

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th JULY 2023
AT 7.20 P.M. AT NEWTON'S PLACE, 43 WOLBOROUGH STREET, NEWTON ABBOT**

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

Councillors: B Bailey A Gibbs
 J Bradford M Joyce
 P Bullivant C Parker
 R Buscombe M Ryan
 L Cooke S Walker
 T Corney-Walker L Wood
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Officers in attendance: Phil Rowe Town Clerk
 Sam Scott Deputy Town Clerk
 Sally Henley Town Development Manager
 Linda McGuirk Principal Administrator

Also, present 1 x Members of the public
 1 x Representative of Newton Abbot Community Shed
 County & District Councillor M Wrigley

119. WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a reading of A. E Houseman's poem 'Oh Who Is That Young Sinner'.

120. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor N Yabsley and Nigel Canham – Communications Advisor.

121. INTERESTS

Councillor A Gibbs declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9 – Grant Applications for consideration as he is a member of Newton Abbot Community Shed.

122. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7th June 2023 were received and signed as a correct record.

Cllrs L Wood and J Bradford abstained from voting.

123. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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124. REPORTS OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

The Mayor invited County and District Councillors to provide a report on their recent activity.

Members noted the report submitted by Councillor Jackie Hook, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, paper copies were tabled at the meeting.

District and County Councillor J Bradford reported on matters that she had been involved in:

- Attended a meeting on the development of Queen Street
- Utility Works
- Parking & Potholes

Councillor J Bradford acknowledged the Tunnels of Love project and was looking forward to attending the official opening.

District and County Councillor P Bullivant reported on matters that he had been involved in:

- Potholes
- Instrumental in securing £175,000 in S106 funding to transform the Scout Hut at Highweek into a community hub.
- Advised on the priorities of Devon County Council which included social services and improving support to schools.
- Attended a meeting on the development of Queen Street

District Councillor C Parker reported on matters that he had been involved in:

- Courtenay Park and Decoy Park – Green Flag Award.
- Travellers in Osborne Park.
- The Cinema planning application is due to be considered by Teignbridge District Council in August.

District Councillor M Ryan reported on matters that he had been involved in:

- Queensway has recently been resurfaced – the repair is poor.
- Undertaking District Councillor training
- An outdoor laundrette installed at Haldon Rise without planning permission.
- Pleased to see the recent work carried out by the FMO's in the Buckland Ward.

District Councillor A Hall reported on matters that he had been involved in:

- Residents' observations on the recent Drake Road/ Haytor View Road tarmacking.
- Travellers in Osborne Park.
- Queensway has recently been resurfaced – the repair is poor.

Councillor A Hall acknowledged the Tunnels of Love project and was looking forward to attending the official opening.

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District Councillor R Buscombe reported that he had recently attended Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC) training courses and recommended that the co-opted Councillors attend them as he had found them to be very informative. Councillor R Buscombe reported on matters that he had been involved in:

- Grass Cutting
- Streetlights
- Developing an effective overview and strategy

The Mayor thanked the District and County Councillors for their reports as they provided a valuable insight into the issues within Newton Abbot.

125. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor updated Members on recent engagements which he and his consort, Councillor T Corney-Walker had attended. In particular, the Mayor highlighted his pleasure at attending the unveiling of the public Art located at Linden Homes development, Church Walk.

A list of Mayoral engagements for the period from the 7th June 2023 was circulated prior to the meeting.

The Mayor invited the Deputy Mayor, Councillor A Hall to update members on recent events that he had attended.

126. CO-OPTION

The Mayor referred to the summary of results of the Town Council co-options, held at its Special Meeting held prior to the start of this meeting.

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

Accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED that the summary of the Results of the Town Council Co-Options held on Wednesday 19th July 2023, be hereby, noted.

127. GRANT APPLICATIONS

- a) Members considered a grant application received on behalf of Green Futures to support the group’s ongoing core operations, including insurance, accounting services and website contracts.

Councillors Buscombe and Cooke advised they had met with a representative of Green Futures and commended the valuable work of the organisation. Councillor Buscombe acknowledged that the Town Council did not use pesticides and asked the Council to consider formerly passing a resolution to state the Council’s commitment to being a

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pesticide free council. It was suggested that the matter be referred to the Community & Heritage Committee for consideration. Arising from the discussions, it was:

RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby grants £650 to Green Futures.

- b) Members considered a grant application received on behalf of Newton Abbot Community Shed for the purchase of equipment, tools, additional power sockets and insurance costs. Members recognised the valuable work of the organisation. Arising from the discussions, it was:

RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby grants £963 to Newton Abbot Community Shed.

Cllr A Gibbs declared a non-pecuniary interest and abstained from voting.

- c) Members considered a grant application received on behalf of The Lodge Indoor Skate Park to develop, sustain and expand their services, including improving the café facilities for young people in Newton Abbot. Members recognised the valuable work of the organisation and that it meets the criteria to improve the youth provision in Newton Abbot, as outlined in the Community Plan. Arising from the discussions, it was:

RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby grants £7,500 to The Lodge Indoor Skate Park, subject to the Mayor, Chairperson of the Finance & Audit Committee and the RFO being satisfied with their management accounts for the year ending 31/03/23.

128. HERITAGE ASSET REGISTER

The Mayor advised that the Heritage Asset Register Working Party required a representative to support the ongoing work of the project. Accordingly. It was:

RESOLVED that Councillor M Joyce be hereby appointed as the Council's representative on the Heritage Asset Register Working Party.

129. PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES

- a) The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on 6th June 2023, as presented by the Chairperson, Councillor M Joyce, were received and approved; and
- b) The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Community & Heritage Committee** held on 14th June 2023, as presented by the Chairperson, Councillor L Cooke, were received and approved, and
- c) The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Policy & Resources Committee** held on 21st June 2023, as presented by the Chairperson, Councillor M Joyce were received and approved.
- d) The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on 27th June 2023, as presented by the Chairperson, Councillor M Joyce were received and approved.

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- e) The Minutes of the Meeting of the **Finance & Audit Committee** held on 28th June 2023, as presented by the Chairperson, Councillor C Parker were received and approved.

130. **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

131. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th September 2023.

Meeting closed at 20:30 hours.

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

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