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Notice is hereby given to the electors of Cullompton that the

## **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**will be held on**

**Thursday, 1 June 2023 starting at 7pm,**

**in the Town Hall, 1 High Street, Cullompton EX15 1AB**

All registered Local Government electors of the town are welcome to attend the meeting and speak.

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome by the Mayor, Councillor Shaun Holvey.**
- 2. To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 May 2022**
- 3. Mayor's Report.**
- 4. Community Reports.**
- 5. Matters Raised by Electors.**  
Registered Local Government electors of Cullompton are invited to ask questions about things which affect the town. It would be appreciated if questions could be sent to the Town Council offices at 48 hours before the meeting, this will help with providing a response at the meeting.

Councillor Shaun Holvey  
Mayor of Cullompton  
19 May 2023



**Minutes of the Cullompton Annual Town Meeting**  
**held on Wednesday 4 May 2022 starting at 7pm in**  
**The Town Hall, 1 High Street, Cullompton, Devon Ex15 1AB**

**Present:**

The Mayor, Councillor K Haslett in the Chair

**Electors of the Parish:** J Buczkowski, J Chard, M Dale, I Emmett, I Findlay, S Holvey, T Horide  
J Jones, L Knight, M Rowe, M Sojcok, C Snow, M Thompson  
Mr B Johns on Zoom

**In attendance:**

Town Council employees: Miss J Norris & Miss J Moyses  
Mr L Clarke – media representative on Zoom

**1. Welcome by the Mayor**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and said it was good to see everyone back in the Town Hall for the meeting.

The Mayor explained that in accordance with current legislation anyone attending the meeting via Zoom was only able to observe and would not be able to actively participate.

Then the Mayor thanked Councillors Knight and Buczkowski who had been her predecessors and served as Mayor during the various periods of the COVID pandemic including the lockdowns which had been challenging times for the whole community.

**2. Minutes of 2021 Cullompton Annual Parish Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2021 were approved as a correct record.

**3. Mayor's report**

Despite the challenges presented by Covid and the need to implement preventative measures the Town had maintained its community activities including the thriving Farmers Market, Autumn Fest and Christmas events; Involve had hosted 2 events aimed at promoting local community organisations and there had been community consultation on the Masterplan and the Heritage Action Zone projects.

The Town Council had received grants from the Welcome Back Fund which had been used to provide an information board in St Andrews Car Park and a pressure wash the pavements in Fore Street and High Street.

21/22 had seen new Town Councillors co-opted and a new Mid Devon District Councillor elected.

There is plenty to look forward to with large scale projects being developed including the train station and inner relief road. There will be a 2 week Creative Cullompton festival and the CCA are hosting a 2 day town and community festival in July.

To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the Town Council will be giving each primary school aged child a commemorative coin and the Town Team are organising a jubilee family day to be held on the CCA Fields.

There will be further opportunities during the year to make suggestions and comment upon ideas for enhancing the town centre and its facilities.

A very important matter for the town is that of the spine road The Spine Road and the Town Council has always stressed that the road should be completed before any houses are built in the North West extension, the Town Council will fight for this road to be constructed as a priority before any housing development is started and will keep people updated.

#### **4. Community Reports**

##### **Cullompton Community Association**

There was an oral report which included:

- It has been 1 year since the new committee took office and it has taken some time getting things back together
- Importantly the festival event in July is a community event for the town and it is also hoped it will raise money for the town.
- Here has been lots of ground maintenance such as trees taken down, paths and bridges re- built
- There are 8 events booked that will earn revenue with the aim of supporting community activities in the town and not just on the CCA land.
- The AGM is scheduled for 18 May 2022 when members will be asked for approval to change the status to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
- The AGM will be in the Hillesdon Room at the Community Centre starting at 6.30pm
- 2-8 year olds doing rugby and football at the weekends

**The Cullompton Neighbourhood Plan** had submitted a written report which was circulated with the agenda.

**Cullompton United Charities** had submitted a written report which was circulated with the agenda.

**The Walronds Preservation Trust** had submitted a written report which was circulated with the agenda.

#### **5. Matters raised by Electors**

- a) The CCA is participating in the tree canopy project to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee- what is Town Council doing?

The Mayor responded that coins are being purchased to give to children of primary school age and there will be a beacon. In addition, consideration is being given to putting some sort of memorial in the town.

The CCA representative said space is available in the CCA and he was sure the Committee would love a bench looking at the jubilee wood.

b) There is a continual problem with fast drivers / boy racers in numerous locations Millenium Way, Meadow Lane, Langlands Road amongst others; There seems to be no effort from the police to deal with it. The Town Council needs to push for action on this topic. Could Mid Devon District Council be persuaded to issue dispersal orders?

C) It was suggested that next year

- the meeting needs more advertising e.g. facebook.
- that organisations awarded grants by the Town Council are requested to give presentations.
- there are photos of local events displayed on a loop at the beginning of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 19:27hrs

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