

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of Okehampton Town Council held on  
Monday 16 June 2014 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Fore Street,  
Okehampton at 8.15 pm**

**Members Present:** Councillor P Vachon (Town Mayor)  
Councillor T Cummings  
Councillor Dr M Ireland  
Councillor A Leech  
Councillor C Letchford  
Councillor Mrs M McDonald  
Councillor Mrs C Marsh  
Councillor B Stephens  
Councillor D Weekes  
Councillor Mrs J Yelland

**In Attendance:** P R Snell (Town Clerk)

**85. Apologies for Absence** - Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Councillor K Ball, Councillor M Davies and Councillor Mrs J Goffey.

**86. Annual Return and Accounts for Financial Year Ended 31 March 2014** -

- (i) Year end accounts 31 March 2014 - The year end accounts had been presented at the Policy and Resources Committee on 27 May 2014. Adoption of the accounts by the full Council was proposed by Councillor Letchford and seconded by Councillor Mrs Marsh, with all in favour.
- (ii) The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit had been completed and signed off by Mr K Abraham, with no issues raised. The Chairman read out to the meeting the eight governing statements to which Councillors responded Yes to each and Not Applicable to statement 9. Adoption of the Annual Return was proposed by Councillor Stephens, seconded by Councillor Mrs Yelland, with all in favour.

**87. Destination Okehampton** -

- (i) Option II - The Report prepared by the Council's Working Group Destination Okehampton, Rail Resilience - Option II, was adopted by the Council on the proposition of Councillor Cummings, seconded by Councillor Weekes with all in favour.
- (ii) Funding the action required - Councillor Ireland summarised the reasons for seeking a professional consultant to prepare the business case for Option II. The intention was to be inclusive and to engage with other town and parish councils in the area. Attendance at recent Destination Okehampton meetings indicated general support and a willingness to consider funding assistance, although the extent of any costs was not yet determined. After discussion, the Council agreed 'that Okehampton Town Council take the lead in progressing the railway resilience project as defined in the Option II report, and that the Working Group Destination Okehampton seeks further information and reports to the Town Council with costs of both pump-priming (advertisement) and consultancy' on the proposition of Councillor Mrs Marsh, seconded by Councillor Ireland.

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**Councillor P Vachon  
Town Mayor**