



Minutes of the Meeting of
SALCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL
held in Council's meeting room, Cliff House, Salcombe
at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 22 May 2024

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT * - Attendance; A- Absent; N - No Apologies Received

Cllr Mark Goodey (Mayor)	*
Cllr Jasper Evans (Deputy Mayor)	*
Cllr Caroline Bricknell	*
Cllr Andrew Reed	*
Cllr Eoghan Grace	*
Cllr Kizzy Sims-Stirling	*
Cllr Christine Milton	*
Cllr John Cooke	*
Cllr Craig Niven	*
Cllr Rob Wheeler	*
Cllr David Higgins	*
Cllr Peter Dickinson	*

Also in attendance:

Dist Cllr Samantha Dennis	A
Dist Cllr Mark Long	*
Cty Cllr Rufus Gilbert	A
Richard Harding (South Hams Newspapers)	*
PS Charlie Wilkes	N
Sara Jones (Town Clerk)	*
Pete Robinson (Cemetery Manager & Project Officer)	A

AGENDA

1) ELECTION OF THE TOWN MAYOR AND SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Nominations were received and Cllr. Mark Goodey was elected as Town Mayor for mayoral year 2024/25 and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor.

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 10

18.32 Cllr Peter Dickens arrived

2) ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR AND SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Nominations were received and Cllr Jasper Evans was elected as Deputy Town Mayor for mayoral year 2024/25 and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Deputy Mayor.

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 11

3) APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Dist Cllrs Rufus Gilbert and Samantha Dennis.

4) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To invite Members to declare any pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests that they may have in any matters to be considered at this meeting; and to note that a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest, in any matter must, withdraw from the Chamber at the commencement of the consideration of that business or, if later, the time at which the interest becomes apparent.

Cllr Christine Milton declared an interest in planning application **1126/24/FUL 1128/24/LBC** and **SHPL0737 The Old LifeBoat House**

Cllr Mark Goodey declared an interest in planning application **1173/24/HHO** and **SHPL0737 The Old LifeBoat House** and **1126/24/FUL 1128/24/LBC**

Cllr Craig Niven declared an interest in planning application **1173/24/HHO** and **SHPL0737 The Old LifeBoat House**



Cllr David Higgins declared an interest in planning application 1369/24/CLE

5) OPEN FORUM

- i. *Members of the public are invited to attend and discuss matters relating to the parish; they are invited to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting.*

Resident Gillian Parkinson: thanked Cllr Christine Milton for giving up her time to walk the Park and Ride bus route and Council for looking at the concerned residents' Park N Ride route petition.

- ii. *To note matters raised in the open forum and consider any to be added to the agenda for a future meeting*

None

6) TO RECEIVE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

**Written Report from Ward Councillors Sam Dennis and Mark Long
May 2024**

- Alison Hernandez was re-elected for another four years as Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Many thanks to those that voted, and those that assisted in or were inconvenienced by the administration involved in the election.
- A public consultation has launched across Salcombe and its neighbouring parishes. Anyone living, working, owns a business or a second home in the Salcombe, Malborough or East Portlemouth areas is invited to take part. You can find the consultation online at <https://mysalcombe.commonplace.is/>, where it will be until Wednesday 31st July.
- Quayside Leisure Centre has received £77,000 from the 'Swimming Pool Support Fund' which comes from a combination of Government and Sport England funding. The money will go towards variable speed pumps and upgrading the building management system.

Verbal report from Dist Cllr Mark Long:

- Reported Quayside Leisure Centre received over £77,000 funding and Salcombe Swimming Pool has been confirmed to receive £10,655 from S106 allocation.
- Summer bin collections reviewed and now operational. There is recruitment for a static operative to be based within town centre to provide additional coverage especially during peak periods for emptying of bins. Looking into reviewing the frequency of emptying some bins which are filled up more than others. Letters went out to holiday lets about Controlled Waste regulation, now being monitored. Putting household waste into street litter bin is fly-tipping and will be informed on by Localities Officer.
- **Cllr Niven highlighted that the bin on the wall at South Sands is always full.** Suggests putting a second bin by beach exit. Dist Cllr Long advised that there will be a review about location, size of bin and frequency of collection.
- **Cllr Goodey enquired into the replacement of temporary bins at North Sands.** Dist Cllr Long advised that new bins are being manufactured due to the previous fittings not being compatible.
- **Cllr Goodey also highlighted the missing/broken down safety wooden fence/rails** around the top of the stream at North Sands, where there is a considerable drop especially to children
- **Cllr Niven stressed concern over the deteriorating state of the seawall at South Sands.** Dist Cllr Long advised that Landmark is contracted to do remedial works around the area and will report on findings.
- **Cllr Cooke enquired into whether a councillor has the authority to confront a person seen obviously "fly-tipping".** Cllr Long advised that councillors are entitled to point out the 'Controlled Waste' regulation politely and in a non-confrontational manner. If the member of public had been instructed to do this by the Letting Agent, then it should be noted which agent and reported. Every holiday let should have an arrangement for waste disposal.
- **Cllr Milton highlighted one concern brought to the monthly Council surgery was the lack of road sweeping/maintenance.** Cllr Long advised the usual road sweeper is back on schedule and the two mechanical sweepers have been repaired and will be operational again. **Also raised was the spraying of weeds.** Cllr Long will check with Ground Maintenance whether the task has been completed, delays were due to wet weather as the crew need 5-6 hrs to clear.

The Town Clerk pointed out the Project Officer Pete Robinson is in direct contact with SHDC Grounds Maintenance crew member Victor Thomas should anything need reporting on.



ACTION: Dist Cllr Mark Long

7) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

- i) Members **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Town Council meetings on Wednesday 24th April were a true and correct record and the Mayor signed them.

Against: 0 Abstain: 1 (Cllr Craig Niven was not in attendance at April's meeting) For: 9

ii) To note only progress on outstanding items from previous meetings

- o Mayor reported valuation on mayoral chain received back from T Fattorini Ltd as just over £14k
- o Mayor recommended Agenda Item No. 12 'Park And Ride' be moved up to Item No. 8 to facilitate the residents and member of the public in attendance waiting in interest.
- o Town Clerk advised all councillors that document with 'Matters Rising' from Council meetings is now up to date and can be reviewed accordingly.

8) PARK AND RIDE

Councillors discussed the current Park and Ride bus route, which some residents would like to see re-routed after concerns that the current route is dangerous

Cllr Milton reported after having walked the route with a resident;

- o Observed the difficulty and danger faced by pedestrians when buses travel along Knowle Road and for buses- a blind spot turning into Coronation Road. Some places along Knowle Road are narrow hence pedestrians must find a safe space, which is always on someone's driveway. Car drivers are faced with the same thing; again, having to drive onto people's property." A resident informed the Council that a young boy playing in his driveway on Knowle Road was nearly hit when a car swerved into the driveway to avoid an oncoming bus.
- o In Coronation Road, cars overhang the pedestrian path from their driveways, it is almost impossible to walk on the pavements, so people are forced to walk in the road.
- o Bus drivers have to slalom down Coronation Road, driving into another pinch point at the end, due to two parking bays immediately opposite each other; by which time the buses have built up speed and can be faced with a vehicle turning from Shadycombe Road into Coronation Road.
- o Salcombe Town Council received a petition from residents of Knowle Road and Coronation Road with 67 signatures to say how unsafe they thought it was and asking for it to look at another route.
- o She personally cannot say that the current route is safe – with the risk being increased with 4 buses an hour (including the 164 bus) although she advised that Don, at Tally Ho, has said it is safe and has been used for years. She advised that just because an accident has yet to happen, does not mean it never will and that we have got away without an accident happening by the skin of our teeth. Cllr Milton went on further to say that she didn't think there is any route that is completely safe in Salcombe.
- o A petition signed by 67 residents has been handed in to the Council.
- o Along with Cllr Reed, she went to look at the route again and then they met with Don (with Project Officer, on behalf of the Town Clerk) from Tally Ho! on 16th May 2024 – advised that Don could see the need to change the route, although she reiterated that he said it was safe. The suggestion at this meeting was to come down Onslow Road, but she expressed her concerns to the members about this route due to the narrowing of the road.

An alternative route has been proposed by the residents to come down Devon Road and into Shadycombe Road, looking to turn the bus at Creek carpark, which is owned by South Hams District Council. However, as this would involve the bus reversing within the car park to turn around, SHDC, who have been contacted by STC's officers, have expressed concerns from a health and safety perspective.

She would like the next step to be: for the Park and Ride Working Group to meet with SHDC, Dist Cllr Mark Long and the police (due to the cars overhanging the pavements)

Resident Gillian Parkinson, who the Mayor allowed to address the Council during the discussions, asked why the buses were allowed to turn within Creek carpark at Crabfest – a precedent has been set. Dist Cllr Mark Long advised that the Fish Quay is closed during Crabfest and that the Air Training Corp was there to help direct the buses turning. Gillian refuted this. Dist Cllr Long further advised that the proposal to turn the Park and Ride bus will be when the carpark will be busy with traffic, pedestrians and with a working Fish Quay.



Gillian mentioned the arctic lorries that visit the Fish Quay turn round – Dist Cllr Long advised they do not reverse but have a circular route. Gillian disputed this too.

Mayor Cllr Mark Goodey enquired to a turning circle and whether it be worth seeing how much space that would take up in Creek carpark. **Dist Cllr Mark Long** replied that the feasibility of this could be looked at but carparking spaces would be lost and there would be a cost to it. Would need to do a full risk assessment. Gillian said 'it would be better to lose a parking space than a life'.

He advised that the suggestion isn't being ignored – will need to be looked at, in detail, at a meeting, but need to ensure we are not replacing one danger with another.

Gillian invited the whole Council and the SHDC officer to come and walk the route on the next bank holiday. **Dist Cllr Mark Long** said it was not up to the officer to come - her role is purely to consider the safety of buses turning in SHDC carpark. Gillian further requested, as it did not look like the issue would be resolved this season, consideration on cutting back on the convoy between the 164 service bus and Park and Ride bus schedule. Cllr Milton raised concerns about reducing the Park and Ride service, highlighting the capacity of people using 164 service bus in peak season, only to travel to the car park would restrict access to those needing to use the 164 service further afield.

Gillian also suggested that the wall to the entrance to Creek carpark could be taken down to widen the entrance to enable the bus to sweep in to turn.

Gillian finally advised that she raised this issue last year and has shown some members the email – which she then gave a copy to the Mayor. She advised that the residents are not happy to be in the same dangerous situation for a second year.

Town Clerk advised the Council that a further subsequent part of the email chain was missing - a subsequent email, (dated 23/6/23), was sent by the Office, advising to liaise with Cllr Christine Milton (Lead of Community Working Group) if they wanted to chat about the route further. The Town Clerk also advised that she has asked Tally Ho! recently regarding the discussions about the 2024 route, which took place with Councillors last year, who advised it had been decided to leave the route as it is for this year.

Cllr Milton explained that it was felt that the route could not have been changed for 2024, as they were looking to change it to the current suggested route of Devon Road. Tally Ho! advised at the time it would be best not to use this route as the work was still being carried out on the new Harbour Office, and therefore the quantity of traffic was unknown. The Councillors did not feel they had an option therefore to change the route.

The Town Clerk said it was a learning curve for everyone, but all discussions need to be reported back to Council and it demonstrated the importance of having Officers at these meetings, who are impartial, and can report in such a way to reflect this, with the report being included in minutes. Any decision that needs to be made are brought back to the Council, via the agenda – as no one Councillor can make a decision on the Council's behalf.

Cllr Milton went on to suggest that members do walk the route on the next bank holiday and to consider how they would feel if someone kept coming back on their property.

Cllr Reed suggested asking Tally Ho! for self-imposed 20MPH along Knowle Road and Coronation Road.

Discussion then took place regarding setting up of the meeting. The Town Clerk suggested DCC Highways were invited too, as the enforcement of cars overhanging the pavements is now back with them rather than the police. Members continued with the focus of involving the police with overhanging cars. The concern expressed by Cllr Milton was that it may delay getting a meeting if more stakeholders were invited.

19:10 Cllr Eoghan Grace arrived

RESOLVED to organise a meeting to look at feasible proposals/solutions with all the stakeholders involved; SHDC (SHDC carparking officer and Dist Cllr Mark Long), Tally-Ho and Council's Park and Ride Working Group



Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

RESOLVED to address the issue of overhanging cars at the meeting in June scheduled with Police representatives. To include Adam Key from DCC Highways.

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

RESOLVED to request in a formal letter to Tally Ho! for agreement on self-imposed 20mph speed limit on Knowle and Coronation Roads.

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

Action: Dist Cllr Mark Long, Cllr Christine Milton, Working Group, Town Clerk

8) PLANNING & LICENSING APPLICATIONS

See Appendix 5 - June 2024 Planning Minutes Appendix

9) GOVERNANCE:

i. APPOINTMENTS TO WORKING PARTIES AND/OR COMMITTEES

- a) To discuss and seek a resolution on working parties and/or committees, appoint members and a leader/chair for the mayoral year 2024/25.
- c) To approve any immediate projects that need to be reviewed/started by working parties/committees

Town Clerk advised that the remits of some of the Working Groups are too vague and need to more project specific as several governance issues are slipping – have Task and Finish Working Groups instead. Suggested a Buildings and Maintenance Working Group in order to focus proactively looking after the Council's assets.

She also reiterated that currently the Council has given the Town Clerk, the Delegation of Authority to seek urgent decisions outside of a Council meeting. She advised that SLCC and DALC have stated that it is the Town Clerk who decides whether a decision is needed to be made – it is not for a Councillor/Committee to decide on behalf of the Clerk.

Cllr Jasper Evans stated that this Delegation of Authority could be given to a Committee. The Town Clerk concurred, but suggestion caution in doing so.

She further advised that Committees' Terms of Reference need to be clear, sighting the HR Committee's Terms of Reference as a good example.

RESOLVED to agree to remain as is with a review in 3 months' time.

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

Action: Town Clerk

RESOLVED appointment of Cllr Peter Dickinson to the HR Committee

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

Action: Town Clerk

ii) REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

RESOLVED to agree that Members as representatives of Town Council on outside organisations for the mayoral year 2024/25 to remain as is with a review in 3 months' time.

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

Action: Town Clerk

iii) COUNCIL'S AND/OR STAFF SUBSCRIPTIONS

RESOLVED to continue Council's and/or staff current subscriptions, namely DALC, SLCC & ICM (cemetery)

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12



iv) POLICIES

RESOLVED to agree the following Committee/Working Groups to review:

Legal = (a) Council's complaints procedure;

Legal = (b) Council's procedures for handling requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection Act 1998;

HR = (c) Council's policy for dealing with the press/media

Finance = (d) The Council's Model Publication Scheme

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

Action: relevant Working Groups

v) FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR 2024/25

a) Ordinary Full Council meetings up to and including the next annual meeting of Full Council to continue every fourth Wednesday at 6.30pm in Town Council office.

b) **RESOLVED** to agree HR & Staffing Committee meetings on ad hoc basis as required

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

Town Clerk advised members that, even if they aren't a member of this committee, the Council, as a corporate body is the staff's Employer. Therefore each member has a duty of responsibility towards the staff.

c) **RESOLVED** to agree Asset Transfer Committee meetings on ad hoc basis as required

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

d) **RESOLVED** to agree D-Day Celebration Committee meetings on ad hoc basis as required

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

e) **RESOLVED** to agree Annual Town Meeting on Wednesday 23rd April 2025

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

Action: relevant Committees/Town Clerk

10) COMMUNITY SURGERIES

RESOLVED to agree for the six Community Surgeries 2024/25 rota every 2 months, to alternate between; 3 x Town Council offices/Cliff House, 1 x Over 60's Centre on a Thursday morning, 1 x Salcombe Swimming Pool foyer at 2.30pm, 1 x Rugby Club

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

Action: Officer

11) CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD AND CIVIC LUNCH

Town Clerk advised Council of the Event budget, which has a remaining balance of £5250 (following D-Day expenditure)

RESOLVED to agree;

- i) the changing of Civic Lunch to Civic Reception (to view the newly launched Field of Lights display) on Saturday 12 October from 6.30pm. To be held at Cliff House (has been booked) at a cost of £749.
- ii) Galley Girls to be appointed for buffet finger food style/canapes; £10 per head + £350 for 2x members of staff.
- iii) No paid music only background music
- iv) free drink on arrival (approx. £400: £18 prosecco/£20 bottle of wine) and then paid bar - to ask Cliff House Trust for 'retrospective discount' on bar takings
- v) offer extension of coffee after Church Service Sunday. Councillors will provide sandwiches and cakes at no charge. Signs will only need to be provided for those with allergies (as not 'selling' the food).
- vi) Allocated budget of £3,200 for up to 150 people, which is the maximum number of people the Assembly Rooms can accommodate (budget was initially estimated for 100 people £2448)

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

Action: Cllr Christine Milton/Officer



13) WELCOME SIGN

RESOLVED to agree;

- i) Bonfire Hill (against the boundary wall at the entrance to Jubilee Park) as the preferred location for the new Welcome Sign - see Welcome Sign appendix
- ii) Cllr David Higgins with the Planning Working Group to continue researching the design/strategy process and present in the resolution document.
- iii) Cllr David Higgins with the Planning Working Group to continue researching working, fonts, icons and materials. To seek quotes from Jim Martens, Andy Harris, Mr Bent and Nick Jones.

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

Action: Cllr David Higgins

14) THE SALCOMBE CANNON WRECK

RESOLVED to agree for Cllr Jasper Evans, from the Legal Working Group to write an open letter from Salcombe Town Council to Mr George Osbourne CH, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the British Museum, to be sent by the Town Clerk, requesting that (i) finds from the Salcombe Cannon Wreck held by the British Museum or a facsimile thereof are publicly displayed at the British Museum and/or (ii) facsimile of such find is loaned by the British Museum for public display in Salcombe.

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

Action: Legal Working Group/Cllr Jasper Evans

15) INTERPRETATION BOARDS IN SALCOMBE

RESOLVED and agreed (i) in consultation with South Devon National Landscape, South Hams District Council and such other authorities, agencies and sponsors as are deemed appropriate, the installation of up to four interpretation boards in Salcombe relating to Salcombe's natural environment and landscape, heritage, commerce and trades including their subject-matter, design and construction, location and funding and (ii) allocation of such project to the Community Working Group.

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

Action: Community Working Group/Cllr Christine Milton

16) COUNCIL'S PRIORITY LIST

RESOLVED and agreed the upcoming Audit and AGAR is the Council's highest priority

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

Action: Town Clerk

20.51 Dist Cllr Mark Long left the meeting

17) REPORTS

- i) Mayor's - **Appendix 2**
- ii) Councillors

Cllr Kizzy Sims-Stirling written report from Feoffes;

Caroline Bricknell, Rob Wheeler and myself are in regular communication with the members of this trust. We have had two physical meetings over the last year. The first was attended by both Caroline and Rob on behalf of the council and I attended the last meeting with both Caroline and Rob.

At the last meeting, Mary explained to me how the process works and we worked through a document of current reciprocates of funds and evaluated their needs going forward. Some residents remained on the list, a few were now in better circumstances (and were removed) and we added a few names of people who would benefit from some additional income.

Mary carries a "float" as well as a number of Morrison's vouchers that she is able to distribute once approved. Local knowledge is crucial here and both Caroline and Rob were able to add much value to the evaluation process.

This fund is a real lifeline for some individuals who no fault of their own have fallen on hard times. We keep in regular contact through a WhatsApp group and e-mail which works well.



Cllr Kizzy Sims-Stirling written report from Salcombe Regatta Committee;

Christine Milton and myself attend as many meetings as possible and offer our support in whatever capacity we can.

This committee is well established and has solid systems and processes in place. The Chair, Treasurer and Secretary operate cohesively and attract support from the community that ensures that this large event is rolled out successfully.

This annual event is clearly impressive and attracts many visitors to our town. Christine and I will be attending the event in a voluntary capacity to be available to help wherever needed.

Cllr Christine Milton report from Over 60s surgery held on Tues 21 May 2024;

- Questioned by residents at St Dunstan's Road as to why the Park and Ride bus doesn't stop at Beadon Cross stop (on request) as was previously agreed with Don. Can it be reinstated? Cllr Milton to email Don Macintosh at Tally Ho and copy in Council Officer, to request reinstatement and to notify drivers of the arrangement. **Cllr Christine Milton**
- In Shadycombe carpark, the sign 'To Town' is missing from wall on junction of Chandler's Heights and steps heading down to side of Salcombe Holiday Homes office.
- Sleeping policemen on Onslow Road needed
- Flashing 20mph/30mph lights/signs needed
- Objecting to A-boards all over the town. Mayor Cllr Goodley was advised that Council had to allow all or none. Town Clerk was advised by DCC Highways that if the Boards are not dangerously causing obstruction behind yellow lines, then the decision is down to Town Council. Project Officer Pete Robinson is currently looking into this further and will report on next agenda for discussion.

iii) Clerk – Appendix 3

iv) Police

- Meeting with Working Group – **Appendix 4**
- **Written report from PC Jon Lonsdale**

...Salcombe crime figures for the past month up until 20th May. Due to data protection I'm not permitted to disclose the recorded reports in detail. In total there have been 10 incidents reported and recorded by police in Salcombe over the last month as detailed below.

10 reported Occurrences in total covering the last 28 days up until May 20th 2024.

7 x Assaults in total as follows:

- 1 x Reported on licensed premises involving victim being hit with a glass.
- 1 x Reported on licensed premises involving victim being kicked.
- 1 x Assault reported in private address, domestic related.
- 1 x Assault reported in private address, no offences disclosed.
- 1 x Assault reported in relation to a verbal argument. No offences disclosed.
- 1 x Assault reported in commercial premises, town centre.

1 x Firearms shotgun renewal application.

1 x Licensing application relating to licensed premises.

1 x Theft of IT equipment reported.

18) COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- i) Cllr Jasper Evans reported next *D-Day Celebrations Committee* meeting is on Thursday 23 May 2024 at 9am. Provided status synopsis of the various planned arrangements for event. D-Day Committee Minutes found on Salcombe Town Council website.
- ii) Cllr Rob Wheeler reported Asset Transfer Committee needs to bring a proposal response to the full council regarding plans from South Hams District Council (SHDC). SHDC has expressed a strong interest in collaborating with the Town Council (STC) to facilitate the transfer of chosen assets.

19) FINANCE

- i) Council received finance report and **RESOLVED** approval for payment of invoices

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

Action: Town Clerk

- ii) Council **RESOLVED** approval of the schedule of payments with current Lloyds bank and CCLA balance:
As at 30/04/2024
Lloyds: £71,834.91
CCLA: £483,956.12



Total: £555,791.03

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

Action: Town Clerk

- iii) **RATIFIED** the cost of £79+VAT for Scribe to carry out a Year End Health Check on the Council's accounts.

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

Action: Town Clerk

- iv) Town Clerk to investigate costs of plastic benches (eg. DCW Polymers) for replacement for the two wooden benches at Beadon Cross bus stops within a budget of £550+VAT each from repair and maintenance budget.

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

Action: Officer

- v) Council discussed and **RESOLVED** to approve the grant application from The Wind Project for £1500.00.

- a. This decision highlights a recurring pattern in grant requests, typically originating from the same community interest groups. In response to this, Councillor Niven proposed a motion to amend the current Grant policy by removing clause 4.3, which pertains to the 'Repeat or renewal of grants.' The purpose of this change is to accommodate certain repeat requests, thereby providing continued support to these community groups.
- b. Powers to grant monies under the 'Recreational' provision

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

Action: Town Clerk

- vi) Council **RESOLVED** approval of the current banking signatory arrangements as follows:

- a. Town Clerk plus one Councillor to authorise online payments
- b. Current signatories are: Town Clerk and Cllrs Niven, Milton, Sims-Stirling and Bricknell.

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

- vii) Council **RESOLVED** approval for the continued use of a variable direct debit for:

BT Group PLC
IT Workhouse
HM Land Registry
ICO
NEST
SGW Payroll

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

20) NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to agree for the next Town Council meeting on Wednesday 26th June 2024, Council's meeting room, Cliff House, Salcombe.

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 12

Meeting ended: 21:25

Minutes approved:

Mark Goodey
Town Mayor

Date: 26/06/24