

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of HERITAGE, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE held on MONDAY, 14th DECEMBER 2015 at 6.00pm in the GUILDHALL, BARNSTAPLE

Present: Councillor Mrs E Davies (Chairman)
Councillors I Roome, B Vernon, C Haywood (Vice Chairman), M Chamings, F Jefferies, I Williams, A Rennles, Miss M Lovering and L Dawson.

Also present: Mrs Kate Graddock (Assistant Town Clerk).

HCC29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence, as recorded on the attendance sheet were received from Councillor Mrs V Elkins (Mayoral Engagement), Ms T Haywood (indisposed), G Langford and Mrs A Dawson.

HCC30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

Councillor I Roome declared an interest as a member of North Devon Council but has been granted a dispensation to discuss all items on the agenda, in accordance with SO66.

HCC31 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th December 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(NC)

HCC32 PART B

It was unanimously agreed that the following items were discussed under Part B in accordance with Standing Order 81(d).

(NC)

HCC33 FUTURE OF HERITAGE SERVICES

Members received a verbal report from the Chairman and Assistant Town Clerk regarding future Heritage services. After some discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

1. That the Heritage Centre Shop and Exhibition closes on 31st March 2016.

(5.3.2abs)

2. That there be no replacement shop sited in the Guildhall but a market stall set up to sell any unsold products.

(6.2.2abs)

3. That the Heritage Centre Manager be asked to produce a report to identify improvements to the current Town Tours and that a Tour Town be introduced on a Saturday from 1st April 2016.

(NC)

4. That weddings continue to take place in the Main Chamber, the licence be renewed in August 2016 and the Wedding Co-ordinator produce a report regarding possible marketing opportunities at local Wedding Fayres.

(NC)

5. That no further stock purchases are authorised from the date of this meeting.

(NC)

6. That a recommendation is submitted to Full Council for a feasibility study to be undertaken on future uses of The Guildhall, St Anne's Arts and Community Centre, The Castle Centre, Barum House and Rock Park Lodge.

(NC)

HCC34 PART A

It was unanimously agreed that the following items are discussed in Part A and the press and public were welcome to attend.

(NC)

HCC35 BUDGET

Members were shown the Committee budget for 2016-17.

Following the discussions regarding the closing of the Heritage Centre, members

RESOLVED:

1. That £5,000 be included for a feasibility study.

2. Subject to the inclusion of the £5,000, the budget be approved and recommended to Finance and General Purposes committee.

(NC)

Meeting closed at 7.12pm.

Signed:

Dated: