

**Minutes of a meeting of Okehampton Town Council held on
Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 2.15pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton**

Members Present: Councillor A Fisher (Mayor)
Councillor R Colman (Chairman, Property Committee)
Councillor T Leech (Chairman, Planning Committee)
Councillor B Tolley (Chairman, Parks Committee)
Councillor J Yelland (Chairman, Policy & Resources Committee)
Councillor C Holt
Councillor M Ireland
Councillor C Marsh
Councillor M Richards
Councillor L Rogers
Councillor S Weekes

In Attendance: Mrs E James (Town Clerk)
Mrs C Ellis (Assistant Clerk)
Mr D Ellis and Mr D Piper (Mace Bearers)
Incoming and Outgoing Mayor's Cadets (RAF and Army)
Cllr M Calder (WDBC)
Cllr G Dexter (WDBC)
Mayors and Chairmen from:

- Devon County Council
- West Devon Borough Council
- Launceston Town Council
- Tavistock Town Council
- Tiverton Town Council
- Great Torrington Town Council

Approximately 22 members of the public including Mayoral Award recipients

The meeting was livestreamed through the Council Facebook page.

Action

- 1 **Election of Mayor** – On the proposition of Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Weekes, it was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Fisher as Mayor. Cllr Fisher read out and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office followed by an acceptance speech.

A representative from Hospiscare gave a short presentation about the work of the group and was presented with a cheque in the sum of £1,800 by Cllr Fisher, an amount raised through fundraising during the 2023/24 Mayoral year.
- 2 **Election of Deputy Mayor** - On the proposition of Cllr Fisher, seconded Cllr Yelland, it was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Colman as Deputy Mayor. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was read out and signed by Cllr Colman who then gave a short an acceptance speech.
- 3 **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies tendered by Cllr Cummings and Cllr Bird, both due to work commitments, were **approved** on the proposition of Cllr Rogers, seconded Cllr Colman.
- 4 **Declarations of Interest** – None
- 5 **Mayors Expenses** – On the proposition of Cllr Yelland, seconded Cllr Marsh, it was **RESOLVED** to endorse a budget of £2,500 to defray the expenses attached to this office in pursuance of section 15 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 6 **Committees of the Council** – On the proposition of Cllr Tolley, seconded Cllr Colman, it was **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillors to the Property, Policy & Resources, Planning, Property and Personnel Sub-Committees in accordance with the previously circulated lists, and to dissolve the Emergency Committee

which had not met since 24th February 2021. Minutes of the Emergency Committee to be signed by Cllr Fisher.

On the proposition of Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Holt, it was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Colman to be Chairman of the Property Committee and Cllr Leech to be Vice-Chairman.

On the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded Cllr Weekes, it was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Tolley to be Chairman of the Parks Committee and Cllr Rogers to be Vice-Chairman.

On the proposition of Cllr Weekes, seconded Cllr Marsh, it was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Yelland to be Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee and Cllr Tolley to be Vice-Chairman.

On the proposition of Cllr Colman, seconded Cllr Yelland, it was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Leech to be Chairman of the Planning Committee and Cllr Ireland to be Vice-Chairman.

- 7 **Working Groups** - On the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded Cllr Rogers, it was **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillors to the Working Group and agree the reporting arrangements in accordance with the previously circulated list.
- 8 **Representatives to External Bodies** - On the proposition of Cllr Tolley, seconded Cllr Marsh, it was **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillors as representatives of the Council to other bodies and Trustees to Charities in accordance with the previously circulated list.
- 9 **2024/25 Meeting Schedule** – The schedule of meetings and events for the Mayoral Year as previously approved by the Council was noted.

Cllr Fisher closed the meeting at 2.50pm.

Councillor Fisher
Mayor