

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Okehampton Town Council 16th August 2017, 7.45pm in the Town Hall, Okehampton.

Present: Cllr. Goffey (Chairman) Cllr. Ireland; Cllr. Leech; Cllr. Holt; Cllr. Cushing; Cllr. Weekes; Cllr. Tolley; Cllr. Carpenter; Cllr. Rush; Cllr. Vachon; Cllr. Marsh; Cllr. Cummings; Penny Clapham (Locum Clerk).

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.

167. Apologies for Absence Cllr. Yelland – accepted.

PART TWO

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

The Council 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.’

168. To discuss the document produced by Councillor Tolley

Cllr. Tolley showed a slide presentation to go with the document previously circulated.

Cllr. Tolley put forward proposals for a governance review as per the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Councillors were asked for their comments.

Cllr. Leech- West Devon Borough Council could do this governance review under their own initiative.

Cllr. Rush proposed that the presentation be sent to West Devon Borough Council with a request for a meeting. Further, to submit the presentation as soon as possible and include the comments page. Seconded by Cllr. Marsh. All in favour by show of hands. This will be hand-delivered to ensure arrival.

To ensure highlighting the difference between the relevant precepts.

Cllr. Goffey to action with Cllr. Tolley.

169. To approve the sending of a letter to DCC Scrutiny Committee

This is regarding the CCG and Okehampton Hospital, and the closing of hospital beds.

The document as circulated by email to all councillors prior to this meeting, was read by the Chairman.

Cllr. Goffey proposed this email letter be agreed and sent to Mel Stride MP and the Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt MP.

Cllr. Rush would like to add that Okehampton Town Council are joining with other authorities in

Devon who are against the closure of their local hospital beds.

This should include an objection as to the happenings at the recent Scrutiny Committee of Devon County Council.

The proposal in full was seconded by Cllr. Ireland. All in favour by show of hands.

Cllr. Leech thanked the Chairman for her work on this matter.

Meeting closed at 8.33pm.