

## **Tiverton Town Council**

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Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 2pm in the Mayoralty Room of the Town Hall.

Present: Cllrs W Burke, Irene Hill.

In attendance: Cllr Phil Hill, (who was nominated to substitute), Mr John Vanderwolfe (Town Clerk), and Mrs J Hubbard (Assistant to the Town Clerk).

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115	Apologies: Cllr's C Harrower (Unwell), S Bush (Working), D Knowles (Unwell), S
	Griggs (Meeting).
	All resolved to accept the apologies
116	Code Of Conduct
	There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct at this stage of
	the meeting.
117	Minutes
	The minutes of the meeting held on the 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2022, having been previously
	circulated, were adopted as a true record.
118	Matters Arising
	Cllr I Hill asked if financial reports could be provided for Allotments and Tiverton in
	Bloom to provide monthly expenditure for each cost centre. Advised that all costs
	were in documents already provided.
119	Democratic Period
	There were no members of public in attendance.
120	Allotment Report
	The Town Clerk read out the allotment report in which were listed works carried out
	at King Street (hedge cutting and tree pruning), Tomswell (ivy removal and hedge
	cutting). He informed the members that all allotment water troughs had been turned
	off for the winter period. There were 14 new applicants on the waiting list currently.
121	Tiverton in Bloom
	a) Hanging Basket Prices
	The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received the quotations for the
	supply of the hanging baskets/installation and watering costs. A suggested cost of
	£64.00 + VAT = £76.80 was recommended, this equated to approximately a 1.5% in cases from the 2022 prices
	increase from the 2022 price. All agreed to accept this charge.
	The colour scheme for Tiverton in Bloom 2023 would be Red, White and Blue with
	touches of gold to reflect the Coronation of King Charles III.
	b) Works on Gardens
	The Town Clerk said that the admin team had contacted local garden contractors with
	a view to outsourcing the preparation and maintenance of the town's flower beds for

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	Tiverton in Bloom 2023. The administration office had received an email back from a
	local contractor who had expressed an interest in this project.
	A meeting with the contractor to view the works and seek costings for this was suggested.
	All agreed that this was the best way forward.
	c) Seminar at Glastonbury
	The Town Clerk said that the South West in Bloom 2023 Spring Seminar would take
	place at Glastonbury Town Hall this year on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023.
	Cllrs W Burke and I Hill both expressed an interest in attending this.
	Other Amenities members not present at meeting would be offered the opportunity to
	attend.
	d) New Hall Update
	The Town Clerk informed the members that he was still waiting on the business plan
	from the New Hall Manager but there would be a meeting arranged with the manager
	to discuss this. He said that the drinks supply company Tolchard had looked at the
	facilities for the bar at the New Hall and would now supply a quotation on what it
	could provide. The Town Centre Coordinator had met with the New Hall Manager
	and a discussion on ideas for bringing in new bookings had taken place. Lots of ideas
	had been generated for proposals.
122	Update on the E.U.E. Community Centre. Suggest that this project is parked until
	we have a better understanding of implications connected to \$106 Funding.
	The Town Clerk suggested that the E.U.E. Community Centre project be put on hold,
	there was still great uncertainty in relation to the S106 funding and lack of detailed
	finance costings.
	All agreed to accept this recommendation, which would now be taken to the Full Council meeting on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023.
123	Update on the CCTV Project
123	The Town Clerk informed the members that he had reviewed the SLAs service
	agreements sent to him from Mid Devon District Council and subsequently noted
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	that the town council had not been included in these documents, and furthermore
	was not referenced as a partner.
	He had raised this with Mr K Ashton of MDDC. Mr Ashton had responded to say that
	the primary partnership was between MDDC and Exeter City Hub, but that the town
	council could have a separate agreement with MDDC.
	The CCTV project was currently behind schedule due to the BT issue. It was hoped to
10.5	receive a further update on this at the CCTV meeting on the 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2023.
124	Next Meeting: TBC