

## BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of FULL COUNCIL Meeting held on 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016 at 7.00pm in the GUILDHALL, BUTCHERS ROW BARNSTAPLE.

Present: Cllr Mrs V Elkins (Town Mayor) took the Chair.

Cllrs: S Upcott, Mrs V Monk, F Vernon, A Windsor, Mrs S Haywood, I Roome, Mrs J Hunt (Deputy Mayor), C Haywood, J Phillips, Mrs E Davies, J Carter, Mrs J Wilsher, F Jefferies, Miss M Lovering, I Williams, Ms T Haywood, M Kennaugh, C Perkins-Beard, M Chamings, Mrs A Dawson, L Dawson, G Langford, and A Rennles.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Aleni, an eight-year-old Barnstaple resident, addressed councillors on the threat to local healthcare services at North Devon District Hospital, the excellent work of staff at the hospital, and current pressures on health provision. She urged the community to support efforts to protect services.

### TC01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

Cllrs Mrs S Haywood, I Roome, and Mrs J Hunt, as members of North Devon Council, declared dispensations under S.O. 66 to discuss and vote on any item on the agenda unless the item refers to a financial or legal agreement or dispute between the two authorities.

### TC02 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL AND MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2016/17

Cllr A Windsor proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Monk, that Cllr Mrs J Hunt be elected. There being no other nominations it was

RESOLVED: That Cllr Mrs J Hunt be elected Chairman of Council and Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016/17.

(NC)

### TC03 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Mrs Hunt signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman and Mayor and it was

RESOLVED: That the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office be received.

(NC)

### TC04 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2016/17

Cllr I Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr L Dawson, that Cllr I Roome be elected. There being no other nominations it was

RESOLVED: That Cllr I Roome be elected Vice-Chairman of Council and Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016/17.

(22, 1abs)

TC05 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The following nominations for appointment of representatives to outside bodies were proposed and seconded:

<b>OUTSIDE BODY</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE(S)</b>
NEWPORT CHARITY	Cllrs M Chamings, C Haywood, Ms N Haywood and C Perkins-Beard
BARNSTAPLE MUNICIPAL	Town Mayor (ex-officio), Cllrs Mrs V Elkins, Mrs E Davies and J Phillips
PILTON UNITED CHARITIES	Cllrs B Vernon & Mrs V Elkins
BRIDGE TRUST	Town Mayor (ex-officio)*, Cllrs S Upcott, Mrs J Hunt, Mrs V Elkins, J Phillips and C Haywood
NORTH DEVON ATHENAEUM	Town Mayor (ex-officio) & Cllr J Phillips
WHIDDON VALLEY & NEWPORT COMM ASSN	Chairman of Finance & General Purposes
DALC	Cllr I Roome
CRUSE BEREAVEMENT	Cllr Mrs J Hunt
ND ARCHAEOLOGICAL	Cllr M Chamings
TAW & TORRIDGE ESTUARY FORUM	Cllrs A Rennles and F Jefferies
ND RAIL USERS GROUP	Cllr A Rennles
TARKA LINE FORUM	Cllr I Williams
TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT	Cllr I Roome
DAVIE TRUST	Cllrs A Windsor & Mrs V Elkins
ND VOLUNTARY SERVICES LTD	Cllr I Williams

RESOLVED: That the representatives to outside bodies be agreed as proposed.

(NC)

TC06 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLVED: That councillors be appointed to standing committees of the Town Council as follows:

- a) Finance and General Purposes Committee: Cllrs S Upcott (Chairman), Mrs V Monk (Vice Chairman), Mrs V Elkins, F Vernon, A Windsor, Mrs S Haywood, I Roome (Deputy Mayor Ex Officio), Mrs J Hunt (Mayor Ex Officio), J Phillips, J Carter, Mrs J Wilsher, Ms N Haywood, M Kennaugh, I Williams and G Langford. (15)  
(NC)
- b) Heritage, Culture & Community Committee: Mrs V Elkins (Vice Chairman), F Vernon, I Roome (Deputy Mayor Ex Officio), Mrs J Hunt (Mayor Ex Officio), C Haywood, Mrs E Davies (Chairman), M Chamings, Ms N Haywood, F Jefferies, I Williams, G Langford, L Dawson, A Rennles, Miss M Lovering and Mrs A Dawson. (15)  
(NC)
- c) Environment Committee: Mrs V Elkins, A Windsor (Chairman), I Roome (Deputy Mayor Ex Officio), Mrs J Hunt (Mayor Ex Officio), Mrs E Davies, M Chamings, F Jefferies (Vice Chairman), M Kennaugh, I Williams, and Miss M Lovering. (10)  
(NC)
- d) Planning & Transportation Committee: Cllrs S Upcott, F Vernon, I Roome (Deputy Mayor Ex Officio), Mrs J Hunt (Mayor Ex Officio), C Haywood, C Perkins-Beard, I Williams, L Dawson (Vice Chairman), and A Rennles (Chairman). (9)  
(NC)
- e) Staff Committee: Cllrs Mrs V Monk, Mrs V Elkins, A Windsor, Mrs S Haywood (Vice Chairman), I Roome (Lead of Major Political Group Ex Officio, Chairman), and Mrs J Hunt (Mayor Ex Officio). (6)  
(22, 1abs)
- f) Rock Park Trust: Cllrs S Upcott, Mrs V Elkins, I Roome (Deputy Mayor Ex Officio, Vice Chairman), Mrs J Hunt (Mayor Ex Officio, Chairman), Mrs E Davies, M Kennaugh, I Williams, G Langford, L Dawson, and Mrs A Dawson. (10)

(NC)

RESOLVED: That the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of committees be appointed as follows:

Chairman, Finance & General Purposes	Cllr S Upcott (NC)
Vice Chairman, Finance & General Purposes	Cllr Mrs V Monk (12, 1abs)
Chairman, Heritage Culture & Community	Cllr Mrs E Davies (NC)
Vice Chairman, Heritage Culture & Community	Cllr Mrs V Elkins (NC)
Chairman, Environment	Cllr A Windsor (NC)
Vice Chairman, Environment	Cllr F Jefferies (NC)
Chairman, Planning & Transportation	Cllr A Rennles (NC)
Vice Chairman, Planning & Transportation	Cllr L Dawson (NC)
Chairman, Staff	Cllr I Roome (NC)
Vice Chairman, Staff	Cllr Mrs S Haywood (NC)

TC07 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016

RESOLVED: That, subject to the addition of Cllr Upcott's apologies, the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(19, 4abs)

TC08 REPORT FROM DEVON AND CORNWALL CONSTABULARY.

No report was received from Devon and Cornwall Constabulary:

TC09 REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS.

Cllr Greenslade congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on their election, and reported that:

- He agreed with Aleni's comments the threat to health services in Barnstaple.
- He was working to expedite the restoration of the park and ride service.
- Designs for improvements to traffic circulation in the Sticklepath area were progressing but further pressure was needed.
- He had written to the MP with concerns about the Housing and Planning Bill.

- Traffic order changes in Chanters Hill, Youings Drive and Bicton Street were progressing.
- There was a need for action in relation to the Success Regime and threats to health services in North Devon. He had written to the Chief Executive of Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust and the Secretary of State for Health, and had launched an online petition.

Cllr Mathews reported that:

- Park and ride services were carrying more passengers than reported by drivers and public subsidy was worthwhile.
- He had emailed Cllr Rennles about Sticklepath traffic, and was hoping for improvements soon.

Councillors expressed concern about park and ride services and the traffic situation in the area from Sticklepath to Seven Brethren.

Cllr Roome reported that £64,000 had been agreed as a Section 106 contribution in respect of the housing development off Goodleigh Road, to include a play area.

RESOLVED: That the reports be received and noted.

(NC)

TC10 TOWN COUNCIL BANKERS.

RESOLVED: That NatWest be confirmed at Town Council bankers for the coming year.

(NC)

TC11 MOTION SUBMITTED BY CLLR WILLIAMS

Cllrs Roome and Miss Lovering declared interests in this item as employees of Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust.

Cllrs Mrs Hunt, Mrs Monk and Vernon declared personal interests in this item as relatives of employees of Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust.

Cllr Williams formally proposed and introduced the motion and read out the text. He outlined concerns about possible threats to health services in North Devon arising from the work of the Success Regime, and stressed the need to protect all services.

Councillors discussed this and further concerns including the impact of TTIP, Government policy towards the NHS, public concerns for the future, and related personal experiences of the excellent services provided by North Devon District Hospital.

RESOLVED: That the following motion be agreed:

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.

(18, 3abs)

Meeting closed at 8.09pm.

Chairman.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....