

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 **2nd** **DECEMBER, 2014** at **6:45pm.**

PRESENT Councillor H Smith (Mayor)

Councillor Mrs S Bailey (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors R Eberlie, Mrs A Johnson, Mrs J Metcalf, C Rogers, E Sanders, P Sanders, J Sellis, J Sheldon, E Sherrell, B Trew, Mrs J Whitcomb.

IN ATTENDANCE Town Clerk, Assistant to the Town Clerk

Note - Prior to the Meeting there was an opportunity for Quiet Reflection and to receive a report from the Devon County Councillor.

287 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mrs M Ewings, J Moody and D Whitcomb.

288 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

289 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tavistock Town Council held on Tuesday 21st October, 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

290 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Council considered the following Reports of Standing Committees.

a) Plans Committee – 28th October, 2014

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Plans Committee held on 28th October, 2014 (Minute No's 241 – 249 inclusive).

b) Plans Committee – 18th November, 2014

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Plans Committee held on 18th November, 2014 (Minutes No's 258 - 266 inclusive).

c) Properties Committee – 25th November, 2014

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Properties Committee held on 25th November, 2014 (Minute No's 267 – 275).

Noted That

- i. Minute No. 270(a) – Appreciation was expressed to the staff of the Works Department for their contribution toward the Tavistock Christmas lights 2014.
- ii. Minute No. 275 – It was noted that (detailed heads of agreement excepted) the foregoing item was no longer classified as exempt. In the ensuing discussion the mutual benefits of collaborative working with the County Council were highlighted.

d) Finance and General Purposes Committee – 25th November, 2014

Subject to

- i. the deferral of Minute No's 285 - 286 in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted; and
- ii. the deletion of the words "had previously" in the addendum to Minute No. 281

the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 25th November, 2014 (Minute No's 276 – 284 inclusive).

RESOLVED THAT - subject to any amendments listed above the recommendations included in the foregoing reports of the committee meetings be approved and the reports be received.

291 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE TOWN MAYOR

a) Planning for Future Development in Tavistock – Workshop

Recent communications in respect of the above received from the Borough Council were reported. In view of same and having regard to the conflict with the date for the

upcoming Meeting of the "Super Link" Committee it was agreed that this event be deferred to a date to be arranged early in the New Year to enable all councillors to attend.

b) Thanks to the Council

The Mayor advised of expressions of thanks received variously from the Lion's Club (For Town Council work in the provision of the Tree's of Lights), the Farmer's Market (regarding enhancement of the Town Centre/trading conditions) and the Friends of St Eustachius (for assistance with the Christmas Tree Festival).

c) Appreciation to Staff & Councillors

Members were reminded of arrangements for the event to express appreciation to staff and Councillors scheduled to be held on Monday 15th December, 2014. Furthermore there would be an opportunity, beforehand, to meet with staff in front of the Guildhall for a photo opportunity at 5:20pm.

292 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.

293 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 Committee held on 25th November 2014, consideration of which had previously been deferred (Minute No 290 refers).

a) Finance and General Purposes Committee

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 25th November, 2014 (Minute No's 285 – 286 inclusive).

Noted That - further correspondence from the Council's Solicitor had been received and was reported in connection with Minute No. 285(A).

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

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

294 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 approved by the Council this day.

The Meeting closed at 7:21pm.

Chairman_____

Date _____