

AGENDA ITEM No 3(a)

MINUTES of the Meeting of the **TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL** held at the Council Chamber, Drake Road, Tavistock on **TUESDAY** the **15th JULY, 2014** at **7.08pm**

PRESENT Councillor H Smith (Mayor)

Councillor Mrs S Bailey (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors R Eberlie, A Fleet, Mrs A Johnson, C Rogers, P Sanders, J Sellis, J Sheldon, E Sherrell, D Whitcomb, Mrs J Whitcomb

IN ATTENDANCE Town Clerk, General Manager

Note – prior to the Meeting there was opportunity for quiet reflection and to receive a presentation from Mr R Searight (concerning the proposed Northern Route Railway Line), and reports from County Councillor Mrs D Sellis, an update from West Devon Borough Councillor E Sherrell and a progress report on behalf of the Police together with a question from a member of the public.

130 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mrs M Ewings, Mrs J Metcalf, J Moody, E Sanders and B Trew.

131 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

132 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tavistock Town Council held on Tuesday 3rd June, 2014 to be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

133 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Council considered the following Reports of Standing Committees.

a) Plans Committee – 12th June, 2014

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Plans Committee held on 12th June 2014 (Minutes No's 73-78 inclusive).

b) Plans Committee -24th June, 2014

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Plans Committee held on 24th June, 2014 (Minutes numbers 85-96 inclusive).

Noted That

Pursuant to the provisions of Minute No 91 it was further:-

RESOLVED THAT a Special Meeting of the Council be arranged prior to the next meeting of the Plans Committee in order to consider

- i. The West Devon Borough Council "Our Plan" Consultation; and
- ii. The recently received planning application in respect of proposed development at Anderton Lane, Tavistock.

c) Plans Committee – 14th July, 2014

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Plans Committee held on 14th July, 2014 (Minute No's 120-129 inclusive).

Noted That - with regard to Minute number 128(c) please refer to 133(b) above.

d) Properties Committee – 8th July, 2014

Subject to the deferral of Minute No 106 in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the Minutes of the Meeting of the Properties Committee held on 8th July, 2014 (Minutes No's 97-103 and 105 inclusive).

Noted That

- i. Minute No 104
Arising from the above it was further:

RESOLVED THAT the Council continue the practice of flying the flag of the United States by way of commemoration of the contribution made by the 29th Infantry Division on the anniversaries of the Declaration of Independence from Great Britain following the conclusion of the American

Revolutionary War (4th July) and the Normandy Landings (June 6th).

ii. Minute No 101(a)(ii)

A Member drew attention to issues arising as between differing views of the potential application and impact of Dog Control Orders in relation to open land - with particular regard to dog fouling.

e) Finance and General Purposes Committee – 8th July, 2014

Subject to the deferral of Minutes No's 117-119 in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 8th July, 2014 (Minute No's 107-111, 113(a)(i) and 113(b) - 116 inclusive)

Noted That

i) Minute No 112

RESOLVED THAT the recommendations included in Minute No 112 (i)-(ii) be received and endorsed

ii) Minute No 113 (a)(ii) (continued)

RESOLVED THAT

- a) this Council encourage organisations and businesses within the Council area who may benefit from the project to make it clear to Destination Okehampton, or through Tavistock Town Council to Destination Okehampton, that they would like their name to be used in support of it;
- b) This Council indicate its support, in principle, to assist with funding associated projects and that it would consider applications for financial assistance on a case by case basis.

iii) Minute No 113 (d)(iii)

Further to the above Minute it was

RESOLVED THAT Councillor H Smith be appointed Lead Councillor for Councillor Development.

- iv) Minute No 114(a)
Reference was made to the purpose lying behind the request for expressions of interest.

RESOLVED THAT subject to any amendments listed above the recommendations included in the foregoing Reports of Committee Meetings be approved and the Reports be received.

Noted That Councillor E Sherrell left the Meeting.

134 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE TOWN MAYOR

Mayor's Charity 2014-15

The Council was advised that the Mayor's Charity for the Civic Year 2014-2015 would be the Mental Health Charity "Make a Difference".

135 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was:-

RESOLVED THAT the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting for the following items of business.

136 COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)

(**Confidential** – by virtue of relating to legal matters and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council).

The Council considered the outstanding Reports of the following Standing Committees held on 8th July, 2014, consideration of which had previously been deferred (Minute No 133 refers).

a) Properties Committee -8th July 2014

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Properties Committee held on 8th July 2014 (Minute No 106).

b) Finance and General Purposes Committee – 8th July, 2014

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 8th July, 2014 (Minute No's 117-119).

RESOLVED THAT subject any amendments listed above the recommendations included in the foregoing Reports of Committee Meetings be approved and the Reports be received.

137 GUILDHALL COMPLEX- ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACQUISITION

(**Confidential** by virtue of relating to commercially sensitive information).

The Council proceeded to consider the issues and options associated with the prospective acquisition of the Guildhall Complex (presently in the ownership of the Devon Historic Buildings Trust).

RESOLVED THAT the Council progress the course of action as included in confidential Minute No 137(a).

The Press and Public were re-admitted to the meeting.

138 COUNCIL SEAL

RESOLVED THAT the Seal be affixed to the various deeds and documents to be made or entered into for the carrying into effect of those decisions or matters proved by the Council this day.

The Meeting closed at 7.47 pm.

Chairman_____

Date _____