

Present

*Cllr T de Galleani – Chairman
*Cllr I A Pritchard – Vice-Chairman

#Cllr P F Allen
#Cllr M Baillie
*Cllr G B F Coles
*Cllr R W I Cooke (Deputy Mayor)
*Cllr D M Gent
*Cllr B T Harriss
*Cllr R M Lyon (Town Mayor)
Cllr S Smith

*Denotes attendance
#Denotes apology for absence

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Gent declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 – Boundary Review for Dartmouth.

2. CANDLELIT DARTMOUTH.

This item had been referred from the Corporate Property Committee of 23rd January 2017.

Members expressed concerns that the new organisers of Candlelit had stood down but this had not been confirmed. After discussion it was agreed that the Town Council would provide the Christmas Tree in the Royal Avenue Gardens ready for the Candlelit switch-on on Friday 24th November 2017.

3. SOUTH HAMS/WEST DEVON EVENTS POLICY CONSULTATION.

Copies of the South Hams and West Devon Events Policy Consultation had been circulated to members; feedback was requested by Friday 30th April 2017. The meeting noted that the policy changes would take effect from the 1st April 2018 and the administration charge for events would increase from £50 to £55.

4. SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL DOG CONTROL AND PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER CONSULTATION.

Copies of the South Hams District Council Dog Control and Public Space Protection Order Consultation had been circulated to members. The meeting agreed that a request to extend the Dogs on Leads Order should be submitted for all pavements within the town boundary including adjacent grass strips and all paved/tarmac public footpaths within the town boundary.

Proposed: Cllr R M Lyon
Seconded: Cllr R W I Cooke

Recommended: That the Town Council seek an extension of the Dogs on Leads Order for all pavements within the town boundary including adjacent grass strips and all paved/tarmac public footpaths within the town boundary.

5. BOUNDARY REVIEW FOR DARTMOUTH.

Cllr Pritchard told the meeting that she believed that St Clements Church in Townstal should be brought back within the Townstal ward of the Parish (at present it was within the Clifton ward) by a change to the ward boundary. Some members were concerned that this was not the wish of local people and stated a preference for the whole of Dartmouth to be one ward but it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Parochial Church Council in Dartmouth and would seek to put an article in the Dartmouth Chronicle and on the Town Council website asking for the views of the public. The Clerk would let Cllr Pritchard have sight of the article before it was published.

6. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2017.

Members discussed the provision of Christmas lights for the Town for 2017. It was noted that the increased amounts of Christmas lighting as funded by the Snow Ball would lead to extra costs for its installation and taking down.

Proposed: Cllr R M Lyon

Seconded: Cllr D M Gent

Recommended: That the Clerk seek quotations for the installation and taking down of the Christmas lights in Dartmouth for the next 2 to 3 years.

Proposed: Cllr R W I Cooke

Seconded: Cllr R M Lyon

Resolved: That in view of the confidential nature of business about to be transacted, it was in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and that they be instructed to withdraw.

7. QUOTATIONS FOR NEW MAYORAL ROBES.

Details of three quotations for the purchase of new Mayoral robes and samples of fabric were laid round the table.

Proposed: Cllr R M Lyon

Seconded: Cllr R W I Cooke

Recommended: That the Town Council accept quotation 2 for £1,430.00 for the purchase of new Mayoral robes.