



**Tiverton Town Council**

Town Hall, St Andrew Street, Tiverton, Devon EX16 6PG

Town Clerk: J.F. Vanderwolfe Chartered MCIPD

Email:townclerk@tivertontowncouncil.gov.uk

Phone: 01884 253404

**Minutes of the Meeting of a Full Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 6:15pm.**

Cllrs: S Griggs (Mayor), C Harrower, (Deputy Mayor), W Burke, J Chamberlain, N Davey, C Daw, D Garcia-Parejo, A Hendy, I Hill, Phil Hill, Peter Hill, B Holdman, T Lindus, S Pugh, C Slade.

**In attendance:** Cllr R Chesterton, Mr J Vanderwolfe (Town Clerk), Mrs J Hubbard (Assistant to the Town Clerk), Ms S Gray (Town Centre Coordinator), Beadle A Burnett, Blundell’s School, Tiverton High School.

391	<b>Prayers led by the Town Clerk, Revd. A Humm.</b>
392	<b>Apologies for Absence Cllrs, J Rendle (sick) P Elstone (work).</b> Resolved to accept these apologies.
393	<b>Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct</b> None declared at this stage.
394	<b>Items to be taken in Part B:</b> the Town Clerk had not recommend that any items listed on this agenda are required to be taken in Part B
395	<b>Minutes: To adopt the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 as a true record.</b> All resolved to accept the Minutes, the Mayor duly signed the Minutes.
396	<b>Mayors announcements</b> Cllr S Griggs informed the members that this would be the last meeting she would open and close. She thanked all the members for their support throughout her mayoral term. She said she had enjoyed promoting the town and all the new businesses, one of the highlights had been the recent visit of the ship’s company H.M.S. Enterprise, who had exercised their right to the Freedom of the town for the last time. This was because the ship was being de-commissioned. This she said, was a very poignant occasion, Cllr Griggs said she had enjoyed a visit to the ship prior to the parade on their recent Affiliates day, this was her second visit to the ship. Cllr Griggs said she hoped another ship could be found to link up with the town in the future. She thanked all the staff involved in the organisation of the visit.
397	<b>Presentations by Blundell’s School and Tiverton High School *Report previously circulated</b> <b>There was a joint presentation read out to the members as follows;</b> We had another successful meeting with Tiverton High School earlier this term about future joint ventures but the practicalities of making them reality are still proving difficult. We were unable to meet last week but this has not stopped our determination to work with Tiverton High School and we know they feel the same about working with us. We look forward to hosting them for a pre-GCSE BBQ in the Blundell’s Garden before we all start our exams.

	<p>Our Primary School Partnership Programme continues to grow with Wilcombe, Tidcombe and Heathcoat Primary Schools regularly attending activity days. Wilcombe focused their morning session this term in the workshops learning how to use a range of tools to make Bug Hotels before netball in the afternoon. Heathcoat's visit was based in Maths learning about coordinates before tennis and touch rugby in the afternoon. Tidcombe have a day booked next term and we are pleased that Bolham, and Two Moors Primary School are keen to get involved as well.</p> <p>Mr Olive and Mrs Slevin have also met to start planning how the programme will develop into Years 7,8,9,10 and 11 at Tiverton High School. The Maths Department ran a very successful Inter Schools Year 7 Maths Competition between Tiverton, Cullompton, Uffculme and Blundell's with Uffculme winning the competition and THS coming second.</p> <p>Music has also played a central role this term with Blundellians running workshops both at school and visiting Primary Schools. The workshops have included working with visiting composers and orchestra's, which reached a peak this term at our Spring Concert, Blundell's on the Sea. This saw over 150 visiting children from eight local schools singing and playing alongside Blundell's musicians. In the lead up to this concert they had all worked together with composer Alexander L 'Estrange to perform his 'Ahoy! Sing for the Mary Rose'. It was great to have Big School packed with Primary School parents for the final performance.</p> <p>Our Spring Field Day focuses on community engagement for the whole of Year 12. On March 6th 100 Sixth Formers completed activities at ten different locations in and around Tiverton. They were based at Wilcombe Primary Schools Garden with another working with Tiverton Rotary at Two Moors Primary School, newly renovated garden. Other groups completed tasks at Sunningmead Community Centre, Knightshayes, Tiverton Hospital Wildlife Garden, the Pannier Market, Pine Lodge Hospice and two groups worked either end of the Grand Western Canal with their Rangers.</p> <p>We are looking forward to the Coronation Celebrations and numerous other Community Partnership events next term. We have Bolham and Tidcombe coming in for an Activity Day, our Community Action Teams will be running another Primary Care Network Community Sports Day again and we are hosting the Tiverton Civic Society for a lunch, presentation and tour. We also look forward to welcoming local community groups to our Summer Term Garden Open Day on May 25<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>With GCSE's looming this is the last time this year I will have the chance to talk to you so I wanted to say thank you for the opportunity and I wish you all and the Town Council all the best for the future.</p>
398	<p><b>Democratic Period</b> No members of public present</p>
399	<p><b>County Council Report-circulated prepared by Cllr R Chesterton.</b></p> <p>Cllr C Daw commented on the pothole repairs being carried out and asked if the standard of repairs proved cost effective. Cllr Chesterton said that there were investigations on the pothole repairs and the issue of them not being sealed anymore. The county council were looking at other options and solutions to this issue to ensure longevity of repaired pot holes.</p> <p>Cllr A Perris asked what processes were in place for accessing the potholes if they were defective.</p> <p>Cllr C Slade said that defective pothole repairs could be reported online on the county council website. He informed the members that a total of 9.4 million would be allocated to</p>

	<p>pothole repairs.</p> <p>Cllr I Hill asked for the definition of a pothole as in some instances roads can be deeply rutted and uneven.</p> <p>Cllr C Slade informed the members that a pothole was defined as being 300mm by 4mm deep. He explained that after works to all reported potholes had been carried out other road defects would then be looked at.</p> <p>Cllr J Chamberlain said that he had reported a pothole two weeks ago which was near to the Racehorse Inn, this was very deep, but no works had been carried out to date.</p> <p>Cllr Chesterton asked Councillor Chamberlain to email him with the details of the location.</p>
400	<b>District Council Report:</b> <i>No report because of Purdah</i>
401	<p><b>Coronation Event:</b> to provide an update on this event and to request £3K from reserves, in addition to the £2k already earmarked from the Civic budget for this special event.</p> <p>The Town Centre Coordinator Ms S Gray updated the members of her plans for the Coronation Event, this would take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 10am until 4pm. She explained that she had secured rights to utilise the Rotary Way section of the river walk for the event from the Environment Agency. There would she said be a host of stalls offering food and wares from around the world. The event would focus on celebrating diversity, and would have a multi-cultural theme. Along with the food and drink, there will be a host of children’s activities on offer ranging from circus workshops to pottery and face painting. Live music provided by local bands would perform on a special stage located at Phoenix Lane.</p> <p>Cllr D Garcia-Parejo asked if there was an agenda or schedule for the event.</p> <p>Ms Gray said that she had printed off 10 copies of an agenda but these would be further fleshed out as her plans progressed.</p> <p>Ms Gray informed the members that there would be a need for further funding for this event. She had plans to submit a funding bid application for the Shared Prosperity Fund but this if approved would not be in time for the event. The budget needed for the Coronation event would be £7,000, therefore there would be a shortfall of £3,000.</p> <p>Cllr W Burke proposed to make provisions of the funding of £3,000, this was seconded by Cllr N Davey.</p> <p>All agreed to accept the proposal.</p>
402	<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee of the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were presented by Cllr N Davey, all agreed to accept the Minutes. Cllr S Pugh referenced Minute number 249 and requested that the town council give due consideration to keeping the Westexe Recreation Ground Paddling Pool open.</li> <li>b) Planning Committee of the 30<sup>th</sup> January, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were presented by Cllr L Cruwys, all agreed to accept the Minutes.</li> <li>c) Civic &amp; Ceremonial Committee of the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were presented by Cllr W Burke, all agreed to accept the Minutes.</li> <li>d) Climate Change Committee of the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were presented by Cllr S Bush, all agreed to accept the Minutes.</li> </ul>

403	<p><b>Mayor of Tiverton 2023/24:</b> To seek nominations for the position of Mayor from May 2023, noting that such appointment would be subject to being successfully elected onto the council on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023.</p> <p>Cllr C Daw nominated Cllr W Burke for the position, Cllr D Knowles seconded this nomination.</p> <p>Cllr C Slade nominated Cllr C Harrower for the position, Cllr S Pugh seconded this nomination.</p> <p>A paper vote was then carried out.</p> <p>The result was for Cllr W Burke who was duly nominated as the Mayor of Tiverton, this to be ratified at the May meeting.</p>
404	<p><b>Deputy Mayor of Tiverton 2023/24:</b> To seek nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor from May 2023, noting that such appointment would be subject to being successfully elected onto the council on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023.</p> <p>Cllr B Holdman nominated Cllr L Cruwys for the position, this was seconded by Cllr C Daw.</p> <p>There were no other nominations for the position.</p> <p>All were in favour with one abstention.</p> <p>Cllr L Cruwys was duly nominated as Deputy Mayor. This to be ratified at the May meeting.</p>
405	<p><b>Training:</b> Members to agree that membership of the Planning and Finance Committees, from the formation of the new council in May would be subject to attending suitable training events.</p> <p>The Town Clerk informed the members that he would be able to carry out the councillor training, he reiterated the importance of understanding planning regulations and budget and finances in order to make well informed decisions.</p> <p>Cllr C Slade proposed to accept the proposal, this was seconded by Cllr I Hill.</p> <p>All agreed to accept.</p>
406	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 6.15pm.</p>