

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **COMMUNITY & HERITAGE COMMITTEE** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2022** AT 7.00 P.M. AT NEWTON'S PLACE, 43 WOLBOROUGH STREET, NEWTON ABBOT

PRESENT Councillors L Sheffield (Chairman) Presiding

Councillors	C Bunday (Dep Mayor)	R Jenks
	C Davieson	M Joyce (Mayor)
	A Hall	C Parker
	M Hocking	M Ryan

Officers in attendance: Sam Scott – Deputy Town Clerk
Linda McGuirk – Principal Administrator

321. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors K Crout, D Corney-Walker, R Hall, D Howe, C Jenks, A Jones (Vice Chair), M Pilkington, and Sally Henley – Town Development Manager.

Cllr Bunday provided members with an update on Cllr D Howe who is currently unwell.

322. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Community and Heritage Committee held on 13th October 2021 were received and signed as a correct record.

323. INTERESTS

None.

324. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

325. SUB-COMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/FORUMS

(i) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP – 2nd FEBRUARY 2022

Arising from the consideration of the report of the meeting it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Community Engagement Group meeting held on 2nd February 2022 be hereby, approved and adopted.

(ii) EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 19th JANUARY 2022

Arising from the consideration of the report of the meeting it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Events Sub-Committee meeting held on 19th January 2022 be hereby, approved and adopted.

326. MUSEUM REPORT

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the Museum Curator will be attending the next Community & Heritage Committee meeting to provide a full report on the Museum. Members discussed the success of the Museum and recognised the hard work and dedication of the Curator.

It was noted that the following Museum Policies had been approved for Accreditation as outlined in Minute 21/01(619)A

1. Aims and Statement of Purpose
2. Collections Care and Conservation Policy
3. Documentation Policy
4. Access Policy

327. FOOTPATHS

Members were advised of a request from Devon County Council (DCC) to divert a public footpath (no. 6) Newton Abbot under section 119 Highways Act 1980. Members were reminded they can submit individual comments.

Members supported the proposal in principle but asked whether there will be an enclosed safety fence. It was agreed the Deputy Town Clerk would contact DCC and ascertain whether a fence will be erected.

328. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

- a) The Committee received and noted the Income and Expenditure statement for the Community and Heritage Committee, for the period 1st April – 31st December 2021.

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that Councillor M Joyce had previously submitted several questions prior to the meeting, which have been answered.

Members asked questions regarding grass cutting payments and Devon Air Ambulance which were answered during the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Income and Expenditure Statement for the period 1st April – 31st December 2021 for the Community and Heritage Committee be hereby approved.

- b) The Committee received and noted an overview of income and expenditure for Newton In Bloom, for the period 1st April – 31st December 2021.

Members enquired whether the 'roundel' planter located adjacent to the bus layby on the edge of Courtenay Park was going to be planted in recognition of the Queens Jubilee. It was agreed the Deputy Town Clerk would make enquiries regarding the planting and any cost involved and update members accordingly.

RESOLVED that the Income and Expenditure Statement for the period 1st April – 31st December 2021 for Newton In Bloom be hereby approved.

- c) The Committee received and noted an overview of income and expenditure for the Museum, for the period 1st April to 31st December 2021

RESOLVED that the Income and Expenditure Statement for the period 1st April – 31st December 2021 for the Museum be hereby approved.

- d) The Committee considered the waiving of Pavement Café Licence renewal fees for the year 2022/23.

The Deputy Town Clerk provided an update on behalf of the Town Development Manager which highlighted that businesses had suffered another difficult year and urged members to demonstrate their support to the businesses by waiving the Pavement Café Licence renewal fees for another year.

RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby waives the Pavement Café Licence renewal fee for the year 2022/23.

329. **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

330. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Community and Heritage Committee would be held on Wednesday 30th March 2022.

Meeting closed at 7:20pm

Chairman..... Date.....