

Minutes of the meeting of Okehampton Town Council held on Monday 19th June 2017, 7pm in the Council Chamber, Okehampton.

Present: Cllr. Goffey (Chairman); Cllr. Weekes; Cllr. Carpenter; Cllr. Holt; Cllr. Yelland; Cllr. Vachon; Cllr. Cushing; Cllr. Leech; Cllr. Cummings; Borough Cllr. Davies; Canon Newcombe; Penny Clapham (Locum Clerk); 2 members of the public.

Prayers - Canon Tim Newcombe

A minute's silence was held after prayers to commemorate those lost in the incidents in London.

Declarations of Interest - Members are reminded that they should declare any relevant interest in the items to be considered. None declared.

Urgent items - items for information only can be brought to the attention of the Council at the discretion of the Chairman at the end of the meeting.

No decision can be taken on items not detailed on the published agenda. Chairman reiterated any item will be raised at the end of the meeting, she wished to raise one such item.

Business to be Transacted

62. Apologies for Absence - Cllr. Tolley. Cllr. Ireland. Cllr. Marsh. Cllr. Rush.

63. Deferment of Business - For questions from the public to bring matters of concern to the attention of the Town Council. None.

64. Members' Questions - To receive questions from Members regarding the workings of the Council. None.

65. West Devon Borough Council - To receive reports from the West Devon Borough Councillors. Cllr. Davies - charges for garden waste at £40 per year are being implemented. Reports about a merger between West Devon and South Hams are a long way from happening as yet. The big issue would be equalisation of council tax. Cllr. Davies mentioned a public disturbance in Okehampton last weekend. This has been suitably dealt with.

66. Devon County Council - To receive the report of the Devon County Councillor, if present. No report received.

67. Licensing Application - To consider the variation of premises licence application from Pretoria Vaults, Okehampton. Cllr. Yelland declared an interest in that she is on WDBC Licensing Committee.

Cllr. Leech has been in touch with residents in the area. Clarification of the proposed closing time of 3.30am on Saturdays and 4.30am on bank and public holidays such as Christmas Eve. Local residents are complaining about the extension of these hours.

Cllr. Weekes informed Council that no taxis run after 3am so there will not be a means of revellers getting home.

Cllr. Yelland informed Council that no police will be on duty at that time of night.

The proposed boxing and wrestling will be on TV only, not live.

Resolved: Objection to this extension of hours, proposed by Cllr. Goffey, seconded by Cllr. Weekes. 7 in favour, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Reason - additional noise, pollution, disruption to local residents, further public nuisance, no taxi services, no police on duty.

68. Adoption of Minutes of Committees and to Receive Questions from Members

- a) To adopt the minutes of the Parks Committee meeting held on 27th March 2017 and the Chairman to receive questions from Members regarding the workings and decisions made at this Committee meeting.

Resolved: adoption of minutes proposed by Cllr. Carpenter, seconded by Cllr. Weekes.

- b) To adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 3rd April and 24th April 2017 and the Chairman to receive questions from Members regarding the workings and decisions made at this Committee meeting.

Resolved: adoption of minutes proposed by Cllr. Cummings, seconded by Cllr. Yelland.

- c) To adopt the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 18th April 2017 and the Chairman to receive questions from Members regarding the workings and decisions made at this Committee meeting.

Resolved: adoption of minutes, proposed by Cllr. Cummings, seconded by Cllr. Vachon.

69. Annual Governance Statement - To resolve to read and agreed the annual governance statement for 2016/17.

The statement was read to Council by the Clerk, duly agreed as true and signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.

70. Accounting Statement - To resolve to agree the accounting statement for 2016/17.

Resolved to agree this statement: proposed by Cllr. Yelland, seconded by Cllr. Leech, all in favour by show of hands.

71. Full Council Meeting Minutes - To receive, sign and approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 22nd May 2017.

Resolved to approve the minutes, proposed by Cllr. Weekes, seconded by Cllr. Cummings, all in favour by show of hands.

72. Matters Arising -

- a) Cycle stands - nothing further to report. Noted.

- b) Civic Service location: All Saints confirmed. 3pm, 17th September.

- c) West Devon Safe Haven - Cllr. Goffey to report.

Contact made from this group in connection with the resettlement of refugees in West Devon. Cllr. Goffey attended a recent meeting and all seems to be very well organised.

73. Civic Diary Report - The Mayor to report more fully later. 11th June the first Sunday market was held, and appeared to be very successful. A very nice letter has been received commending the organisers for the difference this is making to Okehampton. The Mayor also gave out Certificates on achieving Level 1 in Independent Living to members of the Get Changed Theatre group.

- 74. Reports of Council Working Groups** - To consider and note reports from:
- a) Destination Okehampton (Cllr. Ireland). No report.
- 75. Reports on Current Activities by Community Groups with Town Council Representation** -
- a) OkeRail Forum (Cllr. Ireland) no report.
- 76. Questions Arising from Member reports** - To summarise any questions arising from WDBC and DCC reports for forwarding to relevant Members.
Cllr. Weekes with reference to the Plume of Feathers. The Enforcement Officer is looking into this situation, as the building always seems to be 'about to be sold' so the owners are not updating the frontage of the building.
- 77. Museum of Dartmoor Life CIO** - report from Cllr. Goffey.
This is going through at present.
- 78. Members' Reports and Items for Agendas** - To receive reports from Members attending other organisations on behalf of the Council.
- (i) Dartmoor National Park Forum - Cllrs Cummings/Goffey. No report.
- (ii) Northern Parishes Link Committee - Cllrs Cummings and Ireland. No report.
- (iii) Okehampton Older People's Network - Cllr Yelland.
Cllr. Cushing reported a name change to Health & Wellbeing chaired by Karen Nolan, with a spread of different organisations involved. There are various age well/live well type programmes being promoted. Next meeting 18th July.
- Urgent item for information only. Cllr. Stephens has resigned from the Town Council for personal reasons. The vacancy will be advertised locally.

PART TWO

Items which may be taken in the absence of the press and public.

The Council is recommended to pass the following resolution:-

'Resolved that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items as they involve the likely disclosure of sensitive and confidential information.'

Resolved: proposed by Cllr. Yelland, seconded by Cllr. Leech.

79. Personnel Committee

Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed

Date

Position