

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN  
THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2015 AT 7.00PM

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

In Attendance:      Mr A. C. Coates   Acting Town Clerk

286/14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Kingdon and Smale.

287/14 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

288/14 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY  
BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Worden wished to congratulate Mr Matt Ray, the Market Manager, for making the recent Wildlife Day in the market such a success. Footfall in the town had increased and it was the best day in the town for some time. It was suggested that a letter is sent to Mr Ray thanking him for his efforts.

289/14 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

The Acting Town Clerk advised members that as per Minute 277/14 of the meeting held on 24 March 2015 he had examined the tape recording of a previous meeting (Minute No 265/14) and stated that the minute as presented was correct. This was accepted by members and no further comments raised.

290/14 **LOCAL PLAN**

Mr Holtom was in attendance and addressed members on his recommendations for submission in respect of the above. Members discussed Mr Holtoms recommendations for inclusion in the new Local Plan and it was RESOLVED that this be accepted and that an additional comment regarding employment land be added. The full report will be circulated to all members prior to submission.

291/14 **CANVASSING ON COUNCIL PROPERTY**

Members noted that the Acting Town Clerk was requesting that a formal policy is adopted regarding canvassing by any political party or organisation and had previously forwarded his recommendations for consideration. It was RESOLVED that a policy is set as follows:

- 1) That no political party, organisation or individual be allowed to hire a pitch for the above purpose in the Pannier Market or on the Southley Road Parking Spaces (rear of Pannier Market)

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- 2) That a stall on the enhancement may be booked upon full payment of the current charge and that the persons in attendance remain at the stall and do not canvass outside of this area.
- 3) No rosettes are to be worn by prospective candidates whilst in the Pannier Market. No placards to be displayed and no distribution of election leaflets. Also there is to be no canvassing in the entrances.

292/14 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT REVIEW**

Following the Town Council meeting on 10 March 2015, when Mr M. Cornelius was requested to forward his comments in respect of the above, a report had been forwarded which was considered by members. The Acting Town Clerk thanked Mr Cornelius for his recommendations and provided further details to members as follows:

- a) DALC have sent in a response which was of a general nature ie risk of isolation for rural communities with limited bus services.
- b) That proposals would start to come into effect during the second half of 2015.
- c) That feedback forms for individuals and organisations are available on DCC's website under Public Transport Review

It was RESOLVED that the Acting Town Clerk submits a response to DCC broadly in line with the comments made within Mr Cornelius' report whilst emphasising the fact that South Molton is expanding, that the elderly population is increasing and that especially the Sunday and Bank Holiday service should not be removed as it only saves £2175 per annum.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.46pm.

Chairman .....

Date .....