

There was a presentation by a Guest Speaker (Lucy Willans, North Devon Biosphere and Appledore School micro-reserve, accompanied by Jeremy Cooper, Appledore School Head Teacher.

Following the presentation questions were taken.

Minutes

Northam Town Council – Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 26th April 2023 in the Town Hall at 6.30 pm

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

In attendance: Mrs J Mills, Town Clerk, Mr G Langton – Deputy Town Clerk
Reverend Harris
Members of the public (1)

2304/1109 **Apologies**

Apologies, Cllr Davis, and Cllr Ford.

2304/1110 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman thanked those giving the presentation and said it had been inspirational. He went on to say that this was the last meeting of the present Council and what an amazing year he had had as Mayor, the Queen's Jubilee, the death of the Sovereign and a new King. he thanked everyone for their support and especially the staff who had helped to see him through.

230/1111 **Declarations of interest**

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

2304/1112 **To agree the agenda between Part A and Part B**

It was **resolved** to agree the agenda between Part A and Part B,
After amending item 14 to read 29th March 2023
Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Manley (all in favour)

2304/1113 **To confirm and sign the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held 29th March 2023**

It was **resolved** to sign the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held 29th March 2023 after the addition at 2303/1045 of a further request that Northam Town Council should be allowed to renew the lease for Bone Hill Car Park as all the spaces are required for the Community.
Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Tisdale (all in favour)

2304/1114 **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**

- Town Projects – 7th March 2023
- Planning – 16th March 2023 and 30th March 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

- 2304/1115 Action Points**
It was agreed to note the action points
- 2304/1116 To receive and consider reports from the Town Clerk (Bank reconciliation as at year end)**
It was agreed to note the reports from the Town Clerk
- 2304/1117 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
A member of the public wished to speak and congratulated the Council on their efforts to acquire Westward Ho! Park from TDC and the progress made since. The new play area has been well received and is used by residents from the whole of the Torridge area. Thanks, was also given for the support to the 200 club.
- 2304/1118 To consider a response from Payphones at BT regarding the kiosk in the Seagate car park.**
Following receipt of the response from BT, it was **resolved** that adoption was not an option and retention of the working telephone box was determined as essential, as a facility for Appledore.
Proposed: Cllr Mrs Hodson, Seconded: Cllr Sargent (all in favour)
Action Point: Contact Appledore book Festival with a response
- 2304/1119 To consider renewal of the lease of the committee room.**
It was **resolved** to write to TDC with a request that due to the expansion of the Town Council duties and responsibilities, with additional staff required to fulfil the role, that the offices G14 and G15 could be offered to the Town Council at a peppercorn rent of £1 a year.
Proposed: Cllr Mrs McCarthy, seconded: Cllr Tisdale (all in favour)
Action Point: Town Clerk to write with the request to TDC.
- 2304/1120 To consider extending the emergency hire for a further two months of a vehicle for the maintenance men.**
It was **resolved** to extend the hire of a vehicle by up to 3 months if necessary.
Proposed: Cllr Edwards, seconded: Cllr Manley. (majority in favour, 2 abstentions.

PART B

2304/1121 To resolve: that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting.

It was **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.
Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Hodson (all in favour)

2304/1122 To confirm and sign the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held March 29th 2023, Part B

It was **resolved** to confirm and sign the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held March 29th 2023, Part B
Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Sargent (all in favour)

2304/1123 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) There were no part B minutes

2304/1124 To resolve to readmit members of the press and public
Proposed: Cllr Laws, Seconded: Cllr Edwards (all in favour)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45 pm

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

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