

BUCKFASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting held in Victoria Park, Plymouth Road, Buckfastleigh on Wednesday 19th May 2021 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors: Susan Clarke, Erin Kohler-Ockmore, John Bailey, Huw Cox, Ron Fox, Sylvee Phillips, Andy Stokes and Judith Hart (Town Clerk). Darren Greep arrived at 7.15 pm.

In attendance: Cllr Sarah Parker-Khan (County and District) and 4 members of the public

Press: No Press in attendance

21/50. Election of Town Mayor and Chair of the Town Council for 2021/22 and Declaration of Acceptance of Office:

The Clerk invited nominations for the position of Town Mayor and Chair. Cllr Susan Clarke was nominated by Cllr Andy Stokes and seconded by Cllr Sylvee Phillips. All members voted in agreement. With no further nominations, Cllr Clarke was duly elected.

21/51. Election of Deputy Town Mayor and Deputy Chair of the Town Council for 2021/22 and Declaration of Acceptance of Office:

The Chair invited nominations for the above position and Cllr Erin Kohler-Ockmore was nominated by Cllr Andy Stokes and seconded by Cllr Sylvee Phillips. All members voted in agreement. With no further nominations, Cllr Kohler-Ockmore was duly elected.

21/52. Apologies for absence and approval of the minutes from the meeting held on 15th May 2019:

Apologies received from Cllrs David Patrick, Kate Kayley, Bryony Tilsley and John Nutley (District)

Minutes signed by Cllr Clarke.

21/53. Review of meeting structure and appointment of the Chair of the Personnel Committee:

Cllr Clarke was nominated by Cllr Stokes and seconded by Cllr Kohler-Ockmore. All members voted in agreement. With no further nominations, Cllr Clarke was duly elected.

The review of meeting structure was deferred to the next meeting.

21/54. Appointment of Members of the Personnel Committee:

It was proposed to retain the original members, Cllrs Clarke, Kohler-Ockmore, Bailey, Patrick and Stokes. All members voted in agreement.

21/55. Review and appointment of new signatories to the Town Council bank account:

Cllr Kohler-Ockmore was nominated as a new signatory. Resolved.

21/56. To adopt the General Power of Competence:

The Town Council resolves from 19th May 2021 until the next Annual Meeting of the Council that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and

the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 continues to satisfy the criteria to adopt the General Power of Competence. Proposed by Cllr Stokes and seconded by Cllr Clarke with all members voted in agreement.

21/57. Public Question Time:

A member of the public asked about the reduction of the speed limit in town to 20 mph. It was confirmed that no further progress has been made as it is being trialled in Newton Abbot who are resistant to this proposal.

The poor condition of Strode Road was discussed. It was agreed to send the information to Cllr Parker Khan.

Meeting closed at 7.23 pm.

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