

**Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of Okehampton Town Council held on
Monday 9th September 2019 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton**

Members Present: Councillor J Yelland (Mayor)
 Councillor T Leech (Chairman, Planning)
 Councillor C Marsh (Chairman, Parks)
 Councillor B Tolley (Chairman, Policy & Resources)
 Councillor P Vachon (Chairman, Property)
 Councillor G Button
 Councillor C Holt
 Councillor P Jessop
 Councillor J Goffey
 Councillor D Penna
 Councillor D Sanger
 Councillor M Tucker

In Attendance: Mrs E James (Town Clerk)
 Cllr N Jory Leader of WDBC
 Cllr M Davies WCBC
 1 Member of the public

Action

280 **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Tucker declared an interest in Item 286 as user of the Charter hall as did Cllr Marsh.

281 **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies, along with explanations, were received from Cllr Leech who would be late and Cllr Ireland, and approved on the proposition of Cllr Vachon, seconded by Cllr Jessop.

282 **Visiting Speaker** – Cllr Jory introduced himself as the Leader of WDBC, having been appointed to that role in May. Following the Elections WDBC the make-up of WDBC has changed with approximately 50% of the Councillors being new.

WDBC were about to approve a Corporate Strategy spanning the next 4 years. The strategy was made up of 6 strands:

- The Council – Operating and Running
- Environment – Built and Natural
- Wellbeing
- Enterprise and Business
- Communities

Cllr Jory expanded on the strands with a brief overview of each, stating that it was hoped they would develop new collaborations and work better with Town and Parish Councils.

(Cllr Leech arrived)

Cllrs were given the opportunity to ask questions which included the ceasing of cash payments at the Leisure Centre and WDBC's investment programme.

(Cllr Jory left the meeting)

283 **Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service – Service Delivery Operating Model Consultation** – On the proposition of Cllr Jessop, seconded by Cllr Tucker, it was **RESOLVED** to make the following response:

Option 7 which was a Mix and Match Option as follows:

Option 6 which would result in the following:

- Savings being made by the service; greatest capital saving, 3rd highest revenue saving
- Largest increase in prevention measures; Business and home fire safety checks
- Reduced risk rather than an increase in risk as in Option 5 where there is an increased risk of fatality in fire and RTC and an increase of waiting time for an engine

With the addition that Okehampton should retain a 2nd Engine on the grounds of special circumstances at Okehampton with attendance at RTC's on the A30, a 30mile stretch of dangerous road with Okehampton having the nearest engine

Recruitment difficulties for day crew (retained) should be taken into account when recommending night crew only for second engine

Special vehicles required to access Dartmoor both in the summer and especially the winter months

284 **Public Phone Box Removal Consultation** – On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded by Cllr Leech, it was **RESOLVED** to:

- agree to the removal of the kiosk in Crediton Road (01837 52343) as it had not been used during the last 12 months
- object to the removal of the kiosk from the junction of Station Road and Tors Road (01837 52479) on the grounds that 19 calls had been made from it in the previous 12 months, it is the first kiosk from a popular access point to/from Dartmoor and the mobile coverage in the area is poor.

285 **West Devon Polling District and Places Review** – On the proposition of Cllr Yelland, seconded by Cllr Leech, it was **RESOLVED** to respond stating that the Charter Hall in Okehampton continued to be suitable for use as a polling station as it had adequate facilities and was located in an accessible position in the centre of Okehampton.

286 **Charter Hall Licensing Status** – On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded by Cllr Jessop (1 abstention), it was **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations of the Property Committee to submit an application to WDBC for an exemption from the requirement to have a Dedicated Premises supervisor along with associated documentation and delegation.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 7.42pm.

Councillor Mrs J Yelland
Mayor