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Minutes of the Seaton Town Council Meeting on Monday, 1 March 2021

SEATON TOWN COUNCIL

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Town Mayor Cllr Ken Beer

Town Clerk Julia Mutlow

Present:

Chair: Cllr. K. Beer

Town

Councillors: E. Bowman, D. Ledger, D. Haggerty, M. Hartnell, M. Macaskill, J. Russell, A. Singh, C. Wood and D. Wright

Other

Councillors: Cllr. Shaw (DCC), Cllr. Rowland (EDDC)

Officers: Town Clerk

Public: Two members of the public were present

Note: All attendees accessed the meeting remotely and could be either seen and/or heard

158. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Briggs.

159. Declarations of interest

Cllrs. Hartnell and Ledger declared personal interests as East Devon District Councillors. Cllr Ledger declared an interest on item 21 COU 13 as Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning.

160. Minutes

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of Seaton Town Council ('the Council') held remotely on 1 February 2021.
(proposed Cllr. Beer; seconded Cllr. Haggerty)

161. Public Question Time

A comment was received from a member of the public requesting that an update on the Seafront Enhancement Scheme be a standing item on the agenda.

A second member of the public requested that any supporting reports be available on the website prior to each meeting.

162. Police Report

Sergeant Roy Hutter and PC Beth Salter attended the meeting and highlighted the fact that crime rates overall had decreased over the same month in 2020. They also confirmed that, following a recently reported altercation in Tesco Supermarket, an individual had been charged and remanded in custody. Members noted the report.



163. County Councillor Report

Cllr Shaw presented his report and confirmed that the increase in the County Council's precept for 2021/22 would be 4.99% with 3% being directed towards the increasing costs of social care and 1.99% towards other general services.

Members noted the report.

164. District Councillor Reports

Cllrs Rowland and Ledger presented their reports. In particular, Cllr Rowland highlighted that EDDC's precept would be 3.41% due to the financial implications of the pandemic. However, car parking charges would not be increased for the coming year. He also spoke about the seafront enhancement project and confirmed that an update was awaited from officers at EDDC. Cllr Ledger highlighted recent correspondence received by the Council from EDDC as regards the transfer of assets and asked that this be added to the next Council agenda for consideration. Furthermore he confirmed that he had secured further signage relating to the disposal of dog waste in light of the increasing problems in the town.

Members noted the reports.

165. Town Clerk's Update

Members noted the updated work log and the progress made since the Council's February meeting.

166. Committee Minutes

Members received and noted the minutes of the following committees:

- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 18 January 2021
- Planning Committee – 18 January 2021

(proposed Cllr. Singh; seconded Cllr. Macaskill)

167. Annual Town Meeting 2021

Members **RESOLVED** that the Annual Town Meeting would be held on Thursday, 15 April 2021 via a Zoom link and confirmed that their preferred speaker was James Chubb of East Devon District Council to speak about Seaton Wetlands and the link project, possibly in conjunction with Seaton Tramway. The Town Clerk was asked to contact James Chubb and establish his availability. If unavailable Andrew Gwyn Davies should be approached as an alternative to discuss the projects he has been involved in in the town over the preceding year.

(proposed Cllr. Ledger; seconded Cllr. Singh)

168. Community Grant

Members considered an application for a grant from Beer Men's Shed and **RESOLVED** to approve a grant in the sum of £1,000.

(proposed Cllr. Hartnell; seconded Cllr. Wood)



169. Telephone Kiosk

Members considered the future possible use of the telephone kiosk at Seaton Hole and agreed that views of local residents should be sought via social media as to possible future uses of the kiosk and brought back to Council in due course.

170. East Devon Local Plan Consultation Response

Members **RESOLVED** to accept the recommended draft consultation response prepared by the Council's Planning Committee and approved submission to East Devon District Council.
(proposed Cllr. Hartnell; seconded Cllr. Russell)

171. Update on Promote Seaton

Cllr Haggerty provided an update on the work of Promote Seaton.
Members noted the report.

Confidential Items

The Chairman moved that in accordance with the Council's Standing Order 1(d) press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following items due to their sensitive nature/potential to identify individuals.

172. Refurbishment of mayoral regalia

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the additional expenditure of £109.35, identified by Fattorini as necessary, to repair the enamel on the pendant of the mayoral chain. (proposed Cllr. Singh; seconded Cllr. Wood)

173. Staffing

Members considered the report on staffing and **RESOLVED** as from 1 April 2021 to:

- approve the contractual salary increase to the next spinal column point, for the following employees:
 - Town Maintenance Officer
 - Administrative & Community Events Officer; and
- increase the rate paid to the Planning Clerk in line with the Administrative & Community Events Officer
(proposed Cllr. Haggerty; seconded Cllr. Macaskill)
- approve the appointment of Jo Hemery to the role of Deputy Clerk (24 hours per week) as of 1 April 2021 on the terms set out in the accompanying report.
(proposed Cllr. Haggerty; seconded Cllr. Singh)



174. Protocol updates

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the protocol surrounding the death of a national senior figure.
(proposed Cllr. Haggerty; seconded Cllr. Wright)

Meeting closed at 7.34pm

Signed

Ken Beer

Dated

26/4/2021