

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ,
BITTON HOUSE ON TUESDAY, 25TH APRIL 2017 AT 6.30PM**

Present: Cllr. T. Falcão – Town Mayor
Cllr. P. Burgess – Deputy Town Mayor
Cllr. D. Cox
Cllr. A. Eden
Cllr. V.L. Fusco
Cllr. J. Green
Cllr. D. Matthews
Cllr. R. Phipps
Cllr. J. Phillips
Cllr. R.G. Phillips
Cllr. E.S. Russell

In attendance: Ms. T. Higgs - Town Clerk
Miss. A. Winston - Minute Secretary
Members of the Public and Press

The Mayor invited Father Mark Skelton to say a prayer.

308. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. J. Orme

**309. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28TH MARCH 2017**

The Mayor presented the minutes.

At Minute No. 287 a – Cllr R.G. Phillips said he had asked about solar panels for Bitton Park not Bitton House as stated. The Mayor responded that the Clerk is looking into the Council's energy.

At Minute No. 287 c – ref Minute No. 279 – Cllr R.G. Phillips said the minute was written incorrectly. He said that no action had seemed to be undertaken regarding the Cliffden Hotel. The Mayor replied that the Clerk had circulated an email with an update that will be sent to him.

At Minute No. 288 a - Cllr Russell asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to Nick Maylam for arranging a substitute to partake on the Jolie Brise trip at extremely short notice. The Mayor asked the Secretary to action this.

Subject to the above addendums, the Minutes were seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed by majority. Noted, Cllr R.G. Phillips abstained. Cllr Eden abstained as she was not present at the meeting.

310. PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES

- a) The Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 11th April 2017, Minute Nos 291-303 were presented for adoption by Cllr Green.**

At Minute No. 297 – Cllr. R.G. Phillips asked if the Clerk had written to the MP. The Clerk said a draft letter has been prepared and it will be circulated to Councillors this week.

At Minute No. 303 – Cllr Cox said in hindsight he did not think the discussion about the community centre grant needed to be done in a Part II meeting as charities need to be transparent. Cllr Russell said questions had been raised that were of a financial nature and it was to respect confidentiality of financial affairs. The Mayor agreed of the importance of being transparent. Cllr R.G. Phillips said he thinks the grants process needs to be looked at and lower amounts up to £100 approved by the Mayor.

Subject to the above addendums, the Minutes were seconded by Cllr Cox and unanimously agreed. Noted, Cllr. J. Phillips abstained as she was not present at the meeting.

- b) The Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 11th April 2017, Minute Nos 304-307 were presented for adoption by Cllr Green.**

The Minutes were seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed unanimously. Noted, Cllr. J. Phillips abstained as she was not present at the meeting.

311. BUSINESS (IF ANY) ESPECIALLY BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor suspended Standing Orders to allow Keith Underhill of the Traders Association to speak.

Mr Underhill thanked Councillors for the grant for the St George's Festival and said the support was much appreciated.

The Mayor thanked the Traders Association for organising the event.

Standing Orders were resumed.

a. To approve recommendation of grant as presented

The Mayor proposed to approve a grant of £50 to the Teign Heritage Centre towards refreshments for an opening ceremony, seconded by Cllr Burgess and unanimously agreed.

b. To receive a Budget Monitoring Quarter 4 report

The Clerk presented the Budget Monitoring Quarter 4 report and went through the key points and said in summary there is a surplus.

Cllr R.G. Phillips said the figures do not show what work the Town Council now does that Devon County Council and Teignbridge District Council previously did. The Mayor replied that the Clerk will include this within recommendation b which is a complete review of budget allocations.

Cllr Burgess said the figures do not show how much is due by debtors and asked for this information to be circulated to Councillors.

Cllr Burgess proposed to accept the recommendations as presented, seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed by majority. Noted, Cllr. R.G. Phillips abstained.

312. QUESTIONS (IF ANY) UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 1E

There were none.

313. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, 15th April 2017

9am-9.30am – sent off the young people going on the Jolie Brise trip at Bitton House.

Saturday, 15th April 2017

2pm – officially opened the bowling season at Bitton Park Bowling Club.

***Cllr June Green:* Saturday, 15th April 2017**

2pm – attended the opening of the bowling season at Den Bowling Club.

Monday, 17th April 2017

10.45am for 11am – opened the Scouts and Cubs Rabbit Run at the Pier.

Saturday, 22nd April 2017

9.45am for 10am – officially opened the St George's Festival in the Triangle.

Friday, 28th April to Monday, 1st May 2017

Twinning visit to Perros-Guirec. *Deputy Mayor also attending.*

Deputy Mayor and Cllr June Green: Saturday, 6th May 2017

7.30pm – to attend Teign Choral Society's Spring Concert in St Michael's Church.

Cllr Alison Eden: Saturday, 6th May 2017

6pm to 8pm – to attend a private view of Joy Adamson's Botanical Art at TAAG.

314. PART II

- a. To move that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted viz; information where public disclosure at this time may be prejudicial to the good business of the Council it is in the public interest that they be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw in accordance with Standing Order 1 d.

The Mayor read the statement above and proposed to move into a Part II meeting, seconded by Cllr Matthews and unanimously agreed.

The meeting closed at 6.59pm

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COUNCILLOR T FALCÃO
TOWN MAYOR

Bitton House
Teignmouth
27th April 2017