

MINUTES

of the Meeting of **TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL**
held at the Council Chamber, Drake Road,
Tavistock on **TUESDAY 1st March, 2016** 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, J Sheldon, H Smith, P
Ward, P Williamson.

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk, General Manager, Assistant to the
Town Clerk

Note - Prior to the commencement of the Meeting
there was an opportunity for quiet reflection led
by Reverend Doctor Christopher Hardwick of St.
Eustachius Church, Tavistock, and to receive a
written report from County Councillor Mrs D Sellis
(who had tendered her apologies). There was no
Borough Council Report.

292 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mrs L
Roberts, E Sanders, P Sanders, A Venning and Mrs J Whitcomb.

293 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs M Ewings reiterated the declarations of interest
otherwise listed upon the Agenda and accompanying reports.

294 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of Tavistock Town
Council held on Tuesday 19th January, 2016 be confirmed as a
correct record and signed by the Chairman.

295 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Council considered the following reports of standing
committees.

(a) Plans Committee – 26th January 2016

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Plans Committee held on
26th January 2016 (Minute No's 249 -256 inclusive)

(b) Plans Committee – 16th February 2016

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Plans Committee held on 16th February 2016 (Minute No's 265 - 272 inclusive).

(c) Properties Committee – 23rd February 2016

Subject to the deferral of Minute No's 279 -280 in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the Minutes of the Meeting of the Properties Committee held on 23rd February 2016 (Minute No's 273 - 278 inclusive).

Noted That:-

- (i) Council was advised of the outcome of discussions with the Highway Authority including the possibility of urgent works being undertaken on Town Council land. Should a wayleave or easement be required this would be administered by Officers under delegated authority.
- (ii) Pursuant to a question the nature of the Heritage Lottery Fund and Greater Dartmoor LEAF Grant schemes were outlined. In particular their predication upon the creation of new market related jobs in the Butchers' Hall to which the Council had committed in the respective bid submissions.

(d) Finance and General Purposes Committee - 23rd February 2016

Subject to

- a. The deferral of Minute No's 289-291 in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted; and
- b. the referral back of Minute No 286 (b) to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for further consideration;

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 23rd February 2016 (Minute No's 281- 288 inclusive).

Noted That

- (i) In the discussion arising from Minute No 286 (b) particular reference was made to the anticipated benefits/ drawbacks associated with the proposal and the procedure to be adopted in consideration of same.
- (ii) Further to the provisions of Minute No.287 (b) - (c) attention was drawn to the importance of nominated Member attendance at meetings. A short personal statement was made by two Members regarding representation in connection with same

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.

URGENT ITEM

The Mayor agreed to take the following item as a matter of urgency in the interests of expediting business of the Council.

296 TOWN/ PARISH COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

A Councillor drew attention to recent attendance at a National Leadership event for Town/ Parish Councillors and related positive outcomes.

297 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.

298 COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)

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

The Council considered the following reports of standing committees.

a. Properties Committee – 23rd February 2016

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Properties Committee held on 23rd February 2016 (Minute No's 279-280 refer)

Noted That Councillor Mrs M Ewings reiterated her declaration of a prejudicial interest in connection with Minute No. 264

b. Finance and General Purposes Committee – 23rd February 2016

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 23rd February 2016 (Minute No's 289-291 refer).

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.

The Press and Public were readmitted to the meeting.

299 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 7.51pm.

Chairman_____

Date _____