

**Northam Town Council – Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held on
Wednesday 22nd February 2023 in the Town Hall at 6.30 pm**

Present: Cllrs Laws, (Chair), Davis, Ford, Hames, Himan, Mrs Hodson, Leather, Mrs McCarthy, Miss Manley, Newman- Mckie, Tisdale and Miss Woodhouse.

In attendance: Mrs J Mills, Town Clerk, Mr G Langton – Deputy Town Clerk
Reverend Vidamour and John Kidd (Fuel Youth Appledore)

John Kidd gave a brief talk on Fuel Youth Appledore and explained how the club works and the age groups it caters for. He then took questions and was thanked by the Mayor for the work he is doing and for attending the Council Meeting.

2302/899 Apologies

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Cllr Edwards, and Sargent

2302/900 Chairman's Announcements

Members were advised that Appledore Shipyard will be doing significant work on a defence vessel in the near future.

2302/901 Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that all interests must be declared prior to the item being discussed.

2302/902 To agree the agenda between Part A and Part B

It was **resolved** to agree the agenda between Part A and Part B,
Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Tisdale (all in favour)

2302/903 To confirm and sign the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held 25th January 2023

It was **resolved** to sign the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held 25th January
Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Tisdale
(majority in favour 3 abstentions not present at the meeting)

2302/904 To note and adopt the reports of minutes and resolutions contained therein from Committees and Sub-Committees (Items contained in Part B to be considered under Part B

- **Planning – 5th and 19th January 2023**
- **Town Projects 9th January 2023**

It was agreed to note and adopt the reports of minutes and resolutions contained therein from Committees and Sub-Committees (Items contained in Part B to be considered under Part B

2302/904 Action Points

It was agreed to note the action points

- 2302/905** **To receive and consider reports from the Town Clerk (Bank reconciliation as presented to Finance and HR)**
It was agreed to note the reports from the Town Clerk
- 2302/906** **Public Participation**
We welcome Parishioners speaking or making representations, asking questions or giving evidence at the meeting of the Full Council in respect of any issue affecting the Northam Town Council area. A period of twenty minutes is allocated for this unless directed by the Chair of the meeting and a member of the public shall not speak for more than 4 minutes.
A question shall not receive a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chair of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given
No questions were received
- 2302/907** **To consider a further request from Appledore Fire Station to fund the cost of a cabinet to go on the Fire Station, to re-house the defibrillator which the Fire Brigade has at the station.**
It was **resolved** to fund the cost of a cabinet for the defibrillator.
Proposed: Cllr Mrs McCarthy, Seconded: Cllr Tisdale (all in favour)
Action point: Advise Appledore fire station that the Town Council will fund the cost of a cabinet.
- 2302/908** **To ratify a decision made under Chairman's Announcements at the last meeting to accept the Heads of Terms for Blackies**
It was **resolved** to ratify a decision made under Chairman's Announcements at the last meeting to accept the Heads of Terms for Blackies.
Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Miss Manley (all in favour)
- 2302/909** **To consider that the council makes a one-off donation towards the Turkey Syria Earthquake appeal.**
After some discussion three proposals were received
Councillor Mrs McCarthy proposed a donation of £200 this was seconded by councillor Hames.
A further proposal from Councillor Newman-McKie was that councillors organised a fundraising event which members of the public could support if they wished. This was seconded by Councillor Miss Woodhouse
There was a further proposal by Miss Manley that a forthcoming event organised for the end of March for the mayor's charity, should be split three ways to include a donation to the earthquake charity, this was seconded by councillor Hodson. The last proposal was voted on first with 10 votes in favour and 2 against, this proposal was carried. At this juncture Councillor Newman-McKie withdrew her proposal. Councillor McCarthy's proposal was then voted upon with 3 votes in favour, 7 against and 2 abstentions, this proposal fell.
Action Point: Arrange for the Mayor's Charity Event proceeds to be split three ways
- 2302/910** **Correspondence:**
There was no correspondence

- 2302/911 Street Matters: All street matters forwarded by e-mail**
A Member raised the issue of the appalling state of Atlantic Way due to the development at Tadworthy Rd. The Town Clerk will write to the relevant authority. Concerns were raised about problems with Buckleigh Rd and children having to walk to school, when there is no footway, again the Town Clerk will write to the relevant authority. A recent notification regarding a road closure for Northam Square was queried and more information will be sought.
Action Points: Write to relevant authorities regarding queries.

- 2302/912 To receive a Police/Councillor Advocate Report**
Cllr Sargent had submitted his apologies but advised that the Speedwatch Campaign is temporarily suspended, due to issues with insurance but it is hoped it will be up and running again in the near future.

- 2302/913 Summary Report from County Councillor**
The County Councillor sent his apologies, he submitted a report which will be circulated to Members

- 2302/914 Summary Report from a District Member**
Members advised there is a planning meeting next week about planning reform. TDC has set their Council Tax and will be charging double council tax on second homes from 2024.
The three sites of Active Torridge are performing well.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.59 pm

Signed.....Dated.....
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