

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Meeting
Monday 13th December 2021 at 7.00 pm
The Guildhall, Butchers Row, Barnstaple

Present: Councillors:

I Roome, R Knight, J Phillips, J Hunt, J Carter, J Wilsher, M Lovering, A Rennles (Chair), L York (Deputy Mayor), A Shah, S Jusef, T Clarkson, J Slee, R Mack, J Coates, J Orange and E George

Also in attendance:

R Ward, Town Clerk

Insp A Wills, Devon & Cornwall Police

PC T Browne, Devon & Cornwall Police

L Clarke, Devon Live

Members of the Public: 0

Apologies for absence:

V Monk, V Elkins, P Leaver, V Nel, G Marchewka and Fowler

Cllr C Leaver, Devon County Council

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82 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 8th November 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 8th November 2021, are approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman (NC).

83 Mayor's Announcements.

The Mayor proposed to make his announcements at the end of the meeting, this was approved by Councillors.

84 Report from Devon & Cornwall Constabulary

The report from Insp A Wills, which had been previously circulated, was noted.

He introduced PC T Browne who is currently working in Barnstaple on secondment.

Questions from Councillors:

Cllr Roome said thank you for the walk about in the Town Centre that helped to highlight the work currently being done the coverage of the CCTV system and potential future improvements. Cllr Roome passed on his thanks for the work the Police are currently doing in the Town.

Cllr Lovering said that she wanted the Police to highlight more of the work that they do that isn't crime related, she shared an example of a person who was lost and confused and the Police were called and were able to look after and help him.

Insp Wills pointed out that most of their work isn't crime related.

85 Reports from Devon County and North Devon District Councillors.

Devon County Council

Cllr I Roome – reported that the decision has been made to keep the Link Centres open, there was a great deal of positive support for local mental health services. He stated that mental health services are still underfunded.

The Link Road improvements are progressing although there have been issues with materials shortages.

Parking enforcement, a new person has been recruited but there are still vacancies, hotspots can be reported so that targeted enforcement undertaken.

Maiden Street parking has been raised as there isn't currently a traffic order in place.

Question from Cllr Hunt about Chaddiford Lane parking measures due to problems with school traffic and the impact on busses.

North Devon Council

Cllr J Hunt explained that vouchers for the Foodbank are available

through North Devon Council.

Cllr York, the Policy Development Committee has met and discussed and considered the Local Care Partnership and the Housing Panel Meeting looked at the housing supply.

Cllr G Townsend submitted a report which had been previously circulated, was noted.

- 86 To receive and adopt the minutes of committees and the resolutions contained therein as shown below, and to consider any questions on reports contained in the minutes of committees, asked by members of the Council in accordance Standing Order 24:**

Committee	Date	Page Numbers
Planning & Transportation	11 th November 2021	61 to 64
Staffing Committee	22 nd November 2021	65 to 66
Planning & Transportation	25 th November 2021	67 to 68
Finance & General Purposes	6 th December 2021	69 to 71

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

- 87 To receive and note the minutes of the Rock Park Trust Management Committee held on 3rd November 2021**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Rock Park Trust Management Committee and the resolutions contained therein be received and adopted (NC)

- 88 Committee membership**

No changes to the committee membership were proposed.

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

Cllr R Knight submitted a report from the Devon Climate Emergency Council 'Zoom' Meeting – Tuesday 30th November which had been previously circulated, was noted.

- 90 Correspondence received from Devon County Council re Barnstaple High Street footway resurfacing.**

The letter received from Devon County Council, previously circulated was noted.

- 91 Correspondence received from North Devon Council re the Boats and Debris on the Taw Seven Brethren Bank**

The letter received from North Devon Council, previously circulated was noted.

- 92 Barnstaple Pannier Market Public Space Protection Order renewal**

Cllr J Phillips stated that prior to there being a Public Space Protection

Order being in place there was a great deal of anti-social behaviour in the Pannier Market and now that it is managed it makes it much easier to manage and he proposed to support the motion (15 for: 1 Abs)

93 Questions asked by:

93a Members of the Council in accordance with Standing Order 25

Cllr J Hunt asked, "why has a market been allowed at the Tarka Leisure Centre, this is within 2.2 miles of the Pannier Market and isn't this in breach of the Market Charter?" a letter to North Devon Council was proposed, Action for the Town Clerk and Chairman (NC).

93b Public registered electors in the town in accordance with Standing Order 85.

None received

94 Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported:

- Thank you to councillors for engaging with the upgrade to the IT security process.
- Residents from the Barnstaple Almshouses and from the Petroc Public Services course have been hosted at the Guildhall and had a tour of the historic artefacts. This is available to other groups.
- A "Talking Rubbish" meeting was held in Sticklepath looking at issues of litter and dog fouling.
- Unfortunately, the Carol Service had to be cancelled but it was good that the market part of the Christmas Fayre was able to proceed.

The Town Clerk also added:

- Lady Arran may be attending the January Town Council to talk to us about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- Budget papers will be coming out with the Finance & General Purposes Committee agenda before the Christmas, any question please contact the Town Clerk.
- Councillors will be receiving a communication from a consultant who is going to be supporting the council to develop its Strategic Plan.
- It is possible that we will be impacted by new Covid regulations when we return in the new year, at present only "In person" meetings are allowed, we will wait to see what happens.

The Chairman closed the meeting saying to Councillors "thank you to everyone for all their efforts and dedication, please remain vigilant and lead by example, have a Good Christmas".

Meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Chairman.

Signed:

Dated: