

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
BITTON HOUSE ON TUESDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 AT 6.30PM**

**Present:** Cllr. T. Falcão - Town Mayor  
Cllr. P. Burgess – Deputy Town Mayor  
Cllr. D. Cox – (*arrived during minute no. 238 c*)  
Cllr. A. Eden  
Cllr. V.L. Fusco  
Cllr. J. Green  
Cllr. J. Orme  
Cllr. R. Phipps  
Cllr. E.S. Russell

**In attendance:** Ms. T. Higgs - Town Clerk  
Miss. A. Winston – Minute Secretary  
Members of the Public and Press  
Cllr. R. Younger-Ross

The Mayor invited Father Mark Skelton to say a prayer.

**236. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. J. Phillips  
Cllr. R.G. Phillips  
Cllr. D. Matthews

**237. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2017**

Cllr Falcão proposed that the minutes be agreed and signed as presented. Seconded by Cllr Russell and unanimously agreed.

**238. PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES**

- a) **The Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017, Minute Nos 201-202 were presented for adoption by Cllr Green.**

**The Minutes were seconded by Cllr Russell and unanimously agreed.**

- b) **The Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017, Minute Nos 203-216 were presented for adoption by Cllr Green.**

**The Minutes were seconded by Cllr Phipps and unanimously agreed.**

- c) **The Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017, Minute Nos 217-235 were presented for adoption by Cllr Green.**

**At Minute No. 229** – Cllr Orme said she hoped the Mayor's questions had been answered.

**Subject to the above addendum, the Minutes were seconded by Cllr Fusco and unanimously agreed.**

Cllr Green presented the minutes of the Town Council Planning meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The minutes were seconded by Cllr Russell and unanimously agreed.

### **239. BUSINESS (IF ANY) ESPECIALLY BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE MAYOR**

Cllr Fusco raised concern about obstacles along the seafront. Cllr Cox said he supports the seafood trailer which also provides deckchair hire.

The Mayor asked for Standing Orders to be suspended to allow Mr Bob Bailey to speak which was unanimously agreed.

#### **a. Presentation by Shop Mobility**

The Mayor invited Mr Bob Bailey of Shop Mobility to speak.

Bob Bailey gave a presentation which included the background to Shop Mobility and what they offer and he also circulated a leaflet. He asked for support from the Town Council to help find new premises should they be given notice to leave their current premises.

Councillors asked questions which included whether Shop Mobility work with other groups such as Community Transport and the Alice Cross Centre. Cllr Green thanked Mr Bailey for the service provided by Shop Mobility and the Mayor added that it also benefits the economy due to the income generated via disabled visitors. Cllr Phipps suggested more signage is needed given its tucked away location.

Cllr Younger-Ross said Shop Mobility can apply for a 'Bags for Help' grant and offered assistance.

The Clerk informed members that the elector bid for two sand-friendly wheelchairs has been successful.

Standing Orders were resumed.

The Mayor conveyed that schools in Devon face having significant funding cuts and each pupil will be deprived of £290. He proposed writing to councils in the area asking them to write to their MP to lobby for Devon pupils to get their fair share. Noted, the Mayor declared an interest as he is involved with Shaldon Primary School and Cllr Eden declared an interest as she is becoming a Governor at Teignmouth Community School.

The Mayor proposed to write to local councils, seconded by Cllr Burgess and unanimously agreed.

#### **240. QUESTIONS (IF ANY) UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 1E**

There were none.

#### **241. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### ***Deputy Mayor: Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017***

7pm – attended an evening of Poison Garden and Music in aid of the Friends of Teignmouth Orangery at Bitton House.

##### **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

7.30pm – hosted a Valentine Night quiz in aid of the Mayor's charities at Bitton House.

##### ***Cllr June Green: Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017***

12.30pm – to attend the naming ceremony of a new minibus for East Teignbridge Community Transport Association at the Manor House, Dawlish.

##### **Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 - Tentative**

7pm for 7.30pm – to attend a Teignmouth Fairtrade Friends event at the Baptist Church and Hall.

##### ***Deputy Mayor: Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017***

10am for 10.30am – to attend the Lord Mayor's Civic Service at St Michael & All Angel's Church in Exeter.

##### ***Deputy Mayor: Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017***

7pm for 7.45pm – to attend the Lord Mayor's Charity Banquet at the Guildhall, Exeter.

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

3pm – Teignmouth Town Council Civic Service.

The meeting closed at 6.59pm.

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**COUNCILLOR T FALCÃO**  
**TOWN MAYOR**

Bitton House  
Teignmouth  
16<sup>th</sup> February 2017