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**Minutes of the Meeting of a Full Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 at 6:15pm.**

Cllrs: S Griggs (Mayor), C Harrower, (Deputy Mayor), W Burke, S Bush, L Cruwys, J Chamberlain, N Davey, C Daw, D Garcia-Parejo, A Hendy, D Knowles, T Lindus, A Perris, S Pugh, C Slade, E Slade.

**In attendance:** Mr J Vanderwolfe (Town Clerk), Mrs J Hubbard (Assistant to the Town Clerk), Beadle A Burnett, Blundell’s School, Tiverton High School, one member of the press.

<b>349</b>	<b>Prayers led by the Mayor’s Chaplain:</b> Revd Andrew Humm.
<b>350</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllr A Berry (work), Cllr Phil Hill (away), Cllr I Hill (sick),Cllr J Rendle (personal), Cllr M Farrell (medical), Cllr B Holdman (away), Cllr P Elstone (work), Peter Hill (Away). All resolved to accept the apologies.
<b>351</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct</b> None declared at this stage.
<b>352</b>	<b>Minutes: To adopt the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022 as a true record.</b> All resolved to accept the Minutes, the Mayor duly signed the Minutes.
<b>353</b>	<b>Mayors announcements</b> Cllr S Griggs began by welcoming the new school ambassadors of Blundell’s and Tiverton High School. She said that she had been busy attending many events, including the Proclamation for Queen Elizabeth II following her death. Cllr Griggs also attended a special service held at St Peter’s Church led by Reverend A Humm. The Deputy Mayor Cllr C Harrower had attended a similar service at Crediton. Cllr S Griggs said she was pleased that the recent Eat Festival had been well received in the town, attracting a large number of visitors. She said that her plan for hosting regular councillor surgeries had been delayed but she hoped to get them up and running in the near future. Cllr Griggs introduced the new Town Centre Coordinator Ms S Gray to the members and explained that Ms Gray had been working on re-establishing the Town Centre Partnership and compiling a calendar of events for the town, amongst other projects.
<b>354</b>	<b>Presentations by Blundell’s School and Tiverton High School</b> <b>Alfie Coker and Lottie Rigamonti Head Boy and Head Girl of Tiverton High School read out their report to the members.</b> They informed the members of the Kenya trip that year 9 and year 11’s had recently experienced. This offered a chance to see first-hand where the children lived and view their way of life. The trip followed a fundraising campaign from the School. At the beginning of the school holidays, the team of pupils and staff flew out to Nakuru, with them, they took suitcases packed full of sanitary pads in an effort to tackle period poverty across the city.

	<p>They informed the members of the launch of PosiTIV magazine and handed out copies to them for their information.</p> <p>Alfie and Lottie said that there was a focus on a reading project entitled “drop everything and read” and Tutor time reading.</p> <p>They also gave an update on the changes with the school’s uniform policy.</p> <p><b>Blundell’s School report read out by Rosa and Izzy</b> gave a brief update of what had been happening at their school. They said that one of the key events had been a meeting with the Tiverton High school ambassadors, during which, they had compiled a list of possible joint initiatives, these ranged from musical to sporting events, as well as a number of fund raising ideas. It was hoped that the school could now work with the High School, the Pannier Market and with the new Town Centre Coordinator to bring joint events into the heart of Tiverton.</p> <p>Blundell’s School had hosted residential National Citizen Service Courses over the summer holiday period. Izzy said that the majority of blundellians had achieved their chosen university place this year, with a 58% level 9-7 at GCSE and 78% A*-B at A level.</p> <p>The school was at full capacity with 621 pupils of which 120 were new to Blundell’s and 44 from various state schools. These included Tiverton, Uffculme, Clyst Vale and Chulmleigh High Schools and also Two Moors and St John’s Primary Schools. Many pupils currently benefited from scholarships or bursary places and the school was also supporting 3 Ukrainian refugees with one of their family members working with the school catering team.</p> <p>There had been a special assembly held to celebrate the proclamation of the new king and to commemorate the Queen. There were plans to install a permanent memorial to the Queen Elizabeth II.</p> <p>Members of the Blundell’s Community Action Team gave a presentation to the whole school to launch the initiative again this year. 53 Blundellians signed up to take action on areas of the Environment and Sustainability, Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity, Academic and Creative Arts and Sport and Outdoor Pursuits along with the Charity Committee.</p> <p>The team’s first action was to support and lead various aspects of the Year 6 Heathcoat Primary School activity day during which 57 year 6 pupils enjoyed a day of biology activities and tag rugby.</p> <p>Cllr C Harrower asked the Tiverton High School pupils what had been the highlights for them. They replied to say that the trip to Kenya had been a life changing and humbling experience. Blundell’s School said that for them welcoming pupils from diverse communities as this gave opportunities for all.</p> <p>Cllr S Pugh asked the Tiverton High School a question as to where most students go to once they have left the school. Exeter College and Richard Huish College were both popular examples.</p> <p>The Mayor Cllr S Griggs asked the pupils of both schools what they would do if they were the Mayor of Tiverton. She said she would be interested in their thoughts and ideas. For the next full council meeting.</p>
355	<p><b>Introduction to Sean Mackney, C.E.O. of Petroc College</b> Mr Mackney thanked the members for the invitation to the meeting.</p>

	<p>He began by giving an overview of the Petroc Campus and the Barnstaple Campus where they cater for over 7,000 students. He explained the difficulties the Petroc College had experienced in terms of attracting students to this campus. Exeter College was a big draw for prospective students. Mr Mackney said it was important to focus on what Petroc could offer that would be different from Exeter College as he was keen for Petroc to offer opportunities that would be unique to Petroc and thus avoid becoming a smaller version of Exeter College.</p> <p>Mr Mackney said that his aim was to achieve outstanding levels of achievement with all his students to ensure good employment prospects. He named Health &amp; Social Care, Business Skills, and Construction as growing occupations to focus on. He said that there had been a significant investment in Petroc College and invited the councillors to visit the campus.</p> <p>Mr Mackney said that they were also focusing on travel links to both the Barnstaple and the Petroc Campuses, so that students could gain access to all areas of the colleges.</p> <p>Cllr A Perris noted that the courses on offer at Petroc were not what prospective students wanted, and this meant that they sought those at Exeter College. For example A level education was not available at Petroc.</p> <p>Mr Mackney said that there had been numerous attempts to offer A Level courses at Petroc but they had received a very low response, Exeter was a big draw. Petroc would now be offering courses such as construction, and a new vocational Business course to create a draw.</p> <p>Cllr S Bush said that he was disappointed to see how the provision is whittling away. Siting the lack of adult education as an example and said more is needed. Cllr Bush said the young people need opportunities and expressed his disappointment at the lack of A Level provision offered locally.</p> <p>Cllr A Hendy asked if girls were also offered the construction courses as well as boys.</p> <p>Mr Mackney said that girls were equally included.</p> <p>Mr Mackney said that the Hair and Beauty courses often experienced early exits with students often leaving to take up private jobs.</p> <p>Cllr S Pugh asked what factors were leading to a lack of aspiration and why rural and coastal areas were suffering from this.</p> <p>Mr Mackney said that there were low levels of social mobility, but virtual reality could help with this in terms of networking and the further understanding of the world.</p> <p>Cllr T Lindus said that the town council's twinning group would be keen to work with schools and the colleges and felt sure that students would be welcomed in both Chinon and Hoffheim.</p> <p>The Mayor Cllr S Griggs thanked Mr Mackney for his presentation and advised councillors to send any questions that they had to the Town Clerk who would in turn forward them on for his attention.</p>
356	<p><b>External Auditor's Report – circulated</b> All resolved to accept the auditor's report.</p>
357	<p><b>Democratic Period</b> A member of public raised the issue of dog fouling in a play field close to where he lived. He stated that it had become a regular occurrence to see full dog poo bags hanging from the bushes or left on the ground. Mr Burnett felt that there needed to be a dog bin installed on the play field. Cllr E Slade said she would look at this issue and report back to him.</p>
358	<p><b>County Council Report-circulated</b> Cllr D Garcia-Parejo asked Cllr C Slade for an update on the Bickleigh Bridge traffic plan Cllr</p>

	C Slade said that there was a plan for new signage for the bridge, he would ask Cllr R Chesterton for an update on this.
359	<b>District Council Report</b> There was no district council report, Cllr B Holdman was asked to do this but was on annual leave.
360	<b>Committee Reports</b> a) Planning of the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 All resolved to accept. b) Finance Reports for July and August 2022 All resolved to accept. The Chairman requested that another Finance & General Purpose meeting be scheduled. c) Town Seal: to adopt the policy relating to the Town Seal. The Town Clerk said that the current town seal was the third town seal and had been presented to the town council in 1770 by the then M.P.  Previously, in order to gain permission to use the town seal, it would be sought through the standing orders for documents, or if an organisation wished to use it, they would apply to the town council, and the council would decide whether to grant permission.  The Town Clerk said in order to best protect the seal it should be registered. Once registered, it would stand for ten years, after which it could be renewed.  He said he would like get the seal registered so that it became copyright and then he would put a policy together. All resolved to accept.  d) Other Reports and Statements, there were no other reports or statements.
361	<b>Motion by Cllr A Perris:</b> <i>'That this council forms a committee to undertake the previous functions of the Community and Resilience Working Party'</i> Cllr A Perris gave the members a brief overview of the Community and Resilience Working Party and what they had achieved  He said that he had run the community resilience working party for two years, from the beginning of the pandemic. Although there had a rebranding, and debates on what should be done, it was felt that the party could not continue to run year after year and there was now a need to come to some form of resolution.  Cllr A Perris said that there was a need for this work and the consensus was for a town council committee. He added that there was a need for the coordination of the response to health emergencies, the economic emergency and the issues surrounding resilience and the civil contingencies act.  Cllr A Perris expressed his concern over the poverty within the town, adding that the focus was on food poverty and enabling CHAT to employ workers who in turn collect food for the foodbank plus carrying out some other work.  A vote was carried out, with all in favour of the motion.
362	<b>Correspondence</b> There was no correspondence.
363	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 6.15pm.