

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE OAK ROOM, THE AMORY CENTRE, 125 EAST STREET, SOUTH MOLTON ON MONDAY 12 JANUARY 2015 AT 6.30PM

Present: In the Chair Town Mayor Cllr S. W. Lock
Cllr M. Bushell Cllr D. Goodman
Cllr M. J. Kingdon Cllr Ms T. Lewis
Cllr Mrs R. McCool Cllr E. J. Moore
Cllr M. R. J. Smale Cllr M. F. Way
Cllr S. K. White Cllr D. Worden

During the course of this meeting Cllrs Kingdon and McCool joined the proceedings at 7pm.

In Attendance: Mr M. G. Gingell Town Clerk
Mr A. C. Coates Deputy Clerk/RFO

202/14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs C. E. Lock.

203/14 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were read out by the Town Clerk:

Cllr Kingdon – DPI – Item 6 – Adjacent land owner

DPI – Item 7 – Interest in Building Values

Cllr Way – DPI – Item 7 - Tenant

204/14 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

The RFO reported that he had been informed that item 6 should now be discussed in committee due to the information obtained since the agenda was forwarded to members. It was agreed to go into committee at the end of the meeting to discuss this item.

205/14 **SOUTH MOLTON SPORTS HUB**

The Mayor invited Mr N Kingdon from South Molton Rugby Club to report to members on the proposal for Phase 1 of the above including the creation of a new pitch. Mr Kingdon handed out a copy of the proposed plan and briefly explained the details to members. This project has been costed and a significant amount of money has been agreed in principle to support the scheme both from private and public organisations. Mr Kingdon was seeking this authorities support for the scheme together with possible funding for the necessary reports/surveys in order to apply for planning consent. It was RESOLVED that SMTC supports the project in principle and Mr Kingdon will provide detailed costings for the necessary surveys in order for members to consider possible financial support.

Cllrs Kingdon, McCool and White abstained during the voting process thereon.

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206/14 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

Cllr Kingdon declared a DPI in the following item and left the meeting.

207/14 **LAND AT HUNTS MEADOW**

The RFO referred members to his brief report which had been circulated with the agenda and explained further on the subject. Members noted the contents of this report and it was RESOLVED that the recommendations listed 1 to 5 be accepted and that point 6 be approved up to a maximum of 10%. All these recommendations are subject to contract and all parties concerned will be notified accordingly.

Cllr Kingdon rejoined the meeting

208/14 **BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2015/2016**

The Mayor invited the RFO Mr A Coates to report to members on the documentation enclosed with the agenda. Mr Coates explained his recommendation that the precept remains the same as last year at £153,379. A short question and answer session followed.

- a) It was RESOLVED to approve the Budgeted Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 31 March 2016.
- b) It was RESOLVED to approve the Comparative Budgeted Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2016.
- c) It was RESOLVED to approve the Estimated Revenue Reserves for the year ending 31 March 2016.
- d) Members noted the Budget Assumption Report compiled by Mr Coates and he explained further in brief detail contained within.

209/14 Following presentation of the above it was RESOLVED to formally approve the prepared budgets and accept Mr Coates's recommendation that the precept for the financial year 2015/2016 remain unchanged at £153,379.

Cllrs Kingdon and Way declared DPI's in the following item and left the meeting

210/14 It was RESOLVED that under the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

212/14 It was RESOLVED that the meeting return to open session.

Cllrs Kingdon and Way rejoined the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.38pm.

Chairman

Date

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211/14 **GUNSWELL LANE**

Mr Coates explained further his report on the above subject which had been forwarded to all members with their agenda. A short question and answer session followed and it was RESOLVED to accept the RFO's recommendation that SMTC accept the revised offer of £360,000 plus £10,000 legal costs and no deferment subject to the District Valuers comments on the new offer. Members were concerned regarding the author's comments regarding the proposed Health Centre and these will be removed from the report.

Cllrs Lewis, McCool and White voted against this proposal during the voting process thereon.