

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER 2026** AT 6.15 P.M. AT NEWTON'S PLACE, WOLBOROUGH STREET, NEWTON ABBOT

Present: Councillors L Cooke (Mayor) Presiding
A Ineson (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors: J Bradford M Joyce
P Bullivant C Parker
R Buscombe P Parker
C Davieson M Ryan
A Hall L Wood
G Jennings N Yabsley
A Gibbs

Officers in attendance: Phil Rowe Town Clerk
Sam Scott Deputy Town Clerk & RFO
Pierre Doutreligne Assistant Town Clerk- Strategy
Linda McGuirk Assistant Town Clerk & Deputy RFO
Rob Woodger Facilities & Assets Manager
Nigel Canham Communications Advisor

By invitation: Freeman Mike Hocking

243. WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor welcomed those present to the meeting.

244. APOLOGIES

Valid reasons for absence were received on behalf of Councillors B Bailey, R Buscombe and T Corney-Walker.

Councillor D Corney Walker did not attend.

245. INTERESTS

None.

246. TOWN CLERK RECRUITMENT

The Mayor, Councillor Louise Cooke, advised Members that, following the recruitment process, the Council was requested to consider the appointment of Mr Andrew McKenzie as Town Clerk of Newton Abbot Town Council, subject to satisfactory employment checks and references.

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The Mayor expressed her thanks to the recruitment panel for their hard work and diligence throughout the two-day recruitment process. Thanks were also extended to Council HR and Governance Support (CHRGs) for their invaluable support and guidance throughout the process.

Accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED that Mr Andrew McKenzie be appointed as Town Clerk of Newton Abbot Town Council, subject to satisfactory completion of all necessary employment checks and receipt of satisfactory references.

247. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting to be held on Wednesday 25th November 2026

Meeting closed at 18:18 hours.

Chairperson (Mayor)..... Date.....

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