

**Minutes of a remote meeting of Okehampton Town Council held on
Thursday 30th July 2020 at 3.30pm**

Members Present: Councillor J Yelland (Mayor)
Councillor J Goffey (Chairman, Property)
Councillor T Leech (Chairman, Planning)
Councillor P Jessop
Councillor D Penna
Councillor D Sanger
Councillor B Tolley
Councillor A Wood

In Attendance: Mrs E James (Town Clerk)
1 Member of the Public

Action

Cllr Yelland welcomed Cllr Wood to the Council and her first meeting.

(Cllr's Jessop and Sanger arrived)

190 **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr's Leech and Yelland declared personal interests being Members of WDBC.

191 **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies tendered by Cllr's Button, Holt Ireland, Marsh, and Travers, due to previous commitments were **approved** on the proposition of Cllr Leech, seconded Cllr Goffey.

Apologies tendered by Cllr Davies, WDBC, and Cllr Ball, DCC, were noted.

192 **WDBC – Supporting the Town** – Cllr Yelland advised she and the Clerk had recently met with WDBC and the Mayor and Clerk of Tavistock Town Council to discuss the proposals, some of which were not relevant to Okehampton.

Item 1 – Town Centre Kick-Start Grant – WDBC were offering a kick-start grant of £5,000 each to Okehampton and Tavistock Town Councils. There were no restrictions as to how to use the funding should be used. This was on top of the £5,000 already provided to the Councils by WDBC to support the reopening of the high streets. WDBC were thanked for their assistance.

Item 2 – Business Support – A pop up business school for access by all businesses across West Devon, followed by further support and the possibility of additional training.

Item 3 – Re-imagining West Devon – A media campaign with advertising in local papers paid for by WDBC, summer and early autumn campaigns to try to extend the tourist season

(Cllr Tolley arrived)

Item 4 – One off events – assistance for one off events with offers for free car parking.

Item 5 – Streetscene - offer of support and advice for additional street signage if required

Items 6 and 7 – Tavistock Town Council only

The possibility of bringing back 'Destination Okehampton' or a similar group with the aim of promoting the town was briefly discussed and would be followed up at a later date.

On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Leech it was **RESOLVED** to agree the proposals put forward by WDBC and to make the following suggestions in relation to Item 4:

- Mill Road car park to reflect the Town Council's Simmons Park car park promotion for 'free after 3' parking during December
- Mill Road car parking to be free from 10am to 5pm on 17th October 2020 in support of the Food and Drink Festival and carnival events taking place on that day

The Chairman closed the meeting at 3.47pm

Councillor Mrs J Yelland
Mayor