School crossing is being scheduled for completion within the next 2 months. • The missing 'Welcome to Totnes' sign at Gerston Cross will be replaced by DCC. Cllr M Adams and Cllr J Hodgson asked for the sign at the bottom of Fore St to be reinstated. • The lanes approaching the roundabout from the Seven Stars direction will be repainted within the next few weeks. • Cllr Vint has received a response from DCC regarding the requested Shared Space works on Fore St/High St

		<p>with some obstacles being put forward. He said he would keep progressing a dialogue and feeding back to Councillors. Cllrs raised concerns about the delay to this scheme and Cllr Vint explained that new traffic flow data would be needed and there are budgetary constraints. Cllr Simms felt that the DCC report on its website regarding the reversal of the ETO was not factual and was misleading and should be removed from the public domain. Cllr Vint disagreed and felt that the report was clear in explaining the reasons behind the ETO and subsequent appeal.</p>
4	<p>To approve and sign the Minutes of the following Meetings :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Full Council 9th May 2016 b. Operations Committee 16th May 2016 c. People Committee 17th May 2016 d. Planning and Place Committee 19th May 2016 e. CONFIDENTIAL – Notes of the Tourism Working Group 16th May 2016 	<p>It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes.</p>
5	<p>To consider any matters arising from the Minutes and to approve any recommendations from Committees.</p>	<p>The following matters arose:</p> <p><u>Full Council 9th May 2016</u></p> <p>Item 8 The route for the Carnival will be the same as last year.</p> <p><u>Operations Committee 16th May 2016</u></p> <p>Item 3 It was RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment Orders for the period 03/03/2016 to 04/04/2016 be approved. • Bank Reconciliations for the period 01/01/2016 to 01/04/2016 be noted. • accounts for payment from Cashbook 1 for the period 01/01/2016 to 01/04/2016 be approved. • Receipts for Cashbook 1 for the period 01/01/2016 to 01/04/2016 be noted. <p>Item 4 NB The Town Clerk spoke to WPS again and Aviva has now reduced its quote, which means that a three year contract to renew Town Council insurance with WPS is the cheapest option. This has been put in place with effect from 1st June 2016.</p> <p>Item 5 Cllr Paine met with the current contractor and has been assured that the spray is safe. Cllr Cohen asked Planning or Operations to discuss how to progress when information from SHDC on alternatives was received.</p>

		<p>Item 6 Cllr Westacott proposed an amendment to the recommendation to say it would be reviewed in 6 months. It was RESOLVED that the Network of Wellbeing should be allowed to use the garage for a 6-month trial period for a token rent of £1 with a review at the end of this period and the group to be asked to repaint the external doors as payment in kind.</p> <p><u>People Committee 17th May 2016</u></p> <p>Item 3 It was RESOLVED to agree the reviewed Community Engagement Plan.</p> <p>Item 4 Cllrs Westacott and M Adams felt the proposed policy was unnecessary. After much discussion, Cllr Vint withdrew the draft policy. It was agreed that if People Committee wished to review the policy again and bring it back to Full Council they would do so.</p> <p><u>Planning and Place Committee 19th May 2016</u></p> <p>Item 1 It was agreed that further investigation was needed into proposed planting locations and ongoing maintenance of trees. Councillors RECOMMENDED that a Cemetery Working Group be formed to progress this and the forming of this group would be ratified at July Full Council.</p> <p>Item 2 It was RESOLVED to write back to Natural England from Full Council requesting information of culls scheduled on all Council owned land.</p> <p>Item 6 To amend Cllr Adams to Cllr R Adams for clarification.</p>
6	To note the resignations of Councillors M Connelly, L Harper, D Horsburgh and P Boswell and the following election process.	The resignations were noted. Councillors paid tribute to the 4 Councillors and expressed their hope for an election for the vacant positions. A thank you event will be arranged in due course.
7	To note that from 10 th June 2016 Town Council staff will bank in the Paignton branch due to the Totnes branch closure.	This was noted. Councillors asked that a future move to a bank with a local branch should be considered if necessary.
8	To consider the request from Proud 2 B for the Rainbow Flag to be raised above the Civic during their event at the end of August 2016.	<p>It was RESOLVED to support the request for the Proud 2 Be flag to be raised.</p> <p>Councillors asked for the discussion regarding the flying of the Union Jack on the Civic Hall to be discussed at Operations Committee and then July Full Council.</p>

9	To consider an application by Birdwood House for an extension to the current scaffold licence into the Summer period.	It was RESOLVED to support the extended licence in principle, subject to satisfactory access arrangements for the Civic Hall. Cllr Westacott MBE declared an interest.
10	To note the DCC update on Fore Street and High Street	Cllr Hodgson expressed concerns regarding funds spent by DCC on the ETO appeal process, particularly given this was an officer delegated decision. Cllr Vint felt that a dialogue with DCC regarding the possibility of Shared Space was ongoing and he committed to progressing this.
11	To agree a date for the Extraordinary Full Council meeting – Thursday 30th June at 7pm proposed.	This was noted. Cllr M Adams sent her apologies for the meeting.
12	To note the date of the next scheduled meeting on Monday 4th July 2016 at 7pm.	This was noted.
4e)	CONFIDENTIAL – Notes of the Tourism Working Group 16 th May 2016	<i>At this point the Council RESOLVED 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 were agreed.

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MAYOR