



Tiverton Town Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Annual Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday 13th May 2019.

Present: Cllr’s J Rendle Mayor (AM), C Slade Mayor (PM), A Berry (PM), J Blagg, W Burke, A Bush, S Bush, L Cruwys, C Daw, D Garcia-Parejo, S Griggs (Deputy Mayor PM), C Harrower, A Hendy (PM), B Holdman, D Knowles, T Lindus, A Parris, S Rakobane (PM), and M Turner (PM).

In attendance: Cllr P Colthorpe Devon County Council (AM), Mr J Rendle Mayors Consort (AM), Mrs E Slade, Mayoress (PM), representatives from Blundells School, Tiverton High School, Heathcoat School, Tidcombe School, Beadle, Mr A Burnett, Mace Bearers; Mr B Zarrett and A Newsome, Matthew Howard Mayor’s Cadet (AM), Sophie Cox Mayor’s Cadet (PM), Town Clerk, Mr J Vanderwolfe, Assistant to the Town Clerk, Mrs J Hubbard (PM), and 20 members of the public present (AM), and one member of press.

Before the commencement of the meeting prayers were led by the Mayor’s Chaplain, Revd. D Lyddon.

01	<p>Mayor for Civic Year Cllr J Rendle requested nominations for the position of Mayor of Tiverton for the ensuing year. Cllr C Slade was proposed by Cllr C Harrower and seconded by Cllr C Daw. There were no other nominations, the resulting votes were 9 for 2 against with 2 abstentions. Cllr Rendle congratulated Cllr C Slade on his appointment.</p>
02	<p>Declaration of Office Cllr Slade undertook the Declaration of Office and Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen. This was witnessed by Cllr W Burke and Cllr D Knowles.</p>
03	<p>Deputy Mayor Cllr S Griggs was proposed by Cllr W Burke and seconded by Cllr A Bush. There were no other nominations. All councillors voted in favour of this appointment.</p>
04	<p>Vote of thanks to the Outgoing Mayor A vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor was given by Cllr C Daw. Cllr Rendle gave a review of her year of office.</p>
05	<p>Maiden Speech Cllr Slade made his maiden speech as Mayor of Tiverton, thanking the council and outlining protocol points and how he would like the meetings to function during the forthcoming year.</p>
06	<p>Appointments The Mayor announced his appointments: Chaplain Rev Peter Daw Beadle Mr Alan Burnett Mace Bearers Mr Alan Newsome, one vacant position as Mr Bill Zarrett announced retirement from the post. Mayor’s Cadet: Miss Sophie Cox</p> <p>Charity The Mayor announced that he would be supporting the National Autistic Society and local charities this year.</p>
07	<p>Presentations Presentations were made to the Mayor by Blundell’s School, Tiverton High School, Heathcoat</p>

	School and Tidcombe School.
08	Civic Service The Mayor announced that his Civic service would be held at St Peter's church on Sunday 20 th May. The service commences at 11am.
09	Adjournment of Meeting The Beadle announced that the meeting was now adjourned until 6.30pm.
10	Reopening of the Meeting The Mayor, Cllr C Slade declared the meeting re-opened, he welcomed Cllr's A Hendy, D Garcia-Parejo, A Perris, S Rakobane, and M Turner to the council and awarded them each with council badges. He gave thanks to Cllr Burke who had been the first councillor to donate to the Mayor's charity.
11	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr's N Davey (away), E and P Hill (away), G Luxton (ill). Resolved to accept these apologies. Town Clerk requested that Cllr G Luxton's Declaration of Acceptance be permitted before the next meeting due to illness. Cllr C Slade proposed and Cllr L Cruwys seconded. All accepted.
12	Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct Cllr D Knowles declared personal interest (outside bodies Tiverton Almshouse Trust)
13	Minutes The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the Monday 25 th March 2019 were proposed by Cllr D Knowles and seconded by Cllr C Harrower, these minutes were adopted as a true record.
14	Committee Minutes: Finance and General Purposes of 8 th April 2019 were presented by Cllr D Knowles. All resolved to accept the minutes. Planning Minutes of 1 st and 15 th April 2019 were presented by Cllr W Burke. All resolved to accept the minutes.
15	Democratic Period No members of public present at this stage of the meeting.
16	Police Report No police officer present and no report received. Cllr Slade advised members that they could resource crimes in their area by using the online crime statistics and entering their postcode. Cllr A Bush voiced concern on lack of police communication to the council. The Town Clerk informed that the new police officer for Tiverton had suggested holding a quarterly specialised meeting with the council to discuss crime, so this might be a way forward. The Town Clerk would follow this suggestion up. Cllr W Burke said that the current 101 phone line crime reporting system did not work as callers were kept on hold for lengthy periods whilst an automated message played to advise the use their website. The Town Clerk asked if the members would like him to pursue this issue, Cllr Cruwys proposed and Cllr Daw seconded.
17	County Council Report Cllr P Colthorpe from Devon County Council sent her apologies due to a prior meeting engagement. Cllr Slade updated the members on the essential re-surfacing of Lea Road with a 2 week closure

	<p>scheduled between the hours of 9am until 3pm daily from the 13th May 2019. He said that the road would be open on evenings and weekend. No work would be carried out on site on Thursday 16th May, Thursday 23rd May and Monday 27th May and the road would be open to traffic on these days. County Council leader John Hart is pledging cash support towards a new drive to cut carbon emissions and tackle climate change.</p> <p>Devon’s ruling Cabinet is being asked to set aside £250,000 towards an initiative to persuade organisations, communities and individuals to do more to reduce global warming. Earlier this year the county council declared a ‘climate emergency’ and committed to becoming carbon neutral. The Council is investing in LED street lighting that is more environmentally-friendly. The authority’s already cut its carbon emissions by 36 per cent since 2012 but John Hart says Devon has to do more.</p> <p>Cllr Slade informed the members that Devon County Council had revealed its budget was in the black again at the end of the 18/19 financial year. Council leaders will be told next week that the authority has an underspend of £63,000 on a net revenue budget of £512 million despite another year of government spending cuts.</p> <p>Significant overspending in children’s services resulted in a package of measures being put into place to offset this and it was not until January that a balanced return was forecast.</p> <p>Devon County Council’s deputy leader and cabinet member for schools James McInnes has written to the Education Secretary Damian Hinds on behalf of all the political parties on the council calling for more money for education. He said that £3.7 billion needs to be injected into schools and special education nationally to avert a crisis.</p> <p>Bikeability Cllr Slade told the council that more than 8,800 school pupils across Devon will be able to receive Bikeability cycle training after a successful funding bid by Devon County Council. Just over £283,000 had been secured from the Department of Transport.</p> <p>Cllr Slade updated the members on the new funding with “A doing what matters Fund”, “A making the Connection Fund”, and “Crowdfund Devon” all the details could be found on the County Council website.</p> <p>The Devon County Council Meeting will take place on Thursday 23rd May and Cllr Slade told the members he would update them on the Chairman</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>District Council Questions (prior notification please) No questions received.</p>
<p>19</p> <p>19a</p>	<p>Committees and Outside Bodies The Town Clerk informed the members that he had been unable to process the internal committee list due to unreturned forms but would forward them as soon as possible.</p> <p>Outside Bodies The nominees for the Grand Western Canal Committee were Cllr J Rendle and Cllr A Perris with only one position being available. 14 votes were received for Cllr Rendle and 3 votes were received for Cllr Perris. All accepted Cllr Rendle to the committee. The Mayor and Chair of the Grand Western Canal, Cllr C Slade said that there was an informal site visit planned in the summer that Cllr Rendle could attend.</p> <p>The nominees for the Tiverton Almshouse Committee were Cllr W Burke and Cllr C Harrower with two positions available. All accepted Cllr’s Burke and Harrower to the committee.</p> <p>Devon Association of Local Clerks the nominees were Cllr’s A Hendy and A Perris both were accepted.</p> <p>Twinning Committee No nominations were received.</p> <p>Power of Competence The Town Clerk informed the members of the Power of Competence that the town council</p>

	<p>currently held, saying that every four years there was a need to ensure legibility. He said that he held the relevant certification and there were over two thirds elected members so recommended that the council adopt the Power of Competence again.</p> <p>This was agreed.</p>
20	<p>Appointment of Snow and Flood Warden</p> <p>Cllr S Bush has been acting the snow and flood warden for Tiverton Town Council. Cllr S Griggs said that she was most grateful to Cllr Bush for his quick reaction to a flooding issue in St Andrew Street and the provision of sand bags.</p> <p>Cllr S Bush agreed to continue in this role.</p>
21	<p>Annual Parish Meeting: Monday 20th May at 7pm.</p> <p>The Town Clerk said this was an opportunity for members of the public to meet the councillors and discover what they do.</p>
22	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Cllr L Cruwys read out the Twinning report which included informing the members of the forthcoming visit of the citizens of Hofheim to Tiverton in July 2019. He said that there was a visit planned to Chinon in June 2019 to which members were invited if there were vacant spaces on the coach. Cllr Cruwys said that the Mayor and Mayoress would automatically receive an invitation.</p> <p>Cllr L Cruwys then thanked Cllr J Rendle for her support throughout the year for Twinning.</p> <p>The Town Clerk informed of the forthcoming Extraordinary Meeting on the 3rd June 2019, he said that this would include voting on the accounts for the year end and the business of one vacancy for Lowman Ward.</p> <p>The Town Clerk announced that there was now a vacancy for a Mace Bearer as Mr B Zarrett was retiring. He said if any of the members knew of a possible applicant to contact the Beadle Mr A Burnett or the town council offices.</p>
23	<p>Next Meeting : Extraordinary Meeting Monday 3rd June at 7pm.</p>