

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MONDAY 29 APRIL 2019
AT THE GUILDHALL, BARNSTAPLE AT 7.00PM**

Present: Cllr Mr I Roome (Town Mayor) in the Chair
41 members of the public and Rob Ward, Barnstaple Town Clerk

TM01 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 APRIL 2018

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 23 April 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

TM02 ANNUAL REPORT OF BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL AND MATTERS ARISING

The Mayor presented the Annual Report, which included reports of the Environment, Finance & General Purposes, Heritage Culture & Community, Planning & Transportation, Buildings Review, Rock Park Trust Management, and Staff Committees.

The Mayor highlighted work undertaken by the Town Council over the last year in particular undertaking the grass cutting in the town on highway verges, supporting the campaign to help combat rough sleeping, helping Age Concern with a funding campaign, the World War One celebration in the summer and Freedom of the Town given to RMB Chivenor that culminated in a march through the town in April.

No matters were raised by members of the public.

TM03 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports from Town Council representatives to outside bodies.

TM04 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

Kevin Ward from Barnstaple Pilot Gig Club gave a short speech on the activity of the Gig Club and its links to the history of maritime activity in Barnstaple. He set out the work the club have been doing to fundraise to purchase a 19th century warehouse on Rolle Quay to provide boat and equipment storage and workshops to create a water sports centre and community facility.

TM05 RAF COMMUNITY PLATE

The RAF Community Plate was presented Andrea Scott for her work to support older people in the town and fundraising to unsure the future of Age Concern Barnstaple and District.

TM06 PRESENTATION OF GRANT AWARDS

The Mayor presented cheques to local groups and organisations who had been given grant awards from Barnstaple Town Council. Recipient organisations offered a brief summary of their work and the benefits that would accrue from the grant award.

TM07 QUESTIONS RAISED BY LOCAL ELECTORS

No Questions received.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm

Chairman.

Signed: Dated: