



Tiverton Town Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of a Full Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall on Monday 25th July at 6:15pm.

Cllrs: S Griggs (Mayor), C Harrower, (Deputy Mayor), W Burke, S Bush, L Cruwys, J Chamberlain, N Davey, C Daw, P Elstone, M Farrell, D Garcia-Parejo, A Hendy, I Hill, Phil Hill, B Holdman, D Knowles, T Lindus, S Pugh, J Rendle, C Slade.

In attendance: Mr J Vanderwolfe (Town Clerk), Mrs J Hubbard (Assistant to the Town Clerk), Beadle A Burnett, one member of the press.

335	Prayers led by the Mayor's Chaplain: Revd Andrew Humm. A special mention of condolence was made for the family of Mrs S Sowden.
336	Apologies for Absence: Cllr A Berry (away), Cllr P Hill (sick), Cllr A Perris (sick), Cllr E Slade (sick). All resolved to accept the apologies.
337	Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct None declared at this stage.
338	Minutes: To adopt the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 16th May 2022 as a true record. All resolved to accept the Minutes, the Mayor duly signed the Minutes.
339	Mayor's Announcements Cllr S Griggs welcomed new councillor Jason Chamberlain to the town council and advised him to contact the Town Clerk for guidance or any questions he might have. She informed the members that she had been kept very busy since the last full council meeting attending many events. Cllr Griggs thanked the Deputy Mayor Cllr C Harrower for attending two events that she had been unable to attend. Cllr Griggs said that she was saddened to hear the news of the sudden death of Mrs Sowden and informed the councillors that there was a card of condolence for any who wished to sign this. Cllr Griggs informed all that the recent Tiverton Junior Operatic Society production at the New Hall had been excellent, and very well attended. This had been in memory of Mr Andrew Curtis. She urged members to show their support and attend the local shows. Cllr Griggs said that the recent Mid Devon Show had received large attendance numbers, with many visiting from far afield in order to attend. She particularly enjoyed spending time conversing with the exhibitors and visitors. Other notable events included the Electric Nights and the popular Farmer's Markets held at the Pannier Market. The community orchard was doing well, Cllr Griggs said that it demonstrated what could be achieved within the community. She reported that the mural for the Pannier Market was almost complete, she hoped more artwork for the town could be achieved. Cllr Griggs said that the South

	<p>West in Bloom judges had visited to judge the town's entry for Tiverton in Bloom 2022. She thanked Cllr W Burke and all the councillors and volunteers that had assisted with the entry. Cllr Griggs announced that the Grand Western Canal had once again secured the Green Flag Award.</p> <p>She expressed her concern over the amount of litter in the town and praised the efforts of the Tiverton Volunteer Litter Pickers who regularly carried out litter picking, they also assisted at the recent Mid Devon Show.</p> <p>Cllr Griggs said that it was her aim to reinstate monthly councillor surgeries, as she felt it was a good way to stay in touch with the community. She suggested that Saturdays might be the most suitable day to hold these.</p>
340	<p>Local Council Quality Award</p> <p>The Mayor announced to the members that the town council had all the relevant criteria in place to apply for the Quality award. The town council would now register and submit the application before the deadline of the 4pm on the 9th September 2022.</p>
341	<p>Internal Auditor's Report – circulated</p> <p>All resolved to accept the auditor's report.</p>
342	<p>Democratic Period</p> <p>A member of press asked if the town council could look at livestreaming its Full Council Meetings. He remarked that Cullompton already did this.</p>
343	<p>County Council Report-circulated</p> <p>Cllr R Chesterton prepared the report but was unable to attend.</p> <p>Cllr C Slade offered to take any questions arising from the report.</p> <p>Cllr J Chamberlain raised the issue of anti-social behaviour being experienced in Chapel Street and reports of buses/vehicles mounting pavements close to dwellings.</p> <p>He was informed that these were not county council matters, he was advised to inform the residents to report the issues online to the police using the Devon and Cornwall Police website.</p> <p>Cllr B Holdman raised the recent issues being experienced by bus commuters using the Stagecoach service.</p> <p>Other councillors also expressed their concerns and experiences in relation to the Stagecoach bus service.</p> <p>Cllr N Davey requested that another letter be sent to the police to request their attendance at a council meeting. He said that he appreciated that they did not have the resources to attend every full council meeting but perhaps could attend one meeting annually, in order to update the members.</p> <p>Cllr P Hill said it was important to build relationships with the police, with a view to their presence at future CCTV meetings for the town.</p> <p>Cllr Slade advised the members to look at becoming councillor advocates, this way they could attend quarterly meetings, receive regular updates from the police. He said that the police could no longer attend meetings. They did not have the man power or the resources to do so.</p> <p>Cllr P Elstone said he was concerned for the structural integrity of the Lowman River Bridge railings. A recent social media post had shared some worrying footage.</p> <p>Cllr C Slade asked if Cllr Elstone could send him this evidence so that he could forward it to the team that could assess the bridge.</p>

344	<p>District Council Report-circulated</p> <p>Cllr S Pugh read out his report. He said that the district council had been busy with the recent by elections.</p> <p>In response to Cllr Chamberlain’s comments, Cllr Pugh said As part of Safer Devon, the East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership worked with agencies and elected members from the East Devon and Mid Devon District Councils. Members of this group are invited to attend partnership meetings in order to create and maintain effective local working relationships. Cllr Pugh said all councillors should pursue concerns received from members of public.</p>
345	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>a) Amenities of the 23rd May 2022 Presented by Cllr Burke. All accepted.</p> <p>b) Finance & GP of the 23rd May and 11th July 2022 Presented by Cllr N Davey. All accepted.</p> <p>c) Planning of the 15th May, 6 & 20th June, 7th & 18th July 2022 Presented by Cllr L Cruwys. All accepted.</p> <p>d) Climate Change of the 27th June 2022 Presented by Cllr S Bush. All accepted.</p> <p>e) Civic & Ceremonial of the 30th May 2022 Presented by Cllr W Burke. All accepted.</p> <p>f) Staffing of the 13th June 2022 Presented by Cllr N Davey. All accepted.</p> <p>g) Other Reports and Statements</p> <p>Cllr T Lindus apologised to the Mayor for his late arrival to the meeting. He commented on the 6.15pm start being difficult for him. Cllr Lindus also said that he would like the idea of livestreaming meetings to facebook to be discussed and voted on.</p> <p>Cllr W Burke informed the members of the recent Twinning visit to Hofheim, which celebrated 40 years of Twinning. He showed the members the special certificate that marked this anniversary. Cllr Burke hoped that the document could be displayed within one of the rooms at the Town Hall.</p>
346	<p>Motion by Cllr A Perris: <i>‘That this council forms a committee to undertake the previous functions of the Community and Resilience Working Party’</i></p> <p>Cllr A Perris was unable to put his motion to the members due to being sick and unable to attend. Therefore the motion was withdrawn as per the standing orders. The Town Clerk recommended that the motion be brought to the next full council meeting of the 26th September 2022. All accepted.</p>
347	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>There was no correspondence.</p>
348	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Monday 26th September 2022 at 6.15pm.</p>