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Minutes of the Meeting of Dulverton Town Council

Held on Monday 9th May 2022 at 8.30pm, in the Town Hall,
Fore Street, Dulverton TA22.

Present: Chairman: Mrs Christine Dubery. Councillors: Mr Nick Thwaites (DTC & Somerset West & Taunton (S.W.T.)); Mr Alan Ottey; Mrs Louise Parrish; Mr John Preston; Mrs Margaret Rawle; Mrs Ann Van Praag and one member of the public.

Deferment of Business for Comment by the Public:

None

Apologies for absence and acceptance of any reasons offered if agreed:

Cllr. Mrs Frances Nicholson, Somerset County Council (S.C.C.)

Declarations of Interest:

None

Chairman's Comments & Meeting Management:

None

Questions for County and District Councillors:

Cllr. Mrs Frances Nicholson - S.C.C.

Not present

Cllr. Mr Nick Thwaites - S.W.T:

Guildhall – Tree removal: The work is to be undertaken in the near future.

Litter Bins: The officer dealing with the original enquiry is no longer in post. Cllr. Thwaites is to pursue the return of the two litter bins owned by DTC.

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2022 circulated: were approved and signed with the following amendment.

Minute 6795 - Replace Cllr. Mrs Margaret Rawle with Cllr. Mrs Ann Van Praag.

Proposed by Mr Preston, seconded by Mr Ottey and carried.

6797 Update of action points resulting from the last meeting:

None

6798 Accounts:

Financial Statement – April 2022: See Appendix A

RESOLVED: That the Financial Statement as per Appendix A is approved. Proposed by Mrs Van Praag, seconded by Mr Ottey and carried.

Payments for approval: See Appendix B

RESOLVED: That the payments as per Appendix B are approved. Proposed by Mrs Parrish, seconded by Mr N. Thwaites and carried.

6799 Receipts & Payments Summary & for the Year Ending 31/03/22:

Members were presented with the Receipts & Payments Summary for year ending 31/03/22.

6800 End of Year Bank Reconciliation:

RESOLVED: To approve the Bank Reconciliation, year ending 31st March 2022. Proposed by Mr Preston, seconded by Mrs Rawle and carried.

6801 Annual Governance Statement - Year Ending 31st March 2022:

RESOLVED: To approve the Annual Governance Statement, Year Ending 31st March 2022. Proposed by Mrs Rawle, seconded by Mr Preston and carried.

6802 Annual Accounting Statement - Year Ending 31st March 2022

RESOLVED: To approve the Annual Accounting Statement, Year Ending 31st March 2022. Proposed by Mrs Parrish, seconded by Mrs Van Praag and carried.

6803 Committees:

Minutes to be approved by the relative Committee members and be adopted as part of this meeting:

- a) Dulverton Partnership Group – 13th April 2022

RESOLVED: To adopt as part of this meeting the minutes of the Dulverton Partnership Group Meeting held on 16th April 2022. Proposed by Mr Thwaites, seconded by Mrs Rawle and carried.

- b) Queens Jubilee Committee – 25th April 2022

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Jubilee Committee held on 25th April 2022 are approved and adopted as part of this meeting. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mrs Rawle and carried.

c) Grounds Committee Meeting – 28th April 2022

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Grounds Committee held on 28th April 2022 are approved and adopted as part of this meeting. Proposed by Mr Ottey, seconded by Mrs Parrish and carried.

d) Town Management Committee Meeting – 28th April 2022

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Management Committee held on 28th April 2022 are approved and adopted as part of this meeting. Proposed by Mr Ottey, seconded by Mrs Parrish and carried.

6804 Planning:

To approve comments as per Appendix C

RESOLVED: To adopt the comments as per Appendix C as part of this meeting. Proposed by Mr Preston, seconded by Mrs Rawle and carried.

6805 Annual Insurance Policy

RESOLVED: To accept the annual renewal quotation of £954.89 from BHIB. Proposed by Mrs Van Praag, seconded by Mr Thwaites and carried.

6806 Complaints Procedure Policy:

RESOLVED: To adopt the draft Complaints Procedure Policy as presented by the Clerk with the following amendment to no. 13:

The decision should be confirmed in writing within ten working days together with details of any action to be taken.

Proposed by Mr Preston, seconded by Mrs Dubery and carried.

6807 Royal Mourning Period:

RESOLVED: To ratify all Council decisions made at the meeting held on 12th April 2021. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mr Preston and carried.

6808 Correspondence:

Correspondence noted by members.

ENPA - Litter/ anti - social behaviour in Kings Corner Recreation Ground: PCSO Michelle Haines (Avon & Somerset Police) has been made aware of the incident and will add this to her patrol plan when on late shifts and pay passing attention. The Clerk was requested to report the incident as a crime.

SWT, Brad Fear Licensing Officer - WK/49038 Application for pavement licence - Lion Hotel, 2 Bank Square, Dulverton TA22 9BU:

Members had no objections or comments regarding the proposals.

Dulverton Heritage Centre - Chris Nelder (Chair) and Dr Martha Wrigley (Researcher) - Exmoor Railway and Mining:

Request for support for a community project to regarding a 'grand plan' to build a railway and present an exhibition having researched the historical background of the local railway and mining industry on Exmoor.

Members agreed to support the project acknowledging that it could further enhance tourism and visitor experience in Dulverton and Exmoor, and also has the potential for the community to learn more about their own heritage and historical links.

6809 Questions for Members who have attended additional meetings:

Visit Exmoor – 26th April 2022: Held via zoom and attended by Mrs Rawle who informed members that efforts were being made to extend the tourist season

6810 Issues to be raised with permission of the Chairman:

Knot Weed – It was confirmed that ENPA are aware of and dealing with the issue

Abbots Way Pond: Members agreed that there should be an official opening of the refurbished pond and surrounding area, by the oldest resident in Dulverton.

Chairman

