

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY & HERITAGE COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. AT NEWTON'S PLACE, 43 WOLBOROUGH STREET, NEWTON ABBOT**

**PRESENT** Councillors: L Sheffield (Chairperson) - Presiding  
A Jones (Vice Chairperson)

Councillors: P Bullivant R Hayes  
C Bunday (Mayor) D Howe  
C Davieson M Hocking  
A Hall M Joyce

Officers in attendance: Phil Rowe – Town Clerk  
Sam Scott – Deputy Town Clerk  
Sally Henley – Town Development Manager  
Linda McGuirk – Principal Administrator  
Nigel Canham – Communications Advisor

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chairperson asked Members to give thought to the people of Turkey and Syria who have been affected by the recent devastating earthquake.

**364. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors K Crout, C Parker, M Pilkington and M Ryan.

Councillor D Corney-Walker did not attend.

**365. INTERESTS**

None

**366. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Community and Heritage Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were received and signed as a correct record.

Further to minute number 22/10(224) of the above minutes, Members asked the Town Clerk whether a response had been received from Stagecoach regarding the unsatisfactory service provision in the town. The Town Clerk advised that a response had not been received. Councillor P Bullivant requested that a copy of the letter should be sent to Devon County Council.

**367. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

368. **NEWFOUNDLAND WAY PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

The RFO informed Members that the three handwash dryer units located in Newfoundland Way public conveniences are faulty and need replacing. The cost of replacement will be approximately £9,900.00. Members recognised the Council has a responsibility to provide hand washing facilities in its public conveniences. The RFO advised that the expenditure can be taken from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund. Accordingly, it was:

**RESOLVED** that the Town Council purchases three handwash dryer units for Newfoundland Way public conveniences and that the expenditure is taken from the CIL fund.

369. **SUB COMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/FORUMS**

a) Events Sub-Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Events Sub-Committee meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 be hereby noted.

b) Road Safety Working Group – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Road Safety Working Group meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be hereby noted.

370. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO) 6020 – QUEEN STREET**

Further to Minute 22/11(277c) the Town Clerk reported that following the recent objections submitted by the Town Council to Devon County Council (DCC) regarding TRO 6020, the County Council had reconsidered TRO 6020 and in response revised the project to install an additional flexible loading bay at the western end of Queen Street. Members were reminded that due to the six month rule the Town Council is unable to reconsider the TRO but the Committee may make a recommendation to the Council at its meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to withdraw the objection relating to the loading issue if it wished.

Members considered the proposed amendments, as circulated prior to the meeting and remained concerned about aspects of TRO 6020. The Town Clerk reminded Members they are being asked to consider withdrawing the loading element of the objection only and the other remaining objections submitted by the Town Council should remain in place. Arising from the discussion, it was:

**RESOLVED** that the Community & Heritage Committee recommends the Council, at its meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023, withdraws its objection to the

loading element only under Traffic Regulation Order 6020, as outlined in minute number 22/11(227c) and that all other objections remain in place.

**371. ACCOUNTS/INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

The Committee received and noted an overview of income and expenditure for the Community & Heritage Committee, Newton In Bloom and the Museum for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Accordingly, it was:

**RESOLVED** that the Income and Expenditure Statements for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 for the:

- 1) Community and Heritage Committee
- 2) Newton In Bloom
- 3) Museum, be hereby approved.

**372. LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**373. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Community and Heritage Committee would be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

**374. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was hereby:

**RESOLVED** that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**375. ALLOTMENTS**

The Town Clerk informed Members that an allotment tenant had issued legal proceedings in the form of an injunction and that the Town Council was a joint defendant. In addition, arising from this situation the Committee was requested to review the current management agreement between the Town Council and NADCAA. Arising from the discussion, it was:

**RESOLVED** that:

- a) The report given by the Town Clerk relating to the legal proceedings be noted;
- b) Delegated authority be hereby granted to the Town Clerk to take any necessary action to represent the Council in relation to the legal proceedings;

- c) In principle, a hybrid management agreement between NATC and NADCAA be supported.

Meeting closed at 20:07

Chairperson.....Date.....