



Barnstaple Town Council

ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH MAY 2016



BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

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Prayers will be held at 6.55pm in the Council Chamber for anyone wishing to attend.

There will be an **ANNUAL** meeting of **BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL** on **MONDAY 9TH MAY 2016** at **7.00 pm** in the **Guildhall, Barnstaple**, to which you are summoned for the transaction of the undermentioned business. The agenda is set out below.

There will be a period for questions by the public at a time to be determined by the Chairman. Anyone wishing to ask questions is requested to notify the Town Clerk by 12 noon on the day of the meeting.

Will Austin
Town Clerk
3 May 2016

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
All apologies must be notified to the Town Council offices by 5pm on the day of the meeting.
- 2. To elect the Chairman and Mayor for the municipal year 2016/2017.**
- 3. To receive Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office.**
- 4. To elect the Vice-Chairman and Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2016/2017.**
- 5. To confirm the current representatives to outside bodies.**

- 6. To appoint statutory or standing committees of the Town Council.**
- 7. Minutes.**
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11th April 2016. (pages 249-250, attached).
- 8. To receive reports (if any) from Devon & Cornwall Constabulary.**
- 9. To receive reports (if any) from Devon County Councillors.**
- 10. To receive reports (if any) from North Devon Councillors.**
- 11. To confirm appointment of the Town Council's bankers.**
- 12. Earmarked Reserves.**
To agree the Council's year-end earmarked reserves for 2015/16 (to be tabled at the meeting).
- 13. Annual Accounts and Audit Return.**
To receive and approve End of Year Accounts and annual return for submission to external auditors (to be tabled at the meeting).
- 14. To consider a motion submitted by Cllr Williams:**

Feedback from the entire community of North Devon to the suggestion that Accident & Emergency, Maternity and Stroke services could cease to be provided at North Devon District Hospital has one thing in common – that removing local access to these services would significantly impact the health of our population, because people would be at least 70 minutes away from their next nearest acute hospital, and in some cases as much as two hours. The relocation of other non-urgent services might not have as great an immediate impact, but it would place North Devon residents at a major disadvantage in terms of access to healthcare.

Barnstaple Town Council will continue supporting the community by actively participating in the Success Regime and any consultation to ensure our voice is heard. We have extended an invitation to NEW Devon CCG and the Success Regime to hold a public meeting in Barnstaple to ensure people are aware of the issues and the dates of any consultations. We call on these organisations to carry out the widest possible consultation on future service provision, using all necessary methods to ensure that the voice of the North Devon community is heard.

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of FULL COUNCIL meeting held on MONDAY, 11 APRIL 2016 at 6.50pm in the MAIN CHAMBER, THE GUILDHALL, BARNSTAPLE.

Present: Councillors Mrs V Elkins (Chairman), Mrs V Monk, F Vernon, A Windsor, Mrs S Haywood, I Roome, Mrs J Hunt (Vice-Chairman), J Phillips, Mrs E Davies, J Carter, Mrs J Wilsher, F Jefferies, Miss M Lovering, I Williams, Ms N Haywood, M Kennaugh, C Perkins-Beard, M Chamings, and G Langford.

Also in attendance: Mr W Austin (Town Clerk), G Lovering (Mayor's Beadle), Mrs M Bremnes (Mayor of Harstad, Norway), Lt Col T Thomassen (Chief of Allied Training Centre, Norway), B Akselsen (officer of Harstad Kommune), Lt Col R Baxendale (Royal Marines), A Gracie (Barnstaple Twinning Association), 22 members of the public and 2 representatives of the press.

TC112 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence, as recorded on the attendance sheet were received from Cllrs C Haywood Mrs A Dawson, L Dawson, and A Rennles.

TC113 DISPENSATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Mrs S Haywood, I Roome and Mrs J Hunt, as members of North Devon Council, declared dispensations under Standing Order 64 to discuss and vote on any item on the agenda unless the item refers to the financial or legal agreement or dispute between the two authorities.

TC114 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2016 be received and approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

(NC)

TC115 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on her recent engagements and reminded members of upcoming events in the Council's calendar.

TC116 TOWN TWINNING – AGREEMENT WITH HARSTAD, NORWAY

The Mayor proposed a motion that the Council should sign a twinning agreement with Harstad, Norway, and spoke in favour of the motion. The motion was seconded by the Deputy Mayor, who also spoke in favour.

The Chairman of Finance & General Purposes spoke in support, and advised members that her committee had originally agreed to proceed towards an agreement. Other councillors also spoke in support.

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders be suspended to allow Marianne Bremnes (Mayor of Harstad), Lt Col Baxendale (Royal Marines), Lt Col Trond Thomassen (Commander of Allied Training Centre, Harstad) and Alan Gracie (Barnstaple Twinning Association) to address the Council.

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Mayor Bremnes, Lt Col Baxendale, Lt Col Thomassen and Alan Gracie (Barnstaple Twinning Association) presented to members on the town of Harstad and its longstanding links with the Royal Marines. A video presentation featuring the culture and history of Harstad was also shown.

RESOLVED: That the Mayor proceed to sign a twinning agreement with the town of Harstad, Norway.

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The Mayors of Barnstaple and Harstad signed two copies of the agreement and there was an exchange of gifts.

TC117 QUESTIONS

No questions had been received from members of the Council under Standing Order 26, or public registered electors in the town under Standing Order 83.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm.

Chairman.

Signed

Dated