

# SEATON TOWN COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2008

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs Semple (Chairman)  
Cllrs P Burrows, Mrs P Collins, I Garner, J Knight, G Jones, J Meakin, Miss S O'Connell, B Palacio, Mrs J Roebuck, Mrs C Wise

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr M Greenyer ( sick)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** PCSO Tina Jordan, 3 Members of the public.

### **671/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were accepted and approved

### **672/07 TO RECEIVE THE BEAT MANAGER'S REPORT**

PCSO Jordan reported 34 crimes this month as against 52 previously. Cllr Knight asked that fixed penalty notices be issued to owners of vehicles parking in the lay-bys near the School. PCSO Jordan reported the Police intend to issue warning notices followed very quickly by penalty notices to offenders. Cllr Mrs Collins reported the owners of the Axe Yacht Club were grateful for the Police effort which has seen a reduction in the amount of theft from moored vessels. PCSO Jordan left the meeting.

### **673/07 TO RECEIVE COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' WRITTEN REPORTS**

No reports had been received.

### **674/07 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **675/07 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Minutes of the following committee meetings were received and adopted:

- a) Planning – 10<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008
- b) Finance and General Purposes – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008
- c) Seaton in Bloom and Cliff Field – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008
- d) Personnel – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2008

### **676/07 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

Cllr Knight declared an interest as an EDDC Member. The Chairman declared a prejudicial interest in items 11 and 17 ( Seaton Development Trust, spouse of Chairman) and stated she would leave the Chamber.

**677/07 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS**

The Chairman reported she had attended the recent East Devon Civic Day held in Honiton.

**678/07 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported he and some of the Members had been in discussion with EDDC, Tesco, and Seaton Primary School investigating a possible solution to the relocation of the Nippers Day Nursery from their present site in the Holiday Camp which they had to quit at the end of 2008. He would report back to the Council when plans had been firmed up.

The Clerk also reported he was soon to have the first meeting with Sgt Phillips regarding CCTV for the town, and he wanted to flag up the yet unresolved matter of the funding of the annual running and maintenance costs of CCTV. The Clerk's final point was that of local government reorganisation which was not that far off and would have a dramatic effect upon the workings of the Council. He urged Members to begin to think about the possible differing Scenarios so that they would be better prepared for the changes.

**679/07 TO APPOINT A MEMBER AS THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF THE EXMOUTH AND SEATON JURASSIC COAST INTERPRETATION CENTRES TRUST**

It was Resolved to appoint Cllr Mrs P Collins

**680/07 TO CONSIDER THE NEED FOR COUNCIL PUBLICITY MATERIALS ( CHAIRMAN)**

The Chairman made a plea to Members for any publicity materials they may have on Seaton that would be suitable for her to take to appropriate meetings and gatherings in the area.

**681/07 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE SEATON DEVELOPMENT TRUST LTD FOR A GRANT OF £2000 TOWARDS THE FIRST PHASE IN ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT UNIT IN SEATON**

It was agreed to take item 11 and 17 consecutively. The Chairman declared a prejudicial interest and left the Chamber. Cllr Knight took the Chair.

It was Resolved to make a grant of £2000 ( £1700 from the 2008/9 budget and £300 from Reserves) to Seaton Development Trust Ltd towards the cost of the first phase in the establishment of a Business Development Unit in Seaton, and to send a letter to the Trust thanking them for raising £14000 to date.

**682/07 TO CONSIDER A REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN , SEATON DEVELOPMENT TRUST LTD DATED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2008 ENTITLED ' THE REALITIES OF SEATON REGENERATION'**

Members took note and Resolved a letter of thanks be sent to the Chairman,

Seaton Development Trust Ltd for the production of such a well written, well argued report.

On completion Cllr Mrs Semple returned to the Chamber and re-assumed the Chair.

**683/07 TO CONSIDER ARRANGING AN EXPLORATORY MEETING WITH SEATON TRADERS TO DISCUSS THE LOSS OF TOURISM FROM JANUARY 2009 ( CHAIRMAN)**

It was so Resolved. The Clerk was to arrange the date ( an evening meeting), advise Members and issue a press release.

**684/07 TO CONSIDER IDENTIFYING THE ‘FIRST THREE TOPICS’ FOR THE COUNCIL’S DISPLAY BOARD IN THE HALL FOYER. (CHAIRMAN)**

It was Resolved the first 3 topics should be:

Seaton in Bloom

Youth shelter/Youth

Seaton Business Development Units

**685/07 IT IS PROPOSED WITH EFFECT MAY 2008, THAT THE PRACTICE OF APPOINTING MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE COUNCIL ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND GROUPS IS REPLACED BY ONE OF APPOINTING MEMBERS TO SPECIFIC AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY( CHAIRMAN)**

It was so Resolved. The Clerk will ask Members for nominations before the May meeting.

**686/07 TO CONSIDER INVITING OUTSIDE REPRESENTATION ONTO THE TIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CHAIRMAN)**

It was so Resolved. The Clerk was to issue a press release seeking outside tourism specialists who might consider being co-opted onto the TIC Advisory Committee.

**687/07 TO CONSIDER A REPORT BY CLLR MRS WISE DATED 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2008 ON ‘CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY’**

Members took note.

**688/07 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Notes of a meeting of the Seaton Visitor Centre Trust held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008

Members took note

b) Devon NHS Primary Care Trust – Report on a Joint Strategic Review of Health and Social Care in Devon ( Seaton extracts)

Members took note. The correspondence was passed to the Chairman.

**689/07 TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS RAISED FROM UNPRESENTED MATERIAL**

No matter was raised.

**690/07 RESOLUTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 73**

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporary excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

It was Resolved. The public and press left the Chamber.

**693/07 TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008**

The Minutes of Part B business are contained in the Part B Minute Book.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2045 hours.

**These Minutes confirmed this .....day of .....2008**

**Presiding Chairman .....**