

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 27 February 2017 at 6.00 pm at The Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

Councillors:	I Dixon (Town Mayor)	P Hodgson
	H Bettison	J Lang
	A Forbes	G McLean
	T Forrester	B Parkin
	A Gibson	G Roughead
	E Goodyer	C Seymour
	K Graham	G Smith
	G Hill	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Gareth Davies, Interim Town Clerk

Steve Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk

Mr Brian Douglas, Sherriff

Joyce Benton, Sergeant-at-Mace

13 members of the public approximately

C283/16 1. 5 MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION

Council received a presentation from the commanding officer of 5 Military Intelligence Battalion, and were advised by the Interim Town Clerk that a formal resolution on the granting of the Freedom of the Town would be debated at the next full council meeting.

C284/16 2. OPEN SESSION

A number of members of the public raised issues which related to the agenda, in particular agenda item 15. Another member of the public raised issues relating to transparency, which the ITC promised to investigate.

C285/16 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Cllr D Blackburn.

C286/16 4. MINUTES

The minutes of the Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council meeting held on 6 February 2017 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

- C287/16** **5. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**
Cllr J Lang declared a personal interest in Item 12.
Cllr G McLean declared a personal interest in Item 12.
- C288/16** **6. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION**
There were no requests for dispensation.
- C289/16** **7. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
In addition to his recent activities the mayor expressed his disappointment that he had learned via the media of a possible delay in the building of a new hospital for Berwick.
- C290/16** **8. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**
The reports were noted and elected members expressed their gratitude for the reports received.
- C291/16** **9. CORRESPONDENCE**
Members received the correspondence log, and a discussion ensued on the issue of seagulls, to which the clerk promised to produce a further report.
On the issue of Berwick Hospital, it was agreed to seek a future debate with the NHS Trust on the subject of Berwick Hospital.
- C292/16** **10. S106 CONTRIBUTIONS**
It was **RESOLVED** that members noted the report, members indicated they wished the Town Clerk to monitor any future pipeline of S.106 monies available to Berwick.
- C293/16** **11. ALLOTMENT PROVISION**
It was **RESOLVED** that council instructed the ITC to contact all individuals currently on the allotment waiting list to find out if their interest is still current, and that council should receive a future report.
- C294/16** **12. CASTLE VALE PARK / CORONATION PARK SCULPTURE TRAIL**
It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that council would make a donation of more than £2500 to enable the sculpture trail to attract additional funding, and that the power to implement this decision would be delegated to the Town Clerk.
- C295/16** **13. TWEEDMOUTH COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB**
It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that council would express its support for the proposals for the future of Tweedmouth Community Football Club.
- C296/16** **14. SCREMERTSON AND BELFORD RAILWAY STATION**
It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that members wished to receive a future report on both additional train services and station re-openings in North Northumberland.
- C297/16** **15. BERWICK MALE VOICE CHOIR GRANT**
It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should convene a meeting with

officers of Berwick Male Voice Choir, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and that power to resolve the issue in any appropriate way be delegated to the ITC.

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16. FORWARD PLAN

It was **RESOLVED** to note the Forward Plan.

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17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 20 March 2017 at 6 pm.