

**Minutes of a meeting of Okehampton Town Council held on
Monday 5th August 2019 at 8.10pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton**

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

In Attendance: Mrs E James (Town Clerk)
Mrs C Ellis (Assistant Town Clerk)

250 **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Leech declared a personal interest with regards to the item of business relating to Okehampton Show, being a Committee member.

251 **Urgent Items** – Cllr Yelland reported upon an event that she had attended on Friday 2nd August when she had been presented with a plaque by the Paul Lavelle foundation. This was a Lands End to John O’Groats cycle event in memory of Paul Lavelle who was murdered in 2017, with the aim of raising awareness of domestic abuse towards men.

Cllr Yelland advised that she was holding a Mayors Fundraising Coffee morning on 28th September in the Charter Hall in support of her chosen charity OkePads.

252 **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies, along with explanations, were received from Cllrs Jessop, Sanger, Rush and Tucker and **approved** on the proposition of Cllr Leech, seconded by Cllr Ireland.

Rules of Debate – A summary of the rules of debate as set out in the Councils Standing Orders was noted.

253 **WDBC Community Consultation** – Cllr Vachon reported that WDBC were holding a community consultation engagement day in the Charter Hall on 22nd August and that Okehampton Town and Hamlets Parish Councils and DCC had been invited to have a presence and share the cost of the hire of the hall.

On the proposition of Cllr Vachon, seconded by Cllr Ireland, it was **RESOLVED** to take part in the event and share the cost of the hire of the hall. Cllr Goffey volunteered to cover the day and other Councillors were requested to attend for part of the day if possible.

254 **Okehampton Show** – On the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded by Cllr Goffey (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** that as an article had been published in the Okehampton Times regarding the opening of the show, it was not necessary to issue a press release.

255 **Okehampton Matters** – On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Goffey, it was **RESOLVED** to nominate Cllr Tolley as temporary representative to this group until such time that Cllr Rush is able to attend.

Action

Clerk

- 256 **WDBC Standards and Governance Training** – The Clerk advised that the Assistant Clerk would be attending in her place as she had attended the previous event. On the proposition of Cllr Yelland, seconded by Cllr Goffey, it was **RESOLVED** to nominate Cllr Ireland, as Deputy Mayor, to attend. In the event that any further spaces became available, it would be opened up to the rest of the Members on a first come basis.

PART TWO ITEMS

It was **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 item as it involves the likely disclosure of sensitive and confidential information. Proposed by Cllr Vachon, seconded by Cllr Ireland.

- 257 **IT Working Group** – The circulated paper and recommendations of the WG were considered. On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Vachon, it was **RESOLVED** to appoint Company/Quote A as set out.

Clerk

On the proposition of Cllr Leech, seconded by Cllr Tolley, it was **RESOLVED** to approve the virement of up to £3,000, as required, from general reserves to an appropriate budget to pay for the work.

Clerk

- 258 **CCTV** – Circulated papers were reviewed and debated. On the proposition of Cllr Yelland, seconded by Cllr Marsh, it was **RESOLVED** to approve tender documentation for the procurement of a CCTV and monitoring system for the Town and Park, and permit tenders, which would include flexibility in the pricing schedule to reflect the position of cameras across the town and park, to be sought.

Cllr Leech/
Clerk

- 259 **Urgent Item** – Cllr Leech reported upon a social media item that had not been instigated by the Town Council.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 9.12pm.

Councillor Mrs J Yelland
Mayor