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**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the Council held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall at 6.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllr’s C Slade (Mayor), S Griggs (Deputy Mayor), A Berry, J Blagg, W Burke, A Bush, S Bush, N Davey, D Garcia-Parejo, C Harrower, A Hendy, P Hill, B Holdman, D Knowles, T Lindus, G Luxton, A Mulligan, J Rendle, M Turner,  
**In attendance:** Mayor’s Chaplain P Daw, Cllr Polly Colthorpe, Mr A Burnett (Beadle), Blundells School Ambassadors, Tiverton High School Ambassadors, one member of press and one member of public.

<b>82</b>	<b>Opening of the Meeting and Prayers- An announcement was made to remain upstanding for prayers or to leave the room before the commencement of them.</b> Rev P Daw conducted the Prayers.
<b>83</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Apologies received from <b>Cllr’s L Cruwys</b> (Meeting), <b>C Daw</b> (Meeting), <b>I Hill</b> (Meeting), <b>A Perris</b> (Work), and <b>S Rakobane</b> (Sick).
<b>84</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> None were declared at this stage of the meeting.
<b>85</b>	<b>Minutes: To adopt the Minutes of the Meetings held on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 as a true record.</b> All resolved to adopt these Minutes. <b>The Mayor Cllr C Slade</b> signed the Minutes.
<b>86</b>	<b>Matters arising from the above meetings</b> There were no matters arising at this stage.
<b>87</b>	<b>Mayor’s announcements</b> <b>Cllr C Slade read out his report;</b> He began by saying that Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November had been a very busy day as he had attended the Tidcombe Hall public consultation, the opening of the Lighthouse Bookshop on Bampton Street, took part in the Lantern parade and the Christmas Lights switch on.  Then on Dec 11 <sup>th</sup> there had been the launch of Mid Devon Mobility’s new minibuses, which Cllr Slade felt would be a big asset for the town.  Cllr Slade thanked all who had attended his Mayors Christmas Drinks on the 14 <sup>th</sup> - and enjoyed some splendid canapés, and helped raise £100 for the Mayor’s Charity in the raffle – and thanks to all those who donated some excellent prizes!  In the run up to Christmas the Mayoress, Beadle and Cllr Slade had visited four care homes, St Georges House, Ashdown, The larches and Margaret Allen House, as well as two wards at Tiverton Hospital.  He said that he had enjoyed Cllr Berry’s Charity concert at Blundell’s.....and gave his praise to all concerned – so many talented young musicians.  Cllr Slade said that he had attended the carol Service at Bethel Church, and gave thanks to his Chaplain Rev Peter Daw and Christina. And on Christmas Eve, carols at Blundell’s chapel.  Cllr Slade said that it had been great to see so many people in the Market and Town Centre to watch the traditional Boxing Day hunt.

	<p>He said he had attended meetings of the Tiverton Town Twinning Association, Involve, Tiverton Adventure Play Association and Moorhayes Community Association.</p> <p>Cllr Slade finished by saying that he and the Mayoress would be attending the East and Mid Devon Local Police Awards at Exeter's Guildhall, and that he would also be attending the Business Forum Mid Devon.</p>
88	<p><b>County Council Report</b>  <b>Cllr P Colthorpe read out her report; *(Please see attached report)*</b>  There were no questions following this report.</p>
89	<p><b>Tiverton High School Ambassadors</b>  <b>Head Boy Micah Partridge and Head Girl Imogen Ogborne read out the school report;</b>  <b>*Please see the attached report.*</b></p> <p><b>Cllr C Harrower</b> thanked the ambassadors for their good report and then asked how the new school plans were progressing.</p> <p><b>Mr J Sowden</b> of Tiverton High School then addressed the members to provide details. He said that in 2009, their school had been identified as one of three schools in need of re-building. In 2010 the funding was withdrawn, however not all stood still, as two of the schools have since been re-built.</p> <p>Tiverton High School has not yet been re-built and Mr Sowden expressed the importance of the councillors involvement to now help push this issue.</p> <p><b>Mr Sowden</b> informed the members he had been appointed to lead on this project in 2009 and 10 years later he was still trying to lead on this. There was he said, outline planning for the new school in place, to build on the eastern campus. The present school is on a flood plain and is not big enough to cater for its pupils. With class sizes set to increase every year, the need for the new school was key. The costs involved for the re-build is estimated to be in the region of 40 to 50 million. The independent charity T.C.A.T. will pay 20% of this cost. Not all of the 40 to 50 million would be needed upfront as reserve matters would take up to three years to process. The cost for this would be half a million. Mr Sowden was confident that funding for this could be found.</p> <p><b>Mr Sowden</b> posed the question of "where would the extra money come from" He went on to say that the local <b>MP Neil Parish</b> was working very hard to champion this.</p> <p><b>Mr Sowden</b> ended by asking councillors to take every opportunity to shout loud and clear as it was now our turn and he hoped to progress onto the next stage shortly.</p> <p>There were no further questions.</p>
90	<p><b>Blundells School Head Boy and Girl Presentations</b>  Heads of school Tobin Barker and Hannah Kidner read out Blundell's school report.  <b>*(Please see the attached report).*</b>  <b>Cllr C Harrower</b> thanked the school for their fantastic report and said she was pleased with all the interaction of the schools that had been taking place as this was important for the community.</p>
91	<p><b>District Council Report presented by Cllr D Knowles (Please see the attached report)*</b>  There were no questions.</p>
92	<p><b>Democratic Period</b>  A member of the public addressed the members to ask how she would go about raising the issue of 5g broadband, and would there be any possibility of getting this discussed at the Full Council Meeting scheduled for March 2020.</p>

	<p><b>The Town Clerk</b> advised that the best way would be to come in to see him to discuss options on a possible presentation.</p>
93	<p><b>Precept</b> To agree the budget and precept demand for 2020/21 as proposed by the Finance Committee. <b>Clr D Knowles</b> informed the members that the proposed budget was £445,522 with a precept demand for £434,642, which would result in a band D parish charge of £61.69 representing an increase a 2% increase. <b>Clr D Knowles</b> proposed, seconded by <b>Clr W Burke</b>, all resolved to accept.</p>
94	<p><b>Internal Auditor's Report:</b> <b>To adopt the Internal Auditor's report</b> All resolved to accept the report.</p>
95	<p><b>Committee Minutes;</b> The Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were presented by the <b>Chairman Clr D Knowles</b> All resolved to accept these. The Planning Committee Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were presented by the <b>Chairman Clr W Burke</b>. All resolved to accept these. The Minutes of the Tiverton in Bloom Committee of the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were presented by the <b>Chairman Clr W Burke</b>. All resolved to accept these. <b>Mayor Choosing:</b> To note that the Mayor choosing event will now be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 11am. The meeting will then continue at 6pm on the same day. The Mayor's Sunday will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020. <b>Blundells Concert:</b> To note that as a result of this concert a donation of £215.30 was made to the Christmas Lights. <b>Any other reports</b> <b>Clr W Burke</b> informed the members of his concerns over speeding cars on a section of the A361 link road, he said he had tried to alert the police through the 101 procedure but had been unable to get through. <b>Clr C Slade</b> said that exceeding the speed limit was a crime and therefore 999 should be used in such a situation as this. <b>Clr C Slade</b> informed the members that he had received a letter from a 12 year old girl who he said was reminiscent of Greta Thunberg in being very environmentally aware. She had written to him to ask if there would be a possibility of having the town's lights turned off so that members of the public could experience dark skies. <b>Clr C Slade</b> said that he had answered informing her that this would not be possible, however he said that he had sent a positive reply back to this inspirational young lady.</p>
96	<p><b>Motion submitted by Clr S Bush</b> <b>This council notes the proposed changes to car parking fees in Tiverton by Mid Devon District Council have been referred back to the Cabinet for further consideration thanks to a petition by business owners. This council is disappointed not to have been consulted on the changes, and request the Town Clerk write to the Leader of Mid Devon District Council requesting that it fully consults with this council on such matters in the future.</b> <b>Clr S Bush</b> proposed the motion, highlighting the fact that the Multi-storey car park charges were different from the rest of Mid Devon, this was seconded by <b>Clr A Hendy</b>. <b>Clr D Garcia-Parejo</b> asked for an explanation of why the District councillors made the decisions as they seemed to have the upper hand. <b>Clr C Slade</b> explained the tiers of government and said that it was the responsibility of the District council to set the charges for the car parks. <b>Clr A Bush</b> said that he agreed with <b>Clr S Bush</b> and asked if the District Council have a statutory right to consult on charges. <b>Clr C Slade</b> said that there was no responsibility to consult on car parking matters.</p>

	<p><b>Cllr A Hendy</b> said that it would have been a good idea to have been consulted. She would like to ask for this for the future.</p> <p><b>Cllr C Harrower</b> strongly agreed saying for something as local as parking there should have been a consultation.</p> <p>Resolved to accept this motion.</p>
97	<p><b>V.E. Day Commemorations Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b></p> <p><b>It is hoped to run a number of vintage bus trips in the area on this day as part of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day celebrations. Bus journeys will be free of charge but request council to have a small budget to cover fuel costs.</b></p> <p><b>The Town Clerk</b> explained to the councillors that the idea for the bus trips would involve a local vintage bus group who would provide up to 4 buses for the day. These buses would transport people on a site seeing visit around the town, as well as offering excursions to Witheridge and Bampton. The trips would be provided free of charge.</p> <p>A ceiling budget of £4,000 was suggested to cover fuel costs.</p> <p><b>Cllr T Lindus</b> said that this was a lovely idea and that something similar had happened many years ago as part of the Christmas lights which had been well received.</p> <p><b>Cllr B Holdman</b> asked who would be running the event as it was difficult to make a decision on the amount for the budget without having clear information.</p> <p><b>The Town Clerk</b> said that there would be various groups involved including the local vintage bus company. He went on to explain that the amount of £4,000 was a ceiling budget and that he could not see it being near that amount.</p> <p>Receipts would be requested for transparent accounting for the fuel.</p> <p><b>Cllr T Lindus</b> thought that the vintage bus company would put on a good event but felt that £400 would be enough to cover fuel costs.</p> <p><b>Cllr D Knowles</b> felt that the budget figure was excessive and that a figure of £1,000 would be sufficient.</p> <p><b>Cllr N Davey</b> agreed with <b>Cllr Knowles</b> to say that he too felt that £1,000 would be adequate.</p> <p><b>Cllr C Harrower</b> felt that it was important to run this event and an opportunity not to be missed.</p> <p><b>Cllr D Garcia-Parejo</b> said that this event would not be in keeping with the current climate change movement and could electric buses be used instead of diesel.</p> <p><b>Cllr C Slade</b> said that this was a one off event and vintage vehicles would be more in keeping with the commemorative theme of the day.</p> <p><b>Cllr N Davey</b> proposed an amendment for £1,000 which was seconded by <b>Cllr D Knowles</b>.</p> <p>A vote was taken resulting in the acceptance of this proposal.</p>
98	<p><b>Next Meeting: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 6.30pm.</b></p>

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