

BUCKFASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting held in the Room 3 at the Town Hall on Wednesday 9th May 2018 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors: Janet Jones (Deputy Chair), Huw Cox, Pamela Forbes, Ron Fox, Dan Simpson, Andy Stokes and Judith Hart (Town Clerk).

In attendance: Cllr John Nutley (District) and 3 members of the public

Press: No Press in attendance

Part I (Open to the Public)

18/21. Apologies: Cllrs Pam Barrett, Simon Rines (for this meeting) Mark Maish, Linus McCloskey, Greg Porter and Stuart Barker (County & District)

Cllr Neil Smith did not attend

18/22. Councillors invited to declare any interests: None

18/23. To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting held on 10th May 2017:

Signed and approved by Councillor Janet Jones

18/24. Election of Town Mayor and Chair of the Town Council for 2018/19:

The Clerk invited nominations for the position of Town Mayor and Chair. Cllr Andy Stokes was nominated by Cllr Dan Simpson which was seconded by Cllr Pamela Forbes with all Members in agreement. With no further nominations, Cllr Stokes was duly elected.

Cllr Andy Stokes conveyed his thanks and appreciation to the outgoing Chair and Mayor, Cllr Pam Barrett for her tireless work on behalf of the town over the past 2 ½ years.

18/25. Election of Deputy Mayor and Deputy Chair of the Town Council for 2018/19:

The Chair invited nominations for the above position and Cllr Janet Jones was nominated by Cllr Huw Cox which was seconded by Cllr Andy Stokes with all in favour. With no further Nominations, Cllr Jones was duly elected.

18/26. Appointment of the Chair of Finance for 2018/19:

The Chair asked for nominations for the position of Chair of Finance and Cllr Janet Jones nominated Cllr Andy Stokes which was seconded by Cllr Huw Cox with all Members in favour. With no further nominations for this position, Cllr Stokes was duly appointed.

18/27. Appointment of the Chair of Environment and Transport Committee for 2018/19:

Cllr Janet Jones was nominated by Cllr Andy Stokes which was seconded by Cllr Huw Cox with all in agreement. With no further nominations for this position, Cllr Jones was appointed.

18/28. Appointment of the Chairman of Tourism, Recreation and Economic Development Committee 2018/19:

Cllr Simon Rines was nominated by Cllr Dan Simpson in his absence which was seconded by Cllr Huw Cox with all in favour. With no further nominations for this position, Cllr Rines was appointed.

18/29. Committee Membership – Appointment of Members to the Finance, Planning, Environment and Transport (PEAT), Tourism, Recreation and Economic Development (TRED) and Personnel Committees:

Finance Committee – Councillors Pam Barrett, Huw Cox, Mark Maish, Linus McCloskey, Greg Porter and Dan Simpson were appointed.

Environment and Transport Committee – Councillors Pam Barrett, Huw Cox, Pamela Forbes, Ron Fox, Mark Maish and Linus McCloskey were appointed.

Tourism, Recreation and Economic Development Committee – Councillors Pam Barrett, Huw Cox, Ron Fox, Greg Porter, Dan Simpson and Neil Smith.

Personnel Committee – All Chairs, Cllr Dan Simpson as Line Manager and Cllr Pam Barrett in an advisory capacity as and when required.

The Chair stressed that members of the public are invited to join both the Environment and Tourism Committees and would be very welcome.

18/30. Representation to Outside Organisations:

Buckfast Village Hall – Cllrs Janet Jones and Pamela Forbes

Wildspace Buckfastleigh and Friends of Buckfastleigh Library – it was agreed that both these groups fall under the remit of the Buckfastleigh Town Hall and Institute and are now deleted from this agenda.

Cllr Ron Fox arrived at 7.15pm.

18/31. Public Question Time:

Cllr John Nutley reiterated the importance of representation to the Teignbridge Association of Local Council meetings.

Cllr Janet Jones confirmed that she regularly attends and reports back to full Council. Agendas and minutes are also circulated to Members for information.

A member of the public expressed their disappointment that there was low Councillor attendance at this meeting.

Cllr Simon Rines arrived and the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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