

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023**  
AT 6.30 P.M. AT NEWTON'S PLACE, 43 WOLBOROUGH STREET, NEWTON ABBOT.

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

Councillors: P Bullivant C Parker  
R Buscombe M Ryan  
L Cooke T Corney-Walker  
C Davieson S Walker  
M Joyce

Officers in attendance: Phil Rowe Town Clerk  
Sam Scott Deputy Town Clerk  
Sally Henley Town Development Manager  
Linda McGuirk Principal Administrator

Also, present 12 Members of the public.

115. **WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

116. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor N Yabsley and Nigel Canham – Communications Advisor. Members **agreed** to approve Councillor Yabsley's reason for absence.

117. **INTERESTS**

Councillor M Ryan declared a personal interest in agenda item 4, Co-Option, as one of the candidates is a family member. Councillor Ryan confirmed that he will participate in the voting.

118. **CO-OPTION**

The Mayor outlined in detail the procedure to be followed in co-opting six applicants to the vacancies in the Bradley x 1; Brunel x 1 and College x 4 Wards which had arisen from the May 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 local council elections. Upon advising that the Co-Option Policy stated voting should take place by a show of hands, in accordance with Standing Order 5, two members rose to request a vote by ballot.

The Council was informed that of the 17 applications received, all but one was prepared to express a preference for a single Ward, as implied on the application form. As this was not explicit, one applicant would appear in all three ballots.

Members were accordingly invited to vote by ballot for each Ward alphabetically.

**BRADLEY** – Members voted for one position from four applications, as follows:-

Bailey  
Gillibrand  
Hall  
Hunt

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Arising from the vote, Brian Bailey was announced as successful.

BRUNEL – Members voted for one position from four applications, as follows:-

Cook  
Hartley  
Hunt  
Northcott

Arising from the vote, which required a second vote as no applicant had the required majority, Jamie Cook was announced as successful.

COLLEGE – Members voted for four position from eleven applications, as follows:-

Boulton  
Bradford  
Gearon  
Gibbs  
Hanson  
Hunt  
Jennings  
Jones  
Knopfler  
Murray  
Wood

Arising from the vote, which required four votes as to achieve the required majority, Bradford, Gibbs, Jennings and Wood were announced as successful.

The Mayor declared that the following six applicants had been successfully co-opted on to the Council:

**RESOLVED** that the Town Council hereby formerly co-opts the following:

<b>Bradley Ward</b>	Councillor Brian Bailey
<b>Brunel Ward</b>	Councillor Jamie Cook
<b>College Ward</b>	Councillor Janet Bradford
	Councillor Alan Gibbs
	Councillor Gwen Jennings
	Councillor Laura Wood

The co-opted Councillors who were present at the meeting would be invited to sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office, duly counter signed by the Town Clerk, after the meeting.

The meeting closed at 19:10 hours.

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

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