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**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Cllr’s C Slade(Mayor) S Griggs (Deputy Mayor), A Berry, J Blagg, W Burke, A Bush, S Bush, L Cruwys, N Davey, C Daw, D Garcia-Parejo, C Harrower, A Hendy, I Hill, P Hill, B Holdman, Knowles, T Lindus, G Luxton, A Perris, S Rakobane, M Turner,

**In attendance:** Ian Johnson, Verity Townsend, Angela Mulliagan, Tony Wheeler, Town Clerk, Mr J Vanderwolfe, Assistant to the Town Clerk Julie Hubbard, six members of public and one member of press.

<b>24</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies received from Cllr J Rendle (Away)
<b>25</b>	<b>Annual Governance Statement</b> The Town Clerk informed the members that the statement had been circulated prior to this meeting. Cllr W Burke proposed to accept and Cllr D Knowles seconded. All agreed to accept the Annual Governance Statement.
<b>26</b>	<b>To Receive, and agree the Internal Auditor’s Report</b> The Town Clerk informed the members that the council had received a good report with only a few advisory comments. The report had been signed. Cllr W Burke proposed to accept the report and Cllr T Lindus seconded. All agreed to accept the report.
<b>27</b>	<b>To agree the 2018/19 Accounting Statements</b> Cllr D Knowles proposed to accept and Cllr W Burke seconded. All agreed to accept the accounting statements.
<b>28</b>	<b>Motion from Cllr A Perris</b> <b>That following the declaration of a climate emergency by Devon County Council this council moves to follow their example, and that of the UK Parliament; and declares a climate emergency. As an action; we will create a new Environment Committee to work with local businesses and community groups in order to reduce Tiverton’s carbon footprint and to increase awareness of, and action on, climate change and the environment within the parish area. The Environment Committee to consist of elected members, members of the public and representatives of business and community groups with an interest in environmental matters.</b> Cllr A Perris proposed the motion to declare a climate emergency, saying that Mid Devon District Council was also considering a similar motion. He said that the idea would be to set up a Tiverton Town Council group with the aim of involving community groups such as re-rooted who re-use food, looking at recycling of plastic projects and valuing the use of councillor time. Cllr A Hendy seconded the motion. Cllr A Bush stated that his preference would be for a working party to consider the aims and objectives to

	<p>avoid people signing up with conflicting ideas.</p> <p>Cllr S Bush said that it was important for the town council to take the lead locally as this was a huge issue with protests of young people marching to the Town Hall and Mid Devon District Council’s Phoenix House to express their passion for action.</p> <p>Cllr S Bush said that the town council should accept the emergency and form a committee to deal with the issues locally within the town and community and to involve outside groups. He supported the motion.</p> <p>Cllr C Daw asked the members to consider their own carbon footprint and to consider ways that they could personally make a difference to set an example in the community. She said it was a great shame that it had been left to children to raise the protest.</p> <p>Cllr C Daw said she supported a working party to work out a plan of action before bringing to the council.</p> <p>Cllr Harrower said she was very interested in setting this up and went on to inform that the Town Litter Pickers were supported by Councillors and the Town Council were leading the way. A recent litter pick had seen two primary school children join the group which had been encouraging.</p> <p>Cllr Harrower supported a working party.</p> <p>Cllr T Lindus agreed to support a working party saying that if both Devon County and Mid Devon councils were implementing their own motions, it was important to gauge where Tiverton Town Council fitted in.</p> <p>Cllr C Slade informed the members that Devon County Council had declared a climate emergency and that Mid Devon District Council had an environment committee that employed full time officers for environmental issues. Stephen Walford of Mid Devon District Council talked about climate change and showed the letter received from the protesting children to his members. He said that he would be happy to work with Tiverton town Council.</p> <p>Cllr Slade suggested a working group be set up for the town council to work out a way forward to avoid duplication, and putting any extra burden on the administration staff.</p> <p>Cllr S Bush on a point of order, stated that no amendment had been put forward.</p> <p>Cllr A Bush proposed an amendment that a working party be set up, this was seconded by Cllr J Blagg.</p> <p>On-going to the vote the amendment was carried with 13 for and 4 against.</p> <p>The Amendment then became the Substantive Motion and was carried.</p>
<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>Co-option of a Councillor to the Lowman Ward:</b> To co-opt one eligible person to fill the vacant position on the Lowman Ward.</p> <p>The council received four candidates for the position.</p> <p>Mr I Johnson was the first to give his 3 minute presentation.</p> <p>Angela Mulligan was the second candidate.</p> <p>Verity Townsend was the third candidate.</p> <p>Tony Wheeler was the fourth candidate.</p> <p>A paper vote was conducted after the presentations with Angela Mulligan receiving the absolute majority of 12 votes.</p> <p>Cllr C Slade thanked all the candidates for their attendance and presentations and announced that Angela was the clear outright winner. He congratulated Angela and said that the Town Clerk would advise her on enrolment.</p> <p>Cllr C Slade then closed the meeting.</p>

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