

AGENDA ITEM No 3(a)

MINUTES of the Meeting of the **TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL** held at the Council Chamber, Drake Road, Tavistock on **TUESDAY 27th OCTOBER, 2015** at **6:45pm**

PRESENT Councillor Mrs S Bailey (Mayor)
Councillor Mrs M Ewings (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors T Gibbins, Mrs A Johnson, A Lewis, J Moody, P Palfrey, C Rogers, E Sanders, P Sanders, J Sheldon, H Smith, A Venning, P Ward, Mrs J Whitcomb.

IN ATTENDANCE Town Clerk, General Manager, Assistant to the Town Clerk

Note - Prior to the Meeting;-

- Councillors received a briefing on the proposed operation of arrangements for the filming of Council Meetings;
- there was also an opportunity for quiet reflection led by Reverend Sean Brassil of St Andrew's Church, Whitchurch together with a report from County Councillor Mrs D Sellis.

151 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mrs L Roberts and P Williamson. Councillor A Venning apologised for late arrival.

152 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

153 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of Tavistock Town Council held on Tuesday 8th September, 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Noted That

- i. reference was made, inter alia, to arrangements for the reporting of planning decisions;
- ii. Members' attention was drawn, in particular, to material factors to be considered in relation to the conduct of meetings

subject to audio/visual recording. Such included, but were not limited to:- data protection, defamation, reputation, confidentiality and the relevant tenets of judicial review. It was important to distinguish between recordings and the legal record of Council Meetings, which continued to be the formal Minutes.

154 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Council considered the following reports of Standing Committees.

- (a) **Plans Committee – 29th September 2015.**
The Minutes of the Meeting of the Plans Committee held on 29th September 2015 (Minute No's 119–126 inclusive)
- (b) **Plans Committee – 19th October 2015.**
The Minutes of the Meeting of the Plans Committee held on 19th October 2015 (Minute No's 127-134 inclusive)
- (c) **Properties Committee – 20th October 2015.**
The Minutes of the Meeting of the Properties Committee held on 20th October 2015 (Minutes No's 135–140 inclusive).
- (d) **Finance & General Purposes Committee – 20th October 2015.**
Subject to the deferral of Minute No's 149-150 in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 20th October 2015 (Minute No's 141-148 inclusive).

Noted That

- i. Further to the provisions of Minute No 145 attention was drawn, in particular, to the addendums arising pursuant to the Meeting of the Committee regarding feedback from Tavistock Heritage which were endorsed.
- ii. Councillor P Sanders requested that it be recorded he declared an interest in Minute 145(d) by virtue of holding office with West Devon Borough Council.

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

155 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

156 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 report of the following Standing Committee held on 20th October, 2015, consideration of which had been previously been deferred (Minute No 154d refers).

a) **Finance & General Purposes Committee – 20th October, 2015**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 20th October, 2015 (Minute No's 149-150).

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 readmitted to the Meeting.

157 COUNCIL SEAL

RESOLVED THAT – The Seal be affixed to 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 7:07pm.

Chairman_____

Date _____

