

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD
IN THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 26 MAY 2015
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AT 7.00pm

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

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

16/15 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Foster and Kingdon.

17/15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

18/15 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman wished to send his best wishes to Cllr Moore's wife who was unwell.

19/15 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Cllr Moore – advised that the yellow gates in Central Park required cleaning
The Acting Town Clerk stated that he would arrange for this work to be carried out by the Maintenance Operatives.

Cllr C. Lock – mentioned that she would like consideration to be given to erecting some information plaques on the pannier market wall along Market Street. The Acting Town Clerk would make investigations with English Heritage as to whether or not this was permissible.

20/15 **DOCUMENTS FOR EXECUTION**

The following documents were signed by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and witnessed by the Acting Town Clerk:

Exclusive Right of Burial – Plot P021 – Miss Tina Clinkard, 7 Paramore Way, South Molton, EX36 4BW

Exclusive Right of Burial – Plot M1604D – Mrs Margaret Jury, 12A Parklands, South Molton, EX36 4EW

21/15 **ANNUAL RETURN – 2014/2015**

It was RESOLVED that the above document (Section 1 Accounting Statements 2014/2015 and Section 2 Annual Governance Statement 2014/2015) be approved by members. Cllrs Bush and Cornelius abstained during the voting process on these documents.

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22/15 **ELECTION OF DALC COUNTY COMMITTEE 2015-2019**

Members noted that an invitation had been received for the Town Council to nominate a suitable person to the above committee. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Bushell be nominated as a member of the DALC County Committee 2015-2019.

23/15 **ACTING TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO MEMBERS**

1. The Outdoor Gym Equipment in Central Park was now up and running and the Council is trying to arrange a Training Session and official opening.
2. The Scaffolding on the Town Hall should be down by next Wednesday.
3. Linden Homes and Gunswell Lane is to be completed this Friday. No Schedule of Works have yet been agreed.
4. The planning application for the new Community College will be on the agenda for the next Planning Committee meeting on 23 June 2015 and all plans can be viewed in the Town Clerk's office at the Amory Centre.
5. The YMCA have now taken over the Youth Resource Centre and the Town Council has no further liability for this building.
6. PPB4 – All other landowners have now agreed to participate with South Molton Town Council in the planning application for the employment land (Bucknells land).
7. A full survey is in progress on 1 East Street.
8. The next edition of the Town Council's Newsletter will be available this Thursday and will be distributed in the North Devon Gazette next week.
9. Members are reminded that a Councillor Training Course is being held at the Guildhall, Barnstaple on Saturday 20 June 2015 and that a Code of Conduct Course is being held on 29 May 2015 at the Civic Centre at 10.00am.

24/15 **REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- a) No representatives reported to members.
- b) Cllr Worden confirmed that the Conservatives have taken control of the District Council and Cllr Des Brailey has been elected as Leader.
Cllr Moore reported that the RBL have seven new members and that the South Molton branch was flourishing .
- c) No Police were in attendance.
- d) Cllr Yabsley was not in attendance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Chairman

Date