

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL  
Minutes of The Town Council Meeting  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.00pm  
The Guildhall, Butchers Row, Barnstaple

Present: Councillors:

Cllr A Rennles (Town Mayor & Chairman), A Windsor, J Hunt, J Carter, J Wilsher, M Lovering, P Leaver, A Shah, V Nel, J Slee, J Coates, J Orange, G Marchewka & E George.

Also in attendance:

Mr R Ward (Town Clerk),

Cllr C Leaver (Devon County Council)

Members of the Public:0

**65. Apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllrs V Monk (Health), V Elkins (Health), I Roome (Devon CC), R Knight (Cop 26), J Phillips (Health), L York (Health), S Yusef (Health), R Mack (Study) & M Fowler (Health) reasons were considered and approved by councillors (NC).

Cllr Fowler had requested a leave of absence on health grounds for up to 12 months, the town council considered the request and approved an absence of up to 6 months (NC).

**66. Dispensations and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Cllrs J Hunt, M Lovering & J Orange as members of North Devon District Council, have a dispensation under SO66 to discuss and vote on any item on the agenda unless the item refers to a financial or legal agreement or dispute between the two authorities.

**67. Minutes of the last meeting**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were approved as a correct record and then signed by the chairman (NC)

**68. Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor stated that more events are now happening.

He has attended:

- Bideford Mayor Making
- Holsworthy Ball
- Barnstaple Half Marathon
- A tree planting at the Barnstaple Almshouses with Lady Arran & Lord Teverson.
- Petroc College Graduation Ceremony at the Queens Theatre.
- A meeting with the North Devon Member of Parliament.

Forthcoming events include:

- The Children's Remembrance on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November.
- The Remembrance Parade is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November that will be attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Devon.
- Town Centre Christmas Lights switch on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November

**69. Report from Devon & Cornwall Constabulary**

Not received.

**70. Reports from Devon County and North Devon District Councillors.**

Devon County Council

Cllr I Roome & C Leaver reported a number of issues that they had been working on with officers within the town.

North Devon Council

No reports received.

**RESOLVED:** That the reports from the County and District Councillors be noted. (NC)

**71. Committee Minutes**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Page Numbers</b>
Finance & General Purposes	6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	38 to 40
Heritage & Community	9 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	41 to 43
Planning & Transportation	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	50 to 51
Environment Committee	4 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	52 to 53
Planning & Transportation	7 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	54 to 55
Finance & General Purposes	11 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	56 to 57

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Committee meetings and the resolutions contained therein be received and adopted in accordance Standing Order 24 (NC).

**72. Changes to Councillor committee appointments**

Cllrs A Shah and J Orange asked to stand down from the Environment Committee.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the request (NC)

**73. Reports from Town Council representatives to outside bodies and determine any actions arising.**

Cllr P Leaver reported that the Newport Charity has closed and distributed its remaining funds to the Barnstaple Almshouses and Barnstaple Bridge Trust, a sum of approximately £60,000.

**RESOLVED:** To note the news from the Newport Charity and thank the committee for all their hard work over the years supporting local groups in the town (NC)

**74. The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebration 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June.**

The Chairman asked that councillors consider options for supporting the town to celebrate the Jubilee in 2022.

**RESOLVED:** to note the proposal and include on the next Town Council meeting agenda (NC)

**75. Email communications from Devon County Council and North Devon Council**

**RESOLVED:** for officers to subscribe non-dual hatted councillors to North Devon Council and Devon County Council email distribution lists. (NC).

**76. Questions – Standing Orders 25 and 85**

No questions had been received from members of the Council in accordance with Standing Order 25, or from public registered electors in the town in accordance with Standing Order 85.

**Supplementary Agenda Items**

**77. Councillor representation on joint a working group to investigate the management of Anti-Social behaviour within the town.**

Since publication of this agenda item, it has been decided that the group needs to be officers only due to the sensitive nature of some of the information that will shared at the meetings.

**78. Request for a representative of the Town Council to join a working group to support the implementation of the Future High Streets Fund, the first meeting to be week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> November.**

Dual hatted councillors have already need invited by North Devon Council, the request is to Town Councillors to be able to join the consultation.

**RESOLVED:** To note the invitation (NC)

**79. Amendments to the Town Council meeting schedule for November and December.**

**RESOLVED:** to approve the amended schedule of meetings (attached) (NC)

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Chairman.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....

<b>DATES</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS</b>
<b>November</b>		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Town Council	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Planning & Transportation	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Climate Emergency Working Group	
<b>(New date)</b> Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Staffing Committee	Training update Pay Review
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Planning & Transportation	
<b>December</b>		
<b>(New date)</b> Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Finance & General Purposes	Budget 2022-23 Defibrillators Pannier Market St John's Alarm system Guildhall Café Mayor's Medallion Dog waste bins Support for ND Record Office
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Heritage & Community	Guildhall Heritage tour for councillors including mince pies and coffee
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Town Council	Corporate Plan
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Planning & Transportation	
<b>January</b>		
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Planning & Transportation	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Finance & General Purposes	Budget 2022-23 Q3 Budget Monitoring Small Grants
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment Working Group	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rock Park	Management Plan Tree planting Charity Commission Annual Return Rock Park Bridge Kiosk Lease Lighting repairs and upgrades
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Town Council	Budget 2022-23
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Planning & Transportation	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Environment	Planted areas management plan Allotment Access Agreements Allotment Working Group report Climate Emergency Working Group report