



Okehampton Town Council

Town Hall
Fore Street
Okehampton
Devon
EX20 1AA

T: 01837 53179
E: townclerk@okehampton.gov.uk

Paul R Snell
Town Clerk

30th November 2015

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Okehampton Town Council to be held on Monday 7 December 2015 at 7.00 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton.

Yours faithfully

P R Snell
Town Clerk

Prayers - Councillor Rev'd M Davies

Declarations of Interest - Members are reminded that they should declare any relevant interest in the items to be considered.

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.

Business To Be Transacted

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Deferment of Business** - For comment by the public.
3. **Members' Questions** - To receive questions from Members.
4. **West Devon Borough Council** - To receive the report of the West Devon Borough Councillors, if present.

5. **Devon County Council** - To receive the report of the Devon County Councillor, if present.
6. **Adoption of Minutes of Committees and to Receive Questions from Members Thereon** -
 - 6.1 To adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 12 October and 2 November 2015 and the Chairman to receive questions from Members regarding the workings and decisions made at these Committee meetings.
 - 6.2 To adopt the minutes of the Property Committee meeting held on 7 September 2015 and the Chairman to receive questions from Members regarding the workings and decisions made at this Committee meeting.
 - 6.3 To adopt the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 19 October 2015 and the Chairman to receive questions from Members regarding the workings and decisions made at this Committee meeting.
7. **Full Council Meeting Minutes** - To receive, sign and approve the minutes of the Town Council meetings held on 2 and 16 November 2015.
8. **Matters Arising** -
9. **Civic Diary Report** - The Mayor to report.
10. **Civic Invitations Working Group** - Report from the Working Group and consideration of recommendations arising therefrom. (The Mayor to report)
11. **Reports of Working Groups** - To consider and note reports from the Working Groups:
 - (i) Destination Okehampton (Councillor Ireland).
 - (ii) Neighbourhood Plan (Councillors Goffey, Leech, Vachon and Yelland).
 - (iii) Renewable Energy Feasibility Study (Councillors Cummings, Leech and Rush).
12. **Financial Regulations** - To consider for adoption the revised financial regulations on the recommendation of the Policy & Resources Committee.
13. **Okement Surgery** - To note the prospective closure of the Okement Surgery at Okehampton Community Hospital and to consider actions and/or representations to be made.
14. **Devolution Issues** - To note the continuing financial pressures on principal authorities (Tough Choices) and the increasingly noticeable effects within the Community and to consider actions and processes that might be undertaken to improve:
 - Street cleaning
 - Dog fouling
 - Grass cutting and weed control
 - Parking enforcement
 - Children's centre services
 - Public toilet provision

15. **TAP Funding** - To report progress on possible TAP funding for Tourist Information and Speed Measuring equipment - Councillor Leech. To invite Trustees from OCRA to make a presentation to the Council on possible TAP funding on 18 January 2016. To consider the priorities that may be given to each project in submitting them to the Northern Links meeting for consideration in March.
16. **Queen's Birthday Celebration 2016** - To consider establishing a working group to take forward co-ordination of local commemoration activities.
17. **Members' Reports** - To receive reports from Members attending other organisations on behalf of the Council.
- (i) Dartmoor National Park Forum (Councillor Cummings or Councillor Goffey).
 - (ii) Northern Parishes Link Committee - Councillors Cummings and Ireland.
 - (iii) Okehampton Matters - Councillors Vachon and Goffey.
 - (iv) Okehampton Older People's Community Services Network - Councillor Yelland.
 - (v) Okehampton Vision Steering Group - Councillors Cushing, Ireland and Vachon.
 - (vi) West Devon/Okehampton Liaison Group - Councillors Vachon and Goffey.

PART TWO

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

The Committee 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.'

18. **Consideration of local awards and commendation processes**