



Tiverton Town Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council Meeting held in the New Hall on Monday 26th July 2021.

Cllrs: S Griggs (Mayor), A Hendy (Deputy Mayor), J Blagg, W Burke, S Bush, L Cruwys, N Davey, C Daw, C Harrower, I Hill, P Hill, T Lindus, S Knight, D Knowles, A Perris, S Pugh, J Rendle, C Slade, E Slade,

In attendance: Mr J Vanderwolfe (Town Clerk), Mrs J Hubbard (Assistant to the Town Clerk), Cllr R Chesterton, Ms S Chapman & Ms C Groom (Sustainable Tiverton), Mr P Hill, Mrs C Hole, Mr J Lejeune, Mr A Walker, two members of public and one member of press.

227	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs, A Berry (work), D Garcia Parejo, (Away), B Holdman, (Injury), D Sutton (Guests). All resolved to accept the apologies.
228	Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct None at this stage of the meeting.
229	Minutes: To adopt the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 21st June 2021 Resolved to accept the Minutes. The Mayor signed the Minutes.
230	Matters arising from the above There were no matters arising.
231	Democratic Period There were no members of public who wished to speak.
232	Mayor’s Announcements Cllr S Griggs informed the members of her recent visit to open a fun day held at Sunningmead, Community Centre, which she said was most enjoyable and the recent South West in Bloom judging of the town for Tiverton in Bloom which seemed to go well. She gave her thanks to the Town Clerk for preparing and cooking a wonderful lunch and thanked the administration staff for their assistance on the day. Lots of help with weeding and tidying took place by volunteers and local groups. Cllr Griggs said that she had spoken with both the Rotary Club and the Soroptimists who were eager to assist in with any future projects for the town. She said that she had attended Petroc College to speak to the students and said she was encouraged by their ideas for volunteering. Cllr Griggs was impressed by a group of students who had weeded and cleared the college gardens during the extreme hot weather and said that they should be commended for their efforts. Cllr Griggs said that she had met with Cllr S Pugh at the Westexe Recreation Ground to find out about the issues that members of the public were experiencing there at the paddling pool facility Cllr Pugh had instigated the event and is pursuing this. Cllr Harrower also attended. Cllr Griggs informed the members that she had met with the Town Clerk and that one of the items discussed was a road map for the re-opening of the Town Hall. She thanked the Town Clerk and staff for the running of the council throughout the covid-19 pandemic. Cllr Griggs said that she had attended the Mid Devon Show which had been well attended and was grateful that the weather was kind for the event.

233	<p>County and District Council Reports The reports had been previously circulated to the members. There were no questions.</p> <p>Cllr Pugh went through the bullet points which were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on anti-social behaviour with dogs • Development in the Pannier Market • Carbon Zero project • Anti-Social Awareness Week 19th -25th July 2021 • C.H.A.T. (Churches Housing Action Team) A.G.M 14th September 2021
234	<p>Short Presentation on Sustainable Tiverton by Ms S Chapman & Ms C Groom</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor Cllr A Hendy introduced Ms Chapman and Ms C Groom and gave a brief overview of what Sustainable Tiverton do.</p> <p>Ms C Groom informed the members of who Sustainable Tiverton are and what they do. In terms of providing for the community, the group run the Community Fridge, Re-Rooted, the Repair Café and tree planting projects.</p> <p>Ms C Groom explained that the group were in the early stages of establishing a club, Sustainable Tiverton had crowd funded for a Hub and had raised £5,000 from the community for this purpose. She said that they had been fortunate in winning the “Back to the Future Across Devon” competition and had been awarded another £5,000. This meant that the group had a total of £10,000 to help get the hub up and running. The purpose of a community hub was to provide a base where the public could source information on climate change, listen to talks, get involved in projects, test sustainable business ideas and also a base for Re-Rooted, the Repair Café and the “Give and Take” events.</p> <p>Ms Chapman said that the group had been alerted to the availability of number 17 Market Walk as a temporary space for the hub. Amicus Health will be using the premises to the end of October 2021 as a temporary vaccination hub, so Sustainable Tiverton will initially take the window space and wall space for displays. In the interim, the group will carry out consultations with members of public and form a business plan and to raise some more funding. Ms Chapman said that Amicus were looking at some social prescribing and health and wellbeing/alcohol abuse groups. Ms Chapman said that it was an exciting project to be involved in.</p> <p>Ms C Groom said similar projects had been set up around the country such as Cultivate Cornwall, who run “Text” which is involved with textile exchange and recycling, “Proper Job” in Chagford to reduce waste, create jobs, educate and support local businesses, which is the vision for Sustainability.</p> <p>Ms Chapman said she would like the council’s support and would welcome the member’s suggestions and ideas and hoped that the group could work in partnership with the council. Ms Chapman concluded by thanking the council for the use of the Town Hall storage facilities for the Re-Rooted.</p> <p>Cllr S Pugh thanked Ms Chapman & Ms Groom for their excellent presentation and exciting ideas which he felt the members will want to get behind. He asked if they were considering public engagement events.</p> <p>They replied that they hoped that they could do this as they felt public engagement was very important. They have arranged with the CreaTiv Hub to display information. Going forward it was hoped to have face to face engagement with the easing of Covid-19 restrictions.</p>

	<p>Cllr C Slade as the cabinet member for Environment for the district council and as previous Mayor of Tiverton, he supported the treaty and granted some of his charity funds to Sustainable Tiverton. He was pleased that this had been put to good use. The Mayor thanked the ladies for their presentation and wished them luck with the hub.</p>
235	<p>Committee Minutes:</p> <p>a) Planning Minutes of the 5th & 19th July 2021 presented by Cllr L Cruwys. Cllr L Cruwys informed the members that Cllr P Hill had volunteered to attend the district council's planning meeting for the Eastern Urban Extension to put forward the town council's position. All resolved to accept.</p> <p>b) Civic & Ceremonial Minutes 28th June 2021 presented by Cllr L Cruwys. The protocol policy was deferred until the next meeting. Cllr L Cruwys welcomed any comments or suggestions for changes. All resolved to accept.</p> <p>c) Amenities Committee of the 5th July 2021 presented by Cllr W Burke. Cllr I Hill made a comment on a missing section of the Minutes which will be dealt with at the next Amenities Meeting. Cllr S Pugh mentioned point 49 referring to the Emergency Plan and asked if consideration could be given to utilising the district council's template which included more detail. All resolved to accept.</p>
236	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Balance Sheet as of the 30th June 2021 b) Income and Expenditure June 2021 c) Ratification of accounts for payment d) Internal Auditor: Recommendation that the Internal Auditors for 2021/22 be Thomas Westcott.</p> <p>All resolved to accept the financial reports. All agreed to accept the recommendation to appoint Thomas Westcott to carry out the town council's internal audit. The name of the auditor is Mr Stuart Carrington. The Mayor advised the new councillors to contact the Town Clerk's office if they did not understand the accounts or had any queries.</p>
237	<p>Casual Vacancy: To co-opt a person to fill the vacant position on the Westexe Ward. There were four candidates for this position all presentations had been previously been circulated to the members. Cllr I Hill asked for an explanation as to the differences between a Co-opted Councillor and an elected councillor. The Town Clerk then proceeded to give the definitions. Mr J Lejeune gave his presentation first, when asked what his focus would be, Mr Lejeune replied that he was keen to link local organisations together particularly those involved in health and well-being. He would achieve this by using his connections and local leads to link into the local groups and improve communication. Mr Lejeune said he would like to improve the council's standing within the local community by promoting engagement. Cllr C Daw commended Mr Lejeune for all his community works carried out throughout the pandemic. Mr P Hill gave his presentation, his focus would be housing issues and how they could be more energy efficient, the promotion of the town as a food destination and working to establish more sports facilities. Mrs C Hole gave her presentation, her focus would be mental health, arts and culture, community projects and the natural environment. She said she had lots of ideas for how she could contribute to these areas.</p>

	<p>Mr A Walker gave his presentation, his focus would be the community of Westexe Ward in particular, to elevate the ward's image and promote the area and to engage in the local community.</p> <p>The Mayor Cllr S Griggs thanked all the candidates for their presentations.</p> <p>All candidates then left the main hall to enable the councillors to cast their vote. Cllr D Knowles also left the meeting due to a prior engagement.</p> <p>The Town Clerk declared that there were 18 councillors present so there would need to be an absolute majority for the candidate which would be 10 votes.</p> <p>The first vote results were Mr J Lejeune 6, Mr P Hill 7, Mrs C Hole 3 and Mr A Walker 0. Mr Walker was then eliminated.</p> <p>The second vote results were Mr J Lejeune, Mr P Hill 7, and Mrs C Hole 3. Mrs C Hole was then eliminated.</p> <p>The Third vote results were Mr J Lejeune 7 and Mr P Hill 7.</p> <p>Three councillors decided to abstain, leaving 15 councillors to vote, meaning a majority of 9 was needed.</p> <p>The final result was Mr J Lejeune 6 and Mr P Hill 9.</p> <p>Mr P Hill was duly declared the successful candidate.</p> <p>The candidates were brought back into the main hall.</p> <p>The Mayor gave her congratulations to Cllr P Hill and declared him councillor. She thanked the other candidates for attending.</p>
<p>238</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Town Clerk informed the members of the Tiverton Town Centre Partnership's plan to install bunting within the town centre in the near future. He said that the council will be assisting the town partnership with their plans for the town centre.</p> <p>The Town Clerk announced that he is intending to hold a training session for new and existing councillors in the near future. His preference would be for a face to face session, covid-19 restrictions permitting.</p>
<p>239</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Monday 27th September 2021 at 6.30pm</p>