

MINUTES OF THE **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2024** AT 7.00 P.M. AT NEWTON'S PLACE, WOLBOROUGH STREET, NEWTON ABBOT

Present: Councillors D Corney-Walker (Mayor) Presiding
A Hall (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors: B Bailey A Gibbs
J Bradford A Ineson
P Bullivant G Jennings
R Buscombe M Joyce
L Cooke C Parker
C Davieson M Ryan
N Yabsley

Officers in attendance: Sam Scott - Deputy Town Clerk & RFO
Sally Henley - Town Development Manager
Nigel Canham - Communications Advisor.

Also, present

District Councillor R Hayes
County & District Councillor M Wrigley
12 x Members of the Public

436. WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. He reminder members of the importance of the Civility & Respect Pledge and reminded members to be kind and considerate of their conduct during the meeting.

Members were informed that as per Standing Order 12 – Rules of Debate, speeches were limited to 3 minutes, and thanked members for their co-operation with this.

437. APOLOGIES

A valid reason for absence was received on behalf of Councillors T Corney-Walker and L Wood. Members **agreed** to approve the reason for absence. Apologies were noted from P Rowe – Town Clerk and Linda McGuirk - Principal Administrator.

Cllr J Cook did not attend.

438. INTERESTS

None declared.

439. MOTION TO COUNCIL

Chairperson (Mayor) initials.....

The Mayor advised that in accordance with Standing Order number 8, the following motion had been submitted to the Clerk by Councillors A Hall and M Ryan, that:

- A) That Newton Abbot Town Council do debate the proposals by Devon County Council and Teignbridge District Council for 'enhancements' to Queen Street, Newton Abbot in relation to concerns raised by the businesses situated in the area, the loss of car parking and in particular disabled parking; and

- B) That Newton Abbot Town Council should consider making very strong representations to the County and District Councils for the scheme to be abandoned in the light of the many concerns expressed by businesses and users of Queen Street.'

The Mayor invited Councillor Ryan to read the motion to the council, after which the Mayor invited members to debate the proposals by Devon County Council and Teignbridge District Council for 'enhancements' to Queen Street, Newton Abbot.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Ryan and was seconded Councillor Hall.

Under Standing Order 12 – Rules of Debate – Cllr Hall (seconder of the motion) stated that 'his speech would be reserved until a later period in the debate'.

The following members made speeches surrounding the motion:

- Councillor L Cooke
- Councillor M Joyce
- Councillor C Parker
- Councillor N Yabsley
- Councillor P Bullivant
- Councillor J Bradford
- Councillor A Hall

Members also asked factual questions of Town Development Manager, Sally Henley.

Concerns were raised around the 3-minute rule stifling the debating process. Councillor Ryan requested that the Mayor permit members to speak for longer than 3 minutes to enable them to finish their prepared speeches.

440. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING**

At 19:40 it was **RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting for a 10-minute comfort break.

441. **RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING**

At 19:50 the meeting resumed.

442. **MOTION TO COUNCIL EXTENDED**

Chairperson (Mayor) initials.....

Following the resumption of the meeting the Mayor permitted the debate to continue with extended speech time limits.

They continued to discuss the motion at length, and, as a result:

In accordance with Standing Order 5 (b) Voting; Cllr M Joyce requested a recorded vote take place on the proposal. Councillors J Bradford, L Cooke, A Hall and M Ryan, all rose in support of the motion.

Accordingly, a recorded vote took place as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Cllr B Bailey	Cllr P Bullivant	Cllr C Davieson
Cllr J Bradford	Cllr R Buscombe	Cllr A Ineson
Cllr L Cooke	Cllr D Corney-Walker	
Cllr A Gibbs	Cllr C Parker	
Cllr A Hall		
Cllr G Jennings		
Cllr M Joyce		
Cllr M Ryan		
Cllr N Yabsley		

Arising from the recorded vote, it was:

RESOLVED that,

- A) That Newton Abbot Town Council do debate the proposals by Devon County Council and Teignbridge District Council for ‘enhancements’ to Queen Street, Newton Abbot in relation to concerns raised by the businesses situated in the area, the loss of car parking and in particular disabled parking; and
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Meeting closed at hours 20:35 hours.

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

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