

TBTF/31 There were no declarations of interest.

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2023**

(Agenda No. 5)

TBTF/32 It was moved by Councillor Coker, seconded by Councillor Toms, and

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee held on 3 March 2023 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

(Agenda No. 6)

TBTF/33 There was one public question submitted for the meeting, as follows:

The Joint Chairman (Cornwall) read out Mr Slavin's question as follows:

'Paragraph 9 of the 1979 Act substitutes section 28 of the 1957 Act. Can the Joint Committee confirm this remains extant? Also, that the use of "public expense" in this instance refers to a highway which the Highways Authority is required to maintain, as defined by the Highways Act 1980?'

The Joint Chairman (Cornwall) read out the response as follows:

'Yes, section 28 of the Tamar Bridge Act 1957, as amended by the Tamar Bridge Act 1979 does remain current.

If the Parent Authorities decided to stop collecting tolls in respect of "all traffic passing over the bridge" in reliance on section 43(1)(c) of the Tamar Bridge Act 1957, "it shall become a highway maintainable at the public expense". Therefore for the purposes of the Highways Act 1980 the relevant highway authority would become liable for the Bridge's maintenance.'

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

(Agenda No. 7)

TBTF/34 The Committee considered the General Manager's Quarterly Report (previously circulated), presented by the General Manager.