

## HONITON TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Re-convened Annual General Meeting of the Town Council held at the Town Council offices, The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton on Wednesday 11th May 2016

#### Present

##### St Michael's Ward

Cllr A Alder  
Cllr S Edwards  
Cllr Harvey-Ingram  
Cllr J McNally  
Cllr D Perkins  
Cllr J Taylor  
Cllr J Wadsworth

##### St Paul's Ward

Cllr R Coombs  
Cllr V Howard  
Cllr C Kolek (Chairman)  
Cllr J Lake  
Cllr A Mountjoy  
Cllr G Smith  
Cllr K Smith

Chetna Jones – Town Clerk

#### 16/112 Exclusion of the Press and the Public

Cllr Kolek reminded members that the meeting was reconvening and that the Town Council had excluded the public in order to discuss the confidential matters on the agenda

#### 16/113 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr C Melbourne (P), Cllr P Halse (P) and Cllr Hopkins (P) and Cllr Kolek provided apologies from Cllr H Brown (P).

#### 16/114 To receive declarations of interest and receipt of requests for new DPI dispensations on items on the agenda

Cllr Perkins – Director of the Beehive Companies – personal  
Cllr G Smith – The Beehive – Cllr undertakes maintenance work – personal

#### 16/115 Correspondence from the Town Council's solicitor (confidential attachment for councillors only) with regards to Solar Panels on the roof of the Beehive.

Correspondence from the Town Council's solicitor had been circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting.

*Cllr Alder and Cllr K Smith left the room*

It was felt that the further investigating was required and to attempt to answer the correspondence now would only result in more questions being raised. It was agreed that a working group would review the correspondence and carry out the investigations and report back as a matter of urgency.

*Cllr Alder and Cllr K Smith entered the room.*

Cllr Alder gave her apologies and left the meeting as she was feeling unwell.

It was noted that if installation of the Solar Panels had not started by September then the whole deal would be lost.

Cllr Kolek asked for nominations for the working group.

Cllr Kolek nominated Cllr Coombs and Cllr Taylor as both had shown an interest in the subject matter. Cllr McNally nominated Cllr Perkins for his knowledge in this matter. In addition it was also proposed that Mr Les Bayliss be asked to attend in an advisory capacity as he was familiar with both the construction and operation of the Beehive.

It was agreed the Working Group consist of Cllr Coombs, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Perkins, Cllr Kolek and Mr Bayliss (Advisory Role).

**16/116 Progress Report on Honiton Tourist Information Centre**

A lengthy debate took place with historical issues being raised as well provision for the future alternative model fit for 21<sup>st</sup> Century use.

Cllr Mountjoy proposed that a letter be written raising concerns about use of the Town Guide and to challenge the term "Official" for future productions of the Town Guide if not affiliated with the Tourist Information Service. In addition the Council should request that the Current TIC building be registered as an asset of Community Use. This was seconded by Cllr Harvey-Ingram and **WAS RESOLVED** unanimously

**16/117 Progress Report on the building contract with regards to snagging and final account including recommendation of Finance Committee**

A progress report and correspondence had been circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting.

*Cllr Mountjoy gave her apologies and left the meeting.*

A further update was provided at the meeting.

Cllr Harvey-Ingram proposed the recommendation of the Finance Committee. This was seconded by Cllr G Smith and **WAS RESOLVED** (1 against and 1 abstention).

**16/118 Further Advice from The Town Council's appointed Counsel**

Cllr Taylor left the meeting at 8.15pm

Further advice from Counsel was provided to the Town Council and it was agreed that the Town Clerk provide information that was recently obtained to Counsel.

**16/119 Close Meeting**

The meeting was closed at 8.25pm