

MINUTES of a **MEETING** of the **COUNCIL** held on 17 July 2024 at 6.00 pm

Present

Councillors

F W Letch (Chair)
G Czapiewski (Vice-Chair), C Adcock,
M D Binks, D Broom, E Buczkowski,
J Buczkowski, J Cairney, S J Clist,
L J Cruwys, G Cochran, F J Colthorpe,
G Duchesne, J M Downes, M Farrell,
B Fish, M Fletcher, C Harrower, B Holdman,
M Jenkins, S Keable, L Knight, N Letch,
J Lock, J Poynton, R Roberts, S Robinson,
A Stirling, L Taylor, H Tuffin, A White and
J Wright

Apologies

Councillor(s)

R Gilmour, A Glover, N Woollatt, G Westcott and D Wulff

Also Present

Officer(s):

Andrew Jarrett (Deputy Chief Executive (S151)), Maria De
Leiburne (Director of Legal, HR & Governance (Monitoring
Officer)) and Richard Marsh (Director of Place &
Economy), Paul Deal (Head of Finance, Property &
Climate Resilience), Laura Woon (Democratic Services
Manager), David Parker (Democratic Services & Policy
Research Officer), Sarah Lees (Democratic Services
Officer) and Angie Howell (Democratic Services Officer).

Councillors

Online

N Bradshaw, S Chenore, C Connor, A Cuddy and L G J
Kennedy

Officers Online

Dean Emery, Lisa Lewis and Simon Newcombe.

179 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor: R Gilmour, A Glover, L Kennedy, G
Westcott, N Woollatt and D Wulff.

180 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (00.08.00)

Goff Welchman

Chair of the Council:

Thank you for your questions, I would be rejecting these questions for this meeting as the questions you submitted are substantially the same questions as were asked at the Cabinet Meeting on the 9th July 2024, answers were provided at the meeting as well as a written response.

[Cabinet meeting 9th July Minutes including the questions of Mr Welchman and Answers from the Leader of the Council](#)

Leader of the Council:

I am disappointed to have read in the Tiverton Gazette today that Mr Welchman stated I refused to read his questions at Cabinet. All councillors and members of public present could confirm I read his questions and also gave responses to those questions. I would sincerely hope and ask that Mr Welchman considers a secondary letter to the Gazette to let the readers know of his error. Thank you

Mrs Hannah Kearns

At the Audit Committee of the 25th June 2024, I asked various questions related to the high redundancy package provided to the 3 Rivers Managing Director. Someone who was a previous MDDC senior employee.

One question asked was as follows *'The Compensation and Pension Contribution figures seem excessive for someone with only three year's service and at £143,264.'*

The answer received from the Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk was and I quote 'The applicable length of service included the previous service at Mid Devon District Council'.

It had been identified in the MDDC Budget Statement of Accounts and for the year 2020-2021 Page 145 that a payment was made to the same individual and for a sum of £33,000 or equivalent to 6 months' salary.

The reason for this £33,000 payment is given in a table on Page 145 as 'Compensation for Loss of Employment'.

A note reference to the payment made- Note 5, says 'Due to the restructure of 3 Rivers Developments Ltd, the Acting Managing Directors secondment from Mid Devon Council ended 31st March 2021 and as at the 1st April 2021 would be directly employed by 3 Rivers Development Ltd'.

Additionally, despite the individual involved remaining an MDDC employee had been seconded to 3 Rivers and for the full 2020-2021 financial year the same employee received a salary increase of 6.7% against the previous year, yet his peer group MDDC Officers received a salary increase of less than half that at 2.8%.

From the information it could be seen there was absolutely no loss of employment not even a break. That in fact the individual concerned was already on enhanced salary and pension terms.

Question 1:

What precisely was the £33,000 payment for as clearly it was not for loss of employment?

Question 2:

Was the payment related to any form of “Special Deal”?

Question 3:

Was the Council Leader and/or Cabinet involved in agreeing the full terms of this £33,000 payment?

Question 4:

If not, why not?

Barry Warren

In 2019/20/21 you were Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee and I was also a member of that committee.

The Committee set up a Working Group to look into Planning Enforcement in Mid Devon District Council. I was the Chairman of that Working Group and our first meeting was on 11th March 2021. From the outset the Chief Executive and the Head of Planning insisted on being present to ‘advise and guide’, but committee members wanted to speak to officers ‘on the ground’ without them feeling restricted by senior management being present. One meeting had to be abandoned as the Chief Executive refused to leave. An accommodation was agreed and the Working Group carried out their task and a report presented to Scrutiny Committee on 21st September 2021 where 12 recommendations were made to Cabinet. This report is in the public domain.

Recommendation 8 was that the Local Enforcement Plan be rewritten – the desired outcome was for MDDC to have a robust Planning Enforcement Policy which would be implemented as the Working Group had been given many examples of non-enforcement to some quite serious breaches.

The Enforcement Plan was provisionally updated by an officer, and myself and another councillor offered to assist in finishing it off for presentation to Cabinet for adoption. Nothing happened to that Plan.

Since that time some of the simpler recommendations had been implemented but actual planning enforcement had deteriorated. One major landowner continues to operate in breach of conditions after more than 5 years without any sanction or action.

Officers, primarily the Director of Place, had given updates and assurances which in the main had turned out to be meaningless. Senior Management appears to be risk averse and seem to be controlling the agenda and recruitment to their own ideas.

A new Enforcement Plan was presented to Scrutiny and it was rejected in spite of the relevant Cabinet Member attempting to ‘persuade’ members to agree to approve it. It

would basically had been a 'do nothing' plan although worded to make it look as if something could be done.

The Chair of Scrutiny at that time, who is now one of our Members of Parliament, publicly left the Chief Executive in no doubt that Enforcement in relation to planning had to be actioned. She appears to have been ignored and the Plan has been put back until 'not before 15th October 2024.

At Cabinet Meeting on 9th July 2024 a member of the public asked questions about this and had submitted them in advance. To date no responses have been published. This is contrary to the Constitution and procedure.

It appears to the public that Senior Officers are taking little or no action regardless of what elected members or members of the public say.

Paul Elstone

Question 1:

At the Audit Committee Meeting of the 25th June a member of the 3 Rivers Working Group said the following. The Scrutiny Working Group supported the DAP findings in that no instances of fraud had been found.

Also, and I quote: '*That I hope by now we can put those offensive_ allegations to bed*'.
Unquote:

As a reminder these allegations were made by a former Council Leader and Members of the Public.

What was offensive was that DAP failed to properly investigate the allegations. Allegations not just related to fraud but to serious ethical conduct breaches. A statement I will justify.

Despite having the names of the persons making the allegations, the Working Group made no effort to speak to them. To the contrary it was a decided not to speak to the former Council Leaders, as this would unbalance the investigation. Why this would unbalance the investigation had never been satisfactorily explained or in any way can it be.

It was a fact that speaking to the former Council Leaders would had rebalanced a highly distorted representation.

It had also been said by some, including by the Monitoring Officer and current Council Leader that no evidence was provided to support the allegations.

Now some facts.

In an email to DAP dated 24th May 2023, DAP were told that some key evidence required was being blocked from release by MDDC Officers – It still is.

Evidence requiring the Information Commissioner and a 1st Tier Tribunal Judge to be involved to partially release just some of the documents required.

In follow up emails DAP were repeatedly told the evidence was being blocked. In an email DAP were told exactly what some of this evidence was. DAP did absolutely nothing to support the release of the evidence or mention this fact in their report.

That is offensive.

In an email to DAP dated the 24th May 2023, DAP were told exactly what needed to be investigated and in an email dated 26th May 2023 an offer was made to provide the names of personnel they needed to speak to.

DAP made absolutely no attempt to speak to those persons who the information and evidence had required. DAP again failed completely to mention this in their report.

That is offensive.

Another fact.

A Freedom of Information Request was made to release the Terms of Reference for the DAP investigation, given the investigation was very restrictive, again something complained about to DAP in various emails which they did absolutely nothing about.

A Freedom of Information request that was refused. DAP again have failed to mention this in any report. A Terms of Reference prepared by the very person major parts of the investigation could/should have revolved around.

That is offensive.

Given the evidence that is available, not to reopen a Fraud and Ethical Conduct investigation would be indefensible. Will the Chair of Scrutiny reopen the investigation?

Question 2

If not, why not ?

181 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT (00:19:07)

Cllr A Cuddy at item 10 declared an interest due to the location of his restaurant.

182 PREVIOUS MINUTES HELD ON THE 22 MAY 2024 (00:19:17)

The minutes of the meeting held on the 22 May 2024 were **AGREED** as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

183 SHORT ADDRESS FROM DEVON YOUNG CARERS (00:19:45)

Mr Badcott addressed the Council about the Devon Young Carers the following was outlined:

- Devon Young Carers was a part of a small charity called West Bank Community Care and are commissioned by Devon County Council to provide support services for both Adult and Young Carers across the whole of Devon.

- A team of 6 people who cover the whole of Devon, a positive note that in the last general election someone who is familiar to you, the Member of Parliament (MP) for Kingston Ed Davey who has given the role and prominence of carers a real boost.
- Leaflets had been left for Members which would explain a little bit more detail about Devon Young Carers. The age ranges from 4 to 18 for those who look after people in their families who are ill, disabled, had significant mental health problems or drug and alcohol issues.
- The impact on Young Carers was profound, you only get one chance of a childhood; a good one, a bad one, or an indifferent one and this could be taken for granted.
- As a child or a teenager you may have the opportunity to play freely with friends, join a football team or join Cubs, Brownies and Guides but if you are a young carer you do not get those opportunities. Young Carers may not get this opportunity many factors such as helping your family, to give medication, make tea for siblings.
- Being Young Carer had a big impact on how you get on at school, whether you go to university, and the type of job you can do or whether you can take on an apprenticeship.
- One in three Young Carers struggle to really balance those caring responsibilities with their own education and statistically on average Young Carers miss 27 days of school each year because of their caring responsibilities.
- Advice, support and guidance was available for parents to help provide trips and activities across Mid Devon.
- The Sector was underfunded and working with the Chair of Council at Mid Devon District Council there would be an opportunity to raise some money at his Chairs event in October this year.

184 **CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS (00:26:45)**

The Chair had the following announcements to make:

- In June he attended the D Day flag of Peace and well attended.
- In June he had attended Macmillan fund raiser in Cullompton. Raised over £2000.
- He attended a funeral and paid his respects on behalf of the Council to Mark Newsome. Mark was a great local man on sea cadets and involved in the primary school.
- He had attended Petroc student Awards in Tiverton. The best electret engineer and best student voting on by the Governors of Petroc to a young lad called Zac.
- In July he had attended Coldharbour Mill Kings as the Charity was receiving an award.

185 **PETITIONS (00:31:17)**

There were no petitions presented.

186 **NOTICES OF MOTIONS (00:31:20)**

There were no motions received.

187 **CABINET MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH JUNE 2024 AND 9TH JULY 2024 (00:31:31)**

The Leader presented the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 4th June 2024.

1. Complaint Policy (Minute 7)

The Leader **MOVED** seconded by Cllr S Clist

That the recommendations of the Cabinet as set out in minute 7 be **ADOPTED**.

Following discussion and upon a vote being taken the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

2. Annual Treasury Outturn Report 2023/2024 (Minute 13)

The Leader **MOVED** seconded by Cllr J Buczkowski

That the recommendations of the Cabinet as set out in minute 13 be **ADOPTED**.

Following discussion and upon a vote being taken the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

The Leader presented the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 9th July 2024.

It was with pleasure that the Leader presented the new Corporate Plan this evening. This document had been years in the making, and tonight, The Council had the opportunity to review and hopefully agree it and set out the positive and optimistic future plan for the Mid Devon District.

The proposals within the Corporate Plan follow on from the Liberal Democrats' victory last May. They had put tangible actions and measurable objectives on the promises that had been made to those who elected us. The commitment to fulfil the commitments, transforming them into the targets and ambitions the Council aim to achieve over the next few years and beyond. If the Plan was agreed, they would be able to measure the delivery publicly in a way that is transparent and open to scrutiny of what the Council would do well at, or what would need improvements.

This plan was the result of a collective effort—not just from the Leader, the Cabinet, Officers, or the Liberal Democrat members, but from all Councillors. Every Councillor had the opportunity to discuss ideas, recommend improvements, and suggest changes as the plan was reviewed by the Cabinet, the PDGs, and committees. Many of these recommendations had been incorporated, and what you see before you tonight was a testament to collaborative efforts as a forward-looking and ambitious Council. The Leader had appreciated the rich discussions and debates, and this demonstrates the value of working together in the best interests of our residents and communities. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to shaping the direction of this Council.

The Leader extended a heartfelt thank you to all the Officers who had made this possible, particularly Dr. Stephen Carr, whose invaluable contributions had turned ideas and feedback into this visionary document.

The Leader also extended a thank you to Cllr J Buczkowski for providing much of the early framework that helped to capture ideas and aspirations and focus them into achievable aims.

This was the Councils Corporate Plan, and the Leader hoped all would support its adoption by this Council as the work continues to move forward with clear goals, firm resolutions, and a strong sense of direction.

1. Corporate Plan

The Leader **MOVED** seconded by Cllr J Buczkowski

That the recommendations of the Cabinet as set out in minute 32 be **ADOPTED** and Appendix 2 of the minutes indicate the proposed changes from Cabinet.

Page 9, 1.1 that Council **ADOPT** the Council carbon footprint 2023/2024 targets.

Following discussion and upon a vote being taken the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

188 **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MINUTES HELD ON THE 15TH APRIL 2024 AND 17TH JUNE 2024 (00:36:17)**

Cllr G Czapiewski presented the report of the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on 15th April 2024.

1. Motion 564 Inclusion and Diversity.

Cllr G Czapiewski **MOVED**, seconded by Cllr S Robinson

That the recommendation of the Scrutiny Committee as set out in Minute 97 be **ADOPTED**

Upon a vote being taken the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

189 **AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES HELD ON THE 30TH APRIL AND 25TH JUNE 2024 (00:39:20)**

The Chair of Audit Committee presented the report of the meetings held on 30th April and 25th June 2024.

190 **COMMUNITY, PEOPLE AND EQUALITY POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP- MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH JUNE 2024 (00:39:50)**

The Chair present the report of the meeting of the Community Policy Development Group held on the 25th June 2024

191 **ECONOMY AND ASSET POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP- MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH JUNE 2024 (00:40:00)**

The Chair presented the report of the meeting of Economy and Asset Policy Development Group held on 20th June 2024.

192 **HOMES POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP- MINUTES OF THIS MEETING HELD ON 11TH JUNE 2024 (00:40:39)**

The Chair presented the report of the meeting of Homes Policy Development Group held on 11th June 2024.

193 **PLANNING ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP- MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH JUNE 2024 (00:40:55)**

The Chair presented the report of the meeting of the Planning Environment and Sustainability Policy Development Group held on 18th June 2024.

194 **SERVICE DELIVERY AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENTS POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP- MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH JUNE 2024 (00:41:24)**

The Chair presented the report of the meeting of the Service Delivery and Continuous Improvements Policy Development Group held on 24th June 2024.

195 **PLANNING COMMITTEE- MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH APRIL, 8TH MAY AND 12TH JUNE 2024. (00:41:45)**

The Chair presented the report of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 10th April, 8th May and 12th June 2024.

196 **LICENSING COMMITTEE- MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 28TH JUNE 2024 (00:42:15)**

The Chair presented the report of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 28th June 2024.

197 **REGULATORY COMMITTEE- MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH JUNE 2024 (00:42:33)**

The Chair presented the report of the meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on 28th June 2024.

1. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire (Taxi) Policy Update (Minute 8)

The Chair of Regulatory Committee **MOVED**, seconded by Cllr J Buczkowski

That the recommendation of the Regulatory Committee as set out in Minute 8 be **ADOPTED**.

Upon a vote being taken the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

198 **STANDARDS COMMITTEE- MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH JUNE 2024 (00:43:42)**

The Vice-Chair presented the report of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 19th June 2024.

199 **PERMANENT PAVEMENT LICENSING PROVISIONS (00:44:18)**

The Council had before it a report* setting out the Permanent Pavement Licensing provisions from the Head of Housing and Health.

The Head of Housing and Health outlined the contents of the report with particular reference to the following:

- The permanent provisions for pavement licensing introduced under the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 (the Act). The legislation would make permanent the temporary pavement licensing regime introduced under the Business and Planning Act 2020.
- The Council already had a process in place to manage the regime following its original, temporary introduction. The process would therefore remain going forward with relevant amendments relevant to the new legislative provisions and fees.
- Under the Act the application fee for an existing licensee seeking to renew their consent could be set up to a maximum amount of £350. For new applications (including applications from previous licensees whose licences had expired) the application fee could be set up to a maximum fee of £500. This was an increase from the current £100 application fee for a new licence set under the previous legislation as noted above.

Consideration was given to:

- What the cost would be for licensees?
- Would Devon County Council and or highways apply a fee as well as Mid Devon District Council?
- Concerns about those with visual impairment.
- Clarification about permanent Chairs and tables outside to those that bring out daily and pack away.
- Review dates of policies.
- What consideration had been given to this provision if the Council adopted.
- For officers to be sensible and practicable.
- Most cost for businesses could be claimed back and tax deductible.

The Chair **MOVED**:

1. That Full Council delegate authority to the Head of Housing and Health for the administration and enforcement of the provisions within the Act. These delegations can then be sub-delegated to relevant officers.
2. That Full Council delegate authority to the Head of Housing and Health for the setting of fees for pavement licences within the provisions of the Act.

Upon a vote being taken, the **MOTION** was declared to have **CARRIED**.

Those **ABSTAINING** from voting: Cllr H Tuffin

200 **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES (01:02:15)**

The following appointments to Outside Bodies were **AGREED**.

Cllr S Clist to be appointed to Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)

Cllr S Clist to be appointed to Devon Countryside Access Forum.

Cllr J Buczkowski **MOVED** Seconded by Cllr G DuChesne:

Upon a vote being taken the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

201 **SEATING ALLOCATION (01:04:00)**

The Council had before it a table * setting out the revised allocation of seats on Committees and other Council bodies.

Arising thereon:

Appointment of Committees and Allocation of Seats on Committees and other Council Bodies

The Chair **MOVED**:

- (a) That the Council approved the allocation of seats on Committees and other Council Bodies as shown on the schedule;
- (b) That Members be appointed to Committees in accordance with the names notified to the Chief Executive by each of the Political Groups represented on the Council, to give effect to the approved allocation of seats in (a) above;
- (c) That Members also be appointed to Working Groups and other Internal Bodies in accordance with the names notified to the Chief Executive by each of the Political Groups represented on the Council, to give effect to the approved allocation of seats in (a) above;
- (d) That the Chief Executive be authorised to make changes to membership of Committees, Working Groups and other Internal Bodies as may be notified to him from time to time by the relevant Political Group to which those seats had been allocated by the Council.

- (e) That the appointments to seats remaining to be filled by ungrouped Members should be made at this meeting.

Consideration was given to:

Cllr L Taylor **MOVED** an **AMENDMENT** and seconded by Cllr F Letch

That the ungrouped seat for Standards Committee and Homes Policy Development Group be allocated to ungrouped member.

Upon a vote being taken the **AMENDMENT** were declared to have been **CARRIED**.

Upon a vote being taken, the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

Note: *table previously circulated.

202 **QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURE RULE 11 (01:07:15)**

To deal with any questions raised pursuant to Procedure Rule 11 not already dealt with during the relevant Committee reports.

There were no questions.

203 **SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS (01:07:27)**

With regard to any decisions taken under Rule 16 (of the Constitution) Special Urgency taken since the last meeting. The Chair informed the meeting that no such decisions had been taken in that period.

204 **QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS (01:07:30)**

Cllr A White asked the following questions:

Question 1

For the Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk Cllr J Buczkowski
Can the Cabinet Member confirm that while the council was run by a Liberal Democrat administration the local charity run village halls would never have to pay rates, as they understand the vital role that many village halls play in the community and would wish to do everything they could to support them?

Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk.

Most village halls that are run by committees or charitable trusts for public benefit are eligible to receive 80% mandatory charity relief and could apply for a further 20% discretionary relief; if the conditions are met, then this additional relief would be granted.

Reliefs are periodically reviewed, and as long as the tests are met to retain relief then mandatory or discretionary relief would not be withdrawn.

This administration updated and approved the Councils Policy for the granting of Discretionary non-domestic rate relief on the 6th February this year, and had no plans to revisit it.

If a particular venue was no-longer eligible other reductions could be looked at such as, Retail Hospitality & Leisure Relief, Small Business Rates Relief, not for profit , Rural Rare Relief as example.

It was probably worthy to note that discretionary reliefs do not apply to halls owned and operated by parish or town councils other than statutory reliefs, this was statutory not a local policy.

So, the short answer Cllr A White, would be no, the Council had no plans to change the discretionary non-domestic rate relief scheme, if there are concerns relating to a specific case, I'd be happy to look at that directly with you.

Question 2

For the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration Cllr S Keable
What steps can the council take to ensure that all of our high streets in our communities are disabled friendly? Can the council provide support to our shop-keepers to ensure that all residents are able to access their premises regardless of ability?

Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration:

Access for all, and especially within the public realm, was essential. Such improvements were possible in Cullompton through the Heritage Action Zone funding. There was still more that could be done, and hopefully once the Town Centre Relief Road had become a reality, attention could be paid to other improvements to the main street.

I understand the context of the question was Crediton which certainly had challenges for all people and not just those people with disabilities: but especially for people with mobility disabilities. Cabinet would be considering the Crediton Master Plan at the next Cabinet Meeting. It was appropriate this Cabinet meeting would be held in Crediton on 30th July. Indeed this meeting would be a first for this administration, upholding our principle of working closer to the community by getting out and about.

Amongst other themes the Crediton Masterplan recognises the challenges of Crediton High Street with adverse cambers and levels. This would include steps from the pavement into retail premises. There are proposals for remodelling in Crediton High Street and other that seek to improve access and the quality of the experience. Any designs would need to meet accessibility standards.

Turning to Tiverton. I am well aware there are similar concerns for access and mobility improvement. The Tiverton Masterplan had in the past been frustrated. As resources become available the intention was to address this. Indeed this week I and Officers held an informal meeting with the Tiverton Town Centre Partnership. That meeting touched upon the prospects of planning for the future.

I trust this response goes some way to illustrate this Council's commitment to improving the public realm of our town centres. I would be happy to discuss any specific matters with Councillor A White and / or with his Bow resident.

Question 3

For the Leader of the Council Cllr L Taylor

Please could the Leader tell this Council why Cllr Rachel Gilmour MP is not in attendance at this Council meeting?

Leader of the Council:

Cllr R Gilmour was not present at the meeting, all members of the Council would be aware that she had been elected as Member of Parliament and was unable to attend the Council meetings as she was attending State opening of Parliament.

205 MEMBERS BUSINESS (01:15:00)

Cllr S Robinson £2500 was raised at the Macmillan Fund raising.

Cllr S Clist attended meet the Housing Ombudsman event and was a great opportunity to network, hosting by the Council and well attended.
An increase in complaint that Ombudsman may receive in the future in relation to Damp and Mould.

Cllr S Clist attended Exeter City Council Smart rent event, those involved were Social Housing associate and Housing insurances.

Cllr S Clist attended Devon Housing task force with the Chief Executive, the Lord Best Devon Housing Commission was unveiled and publicly would be unveiled on Friday.

Cllr S Clist two awards had been granted the Council won the National Construction Award and the Kings Award for intuitive design was awarded to Zed-Pods.

Cllr A Cuddy congratulated all those involved in People Park this week and bringing the park back to life.

(The meeting ended at 19.33pm)

CHAIR