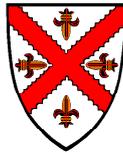


# **Teignmouth Town Council 2020**



**Town Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, 3 March 2020**  
**Bitton House 6.30pm**

**Cllr Robert Phipps**  
**Town Mayor**

**T. Higgs**  
**Town Clerk**



**Bitton House  
Teignmouth**

**27 February 2020**

**To the Chairman and Members of the Teignmouth Town Council**

I have to request your attendance at a meeting of the Town Council to be held at the Council Offices, Bitton House, Teignmouth on Tuesday, 3 March 2020 at 6.30pm to transact the business as specified in the Agenda below.

**Please note;**

Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulation 2014, this meeting has been advertised as a public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media or members of the public.

The public are welcomed at Teignmouth Town Council meetings. Members of the public are invited to ask questions or raise issues relevant to the work of the Town Council. 15 minutes is set aside for public participation and individual speakers are restricted to 3 minutes. Public participation is not part of the formal business of the Town Council however, a note will be made of matters raised and recorded within the minutes of the meeting.

Members of the public wishing to speak are to submit questions or statements in writing to the Town Clerk no less than 3 days before the date of the meeting.

**T. Higgs  
Town Clerk**

**A G E N D A**

**Council not in formal session**

**For Councillors and Members of the Public**

Prior to the commencement of the Full Council meeting, for those who wish to do so, there will be a short period of reflection or prayer given by the appointed Mayoral Chaplain to which all are invited

**Questions and Statements Public Time**

In accordance with Standing Order No. 1e, the Town Mayor will invite members of the public present to ask questions or make statements.

**Police Report**

To receive a report from our local Policing team.

### **County Councillor Reports**

To receive reports from our Devon County Councillors.

### **District Councillor Reports**

To receive reports from our Teignbridge District Councillors.

### **Town Councillor Reports**

To receive reports from Town Councillors

### **Reports from Outside Bodies**

To hear reports from any outside bodies including those of which the member is the Town Council nominated representative.

### ***Presentations from Outside Bodies***

#### **a. Climate Change – Cllr Martin Heath, Dawlish Town Council**

### **Council in formal session – Part 1**

#### **1 Use of Mobile Phones**

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#### **2 The Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Deems that all information held by this Council should be freely available to the public unless it falls under one of 23 exemptions.

#### **3 Apologies for Absence**

Members are reminded that they have a duty to notify the Town Clerk that they will be absence from a Town Council meeting

#### **4 Declarations of Interest and Consider Requests for Dispensation(s)**

Members are reminded that they are to declare any interest in the items to be transacted and that the timescale to alter stated interests with the Districts Monitoring Officer is 28 days.

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#### **5 Town Clerk's report**

**6 Business (if any) especially brought forward by the Mayor**

**7 Mayor's Announcements**

**Items requiring Approval**

**8 Schedule of Payments**

To receive and approve the monthly accounts as presented for January 2020

**9 To receive, approve as a correct record and sign the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 28 January 2020** (page numbers 4-10)

**10 Committee – Finance and General Purposes Committee**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2020 and resolve to adopt (*previously presented and approved on 18 February 2020*) (page numbers 11-14)

**11 Committee – Finance and General Purposes Committee**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2020 and resolve to adopt (page numbers 15-19)

**12 Committee – Extraordinary Finance and General Purposes Committee**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2020 and resolve to adopt (page numbers 20-23)

**13 Marine Management Organisation (MMO)**

To consider and approve the council's response to the consultation document – Cllr Phipps

**14 Data Protection Act 2018**

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**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BITTON HOUSE ON TUESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 AT 6.30PM**

**Present:** Cllr. D. Matthews – Acting Chairman  
Cllr. R. Ash – Acting Vice-Chairman  
Cllr. J. Atkins  
Cllr. D. Cox  
Cllr. A. Eden  
Cllr. A. Henderson  
Cllr. I. Palmer  
Cllr. J. Orme  
Cllr. E.S. Russell

**In attendance:** Ms. T. Higgs - Town Clerk  
Miss. A. Winston - PA to Mayor  
Mr. I. Wedlake - Project and Facilities Manager  
Members of the Public

**COUNCIL NOT IN FORMAL SESSION**

**For Councillors and Members of the Public**

The Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Roderick Withnell said a prayer.

**Questions and Statements Public Time**

There were none.

**Police Report**

The local Sergeant presented a crimes and incidents report for the period 12 December 2019 to 27 January 2020 which is shown below.

### Crimes Recorded - 12/12/2019 to 27/01/2020 - Teignmouth

Offence	Recorded Crime 12/12/2019 to 27/01/2020	Recorded Crime 12/12/2018 to 27/01/2019	Recorded Crime % Difference
Violence with Injury	9	17	-47.1%
Violence without Injury	22	26	-15.4%
Rape	1	2	-50.0%
Other Sexual Offences	1	5	-80.0%
Robbery	2	0	-
Burglary Dwelling	3	2	50.0%
Burglary Non-Dwelling	3	1	200.0%
Vehicle Offences	3	4	-25.0%
Shoplifting	4	7	-42.9%
Other Theft	4	6	-33.3%
Criminal Damage	12	19	-36.8%
Public Order Offences	7	6	16.7%
Possession of Weapons	0	2	-100.0%
Trafficking of Drugs	2	0	-
Possession of Drugs	0	4	-100.0%
Other Offences	3	3	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>-26.9%</b>

### Incidents Recorded - 12/12/2019 to 27/01/2020 - Teignmouth

Incident Closing Category	Incidents - 12/12/2019 to 27/01/2020	Incidents - 12/12/2018 to 27/01/2019	Incidents % Difference
Anti Social Behaviour	30	60	-50.0%
Crime Not Recorded	2	5	-60.0%
Crime Recorded	26	51	-49.0%
Public Safety	97	132	-26.5%
Transport	33	28	17.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>-31.9%</b>

The Sergeant urged everyone to report any crime that is occurring as it has a bearing on the number of officers allocated. The Chairman conveyed thanks to the Sergeant and colleagues.

Cllr Eden expressed that the town often smells of an illegal substance particularly in the subway near the railway station.

Cllr Orme thanked the Sergeant and his team.

Cllr Atkins asked about Neighbourhood Watch and the Sergeant replied that contact details are on the website.

### **County Councillor Reports**

**Cllr Russell** – there has been a 10% increase in the health and adult care budget. The Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee are looking at people living independently and waiting times.

**Cllr Clatworthy** – there has been an overspend of £21.5m on special education needs, £5.476m in receipts from sale of assets. Stagecoach have started a consultation which includes route 2 which serves Teignmouth. He conveyed he will be supporting Network Rail's latest proposal which Cllr Russell said she also supports.

### **District Councillor Reports**

- a) Cllr Eden said she had witnessed another near miss on the pedestrian crossing by Lidl and urged Cllr Russell to take the matter up with Devon County Council before an accident happens. She added that the item has been raised previously. Cllr Russell replied that she has a meeting in February and she will raise the item again, she asked Cllr Eden to put her concern in writing so that it can be sent to the relevant Officers in the meantime. Cllr Atkins added that Lidl will be open until 10pm so there may be a greater risk as the junction is likely to be busier. The Chairman suggested an item is included on the agenda for the Finance and General Purposes Committee which Cllr Eden will action.
- b) Cllr Cox said Teignbridge District Council have looked at their budget and they will be losing 60p in every £1 from the government. The Councillor Community Fund is being cut.

### **Town Councillor Reports**

- a) Cllr Cox asked about the lighting in Bitton Park as a number of people have spoken to him. The Project and Facilities Manager said the lights will be on until 10.30pm and then will automatically turn off during a trial period. He had taken advice from the police who said to turn the lights off as there was an increase in anti-social behaviour when the lights were on.
- b) Cllr Atkins gave an update on the neighbourhood plan and said there is a draft design code. A report will be presented to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

### **Reports from Outside Bodies**

There were none.

## ***Presentations from Outside Bodies***

### **a. To receive a presentation from Teignmouth Twinning Association**

A representative of the Teignmouth Twinning Association thanked the council for the grant and gave information about last year's visit to Perros-Guirec. He conveyed plans for this year and said they have a strong focus on youth in the town.

## **COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION – PART 1 (7.24pm)**

### **241 USE OF MOBILE PHONES**

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### **242 THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Deems that all information held by this Council should be freely available to the public unless it falls under one of 23 exemptions.

### **243 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. R. Phipps - Town Mayor  
Cllr. P. Williams - Deputy Town Mayor  
Cllr. N. Jeffries

### **244 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION(S)**

Members are reminded that they are to declare any interest in the items to be transacted and that the timescale to alter stated interests with the Districts Monitoring Officer is 28 days.

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**There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.**

## **245 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

- a. An invitation had been circulated to attend a Climate Workshop for Councillors.
- b. Notification received of road works at Reed Vale.
- c. Mayor's Recognition Award - encouraged everyone to submit a nomination.
- d. The internal audit will take place next month.
- e. The Mayor, Project and Facilities Manager and Clerk attended a meeting last week regarding the Cave Music Project. Teignbridge District Council have said the Cave Music Project can stay at the Eastcliff Centre until the end of September 2020.

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

There were none.

## **247 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor's engagements were tabled.

### **Items requiring Approval**

## **248 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

To receive and approve the monthly accounts as presented for November and December 2019

**Cllr Atkins proposed to approve the accounts as presented, seconded by Cllr Palmer and unanimously agreed.**

## **249 TO RECEIVE, APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2019**

**Cllr Atkins proposed to approve the Minutes as presented, seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed.** Cllrs Eden and Russell abstained as they were not present at the meeting.

## **250 COMMITTEE – FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE ON 7 JANUARY 2020**

**Cllr Atkins proposed to approve the Minutes as presented, seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed.** Cllrs Eden and Russell abstained as they were not present at the meeting.

## **251 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2020-2021**

A report was presented for the Budget and Precept for 2020-2021 which included two options.

### ***251a - Budget 2020-2021***

Cllr Henderson asked about the money allocated for the fireworks event citing that the event cannot be built upon due to trading limitations. The Clerk said the council has the option to vire the money allocated for the fireworks to another heading.

Cllr Orme asked that sustainable options are considered when choosing a replacement council vehicle.

**Cllr Palmer proposed to approve option 1 as presented for a budget of £993,329, seconded by Cllr Eden and agreed by majority. Cllr Ash voted against.**

### ***251b - Precept 2020-2021***

**Cllr Palmer proposed to approve option 1 as presented for a precept of £727,273, seconded by Cllr Eden and agreed by majority. Cllr Ash voted against.**

## **252 FEES AND CHARGES 2020-2021**

The Clerk presented the report with proposed scale of charges to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

**Cllr Palmer proposed to adopt the scale of charges as presented from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, seconded by Cllr Cox and unanimously agreed.**

## **253 LOVE YOUR BEACH STEERING GROUP**

Cllr Ash gave feedback of the meeting held on 18 December 2019 - the Environment Agency had given a presentation regarding how bathing water quality is monitored. Teignbridge District Council has seven bathing waters that are currently rated excellent, except Dawlish which is rated as good. He informed members of this year's campaigns which include 'Don't feed the Locals campaign' urging people not to feed seagulls, 'Only leave Paw Prints' campaign, 'Love your Loo' posters.

Cllr Ash asked members if they will support the performing seagulls act again this year (the cost last year was £1,800 which was shared with Dawlish Town Council). Councillors discussed the matter and agreed that an item should be included on the Finance and General Purposes Committee agenda.

**254 HUMAN RESOURCES POLICIES**

Councillors received a report and draft policies including: Capability Policy and Procedure, Disciplinary Policy and Procedure, Grievance Policy and Procedure.

**Cllr Atkins proposed to approve and adopt the policies as presented, seconded by Cllr Palmer and unanimously agreed.**

**255 INFORMATION AND DATA PROTECTION POLICY**

Councillors received the reviewed Information and Data Protection Policy which has an amendment on page 6.

**Cllr Atkins proposed to approve and adopt the reviewed Information and Data Protection Policy as presented, seconded by Cllr Cox and unanimously agreed.**

**256 DATA PROTECTION ACT 2018**

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The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

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**COUNCILLOR R PHIPPS  
TOWN MAYOR**

Bitton House, Teignmouth  
29 January 2020

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BITTON HOUSE ON TUESDAY, 4  
FEBRUARY 2020 AT 6.30PM**

**Present:** Cllr. D. Matthews - Chairman  
Cllr. R. Ash - Vice-Chairman  
Cllr. J. Atkins  
Cllr. A. Eden - *arrived during minute no. 262 and left after 265*  
Cllr. A. Henderson  
Cllr. J. Orme  
Cllr. I. Palmer  
Cllr. R. Phipps  
Cllr. E.S. Russell

**In attendance:** Ms. T. Higgs - Town Clerk  
Miss. A. Winston - PA to Clerk  
Members of the Public

**257. APOLOGIES**

Cllr. P. Williams  
Cllr. N. Jeffries

**258. USE OF MOBILE PHONES**

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**259. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

**260. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct (section 13, Appendices A and B), Members are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in items to be considered at this meeting. Members are also reminded that the timescale to alter their stated interests with the District Council's Monitoring Officer is 28 days.

**Cllr Matthews declared an interest in minute no. 264**

## **261. DISPENSATIONS**

There were no dispensation requests.

## **262. MATTERS OF URGENCY BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN (IF ANY)**

The Chairman gave an update on the Teignmouth Air Show.

## **263. CLERK'S REPORT**

a. The Clerk read out a letter received from a Cornwall resident regarding the Network Rail proposals.

## **264. FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

Cllr Henderson presented a report and the item was discussed.

The Chairman recommended suspending Standing Orders to allow the Chairman of the Teignmouth Traders Association to speak. Cllr Phipps proposed to suspend Standing Orders, seconded by Cllr Orme and unanimously agreed.

The Chairman of the Traders Association expressed that the event would have benefitted by having more bucket collectors who could cover a wider area of the beach.

Standing Orders were resumed.

**Cllr Ash proposed to support the event this year and to look at alternative events for next year, seconded by Cllr Russell and agreed by majority.**

## **265. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BY LIDL STORE**

Cllr Eden presented a report.

The Chairman recommended suspending Standing Orders to allow a former Town Councillor who had been involved in this matter to speak. Cllr Russell proposed to suspend Standing Orders, seconded by Cllr Orme and agreed by majority.

The former Town Councillor reminded Councillors of the history of this matter and the meeting held in recent years with Devon County Council Officers and local residents.

Standing Orders were resumed.

Cllr Russell conveyed the Road Safety Team at Devon County Council have been assessing the crossing and the engineer proposed to change the pedestrian crossing to a pedestrian controlled signal crossing. This change will take place in 2020-2021.

Noted, Cllr Eden temporarily left the room.

Cllr Russell thanked a former Town Councillor and former Devon County Councillor for their help with this matter.

## **266. LOVE YOUR BEACH**

Cllr Ash introduced the item (previously raised at the Full Council meeting on 28 January 2020) and asked Councillors whether they would support having the seagulls act as part of the Love Your Beach campaign this summer.

**Cllr Palmer proposed not to support the request, seconded by Cllr Phipps and unanimously agreed.**

## **267. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEDIA COMMUNICATION POLICY**

The Clerk presented a report and draft policy.

Cllr Atkins said the text about 'European Elections' under Publicity in Election Periods should be removed and this was agreed.

**Subject to the above addendum, Cllr Atkins proposed to approve and adopt the Public Relations and Media Communication Policy as presented, seconded by Cllr Palmer and unanimously agreed.**

## **268. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

The Clerk presented a report and draft policy.

Cllr Orme expressed that she feels Councillors should not use social media such as Facebook and Twitter during a meeting. However, the Clerk said the Localism Act allows people to send messages via social media whilst a meeting is taking place and that a report would need to be presented separately. Cllr Atkins said the use of social media during meetings could be a standing item on the agenda as for the use of mobile phones. The Clerk reminded Councillors that the policy states the Committee Chair may decide how to address the use of social media in their meetings.

The Chairman suggested re-visiting the use of web cams during meetings and Cllr Russell will bring a report to the Committee.

**Cllr Ash proposed to approve and adopt the Social Media Policy as presented, seconded by Cllr Atkins and unanimously agreed.**

**269. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The accounts were circulated.

**Cllr Palmer proposed to approve that accounts in the sum of £8,872.27 and Prepayments in the sum of £15,933.56 be approved, seconded by Cllr Phipps and unanimously agreed.**

**270. THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Deems that all information held by this Council should be freely available to the public unless it falls under one of 23 exemptions.

**271. DATA PROTECTION ACT 2018**

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The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

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**COUNCILLOR D MATTHEWS**  
**CHAIRMAN**

Bitton House, Teignmouth  
5 February 2020

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BITTON HOUSE ON TUESDAY, 18<sup>th</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2020 AT 6.30PM**

**Present:** Cllr. D. Matthews - Chairman  
Cllr. R. Ash - Vice-Chairman  
Cllr. J. Atkins  
Cllr. A. Eden  
Cllr. A. Henderson  
Cllr. J. Orme - *arrived during minute no. 279*  
Cllr. D. Cox - *arrived during minute no. 284*  
Cllr. I. Palmer  
Cllr. R. Phipps  
Cllr. E.S. Russell  
Cllr. P. Williams

**In attendance:** Ms. T. Higgs - Town Clerk  
Miss. A. Winston - PA to Clerk  
Members of the Public

**272. APOLOGIES**

Cllr. N. Jeffries

**273. USE OF MOBILE PHONES**

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**274. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

**275. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct (section 13, Appendices A and B), Members are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in items to be considered at this meeting. Members are also reminded that the timescale to alter their stated interests with the District Council's Monitoring Officer is 28 days.

**Cllrs Matthews & Phipps declared an interest in minute no. 282**

## **276. DISPENSATIONS**

There were no dispensation requests.

## **277. MATTERS OF URGENCY BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN (IF ANY)**

There were none.

## **278. CLERK'S REPORT**

- a. Members received an invitation from the South Devon & Torbay Clinical Commissioning Group to a private briefing regarding the modernising of health services in the area, to be held at the Teign Heritage Centre at 6.30pm on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February. Members were asked to confirm their attendance directly to the email invitation that had been forwarded to them.
- b. An email was received from the Marine Management Organisation regarding the consultation of the reopening of the PO050 disposal site at Sprey Point. A formal response is to be agreed at the Full Council meeting to be held on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2020.
- c. There is to be an extraordinary meeting of Finance & General Purposes on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February to discuss the council's response to the Network Rail Parson's Tunnel Resilience and Stagecoach consultations. The agenda will be sent to members on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of February.

## **279. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING HELD ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY 2020**

AGREED

Cllr Henderson proposed, Cllr Ash seconded and it was agreed by majority, except Cllr Williams who abstained, that the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2020 be approved as a true record.

## **280. VE DAY 75**

The report was noted as presented.

## **281. 'TEIGNMOUTH SWIMMING POOL FUND' CHANGE OF SIGNATORIES**

AGREED

Cllr Phipps proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was agreed unanimously that Teignmouth Town Council updates the signatories on the 'Teignmouth Swimming

Pool Fund' National Savings & Investment account to the Town Clerk and the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

## **282. TEIGNMOUTH AIRSHOW**

A request was received to defer the item.

DEFERRED

Cllr Eden proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was agreed unanimously that the item be deferred.

## **283. CONFIRMATION OF TRUSTEES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Clerk gave a report.

AGREED

Cllr Russell proposed, Cllr Phipps seconded and it was agreed by majority, except Cllr Eden who abstained, that Teignmouth Town Council supports and approves the re-nomination of the current Clerk to the Soup Kitchen Trust for a period of four years (the standard term of office).

## **284. USE OF WEBCAM STREAMING FOR TEIGNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Cllr Russell gave a verbal report to members.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk is to explore options and cost implications and report back to members at a future Finance & General Purposes meeting.

## **285. HIGHWAYS, DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL**

Cllr Russell gave a verbal report to members on the HATOC meeting that took place on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2020.

### **Higher Buckeridge Road**

Waiting restrictions are now being considered in this area and DCC advise that vehicles parking there which are potentially untaxed be reported directly to the DVLA.

### **Waiting Restriction (Yellow Lines)**

The 2019/20 list is now closed, but requests can still be accepted for inclusion in the list for 2020/21. All requests that had been made to Cllr Russell are on the current list, including Mill Lane.

### **Pedestrian Crossing (Shute Hill to Lidl)**

Following the confirmation from Highways and reported to the F&GP on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

***The zebra is now being proposed for upgrading to a signal controlled crossing following an annual cluster review process by our Road Safety team. This would be a capital investment proposal for next financial year (2020/21) so is subject to funding being identified.***

This will now go forward for funding to be identified and a scheme will be submitted for approval to HATOC.

The time has now come for the Town Council to accept or reject the current proposal. DCC are aware that there are mixed views about the right way forward and if so these must be worked up and submitted before any progress can be made.

## **286. USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA AT TEIGNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Cllr Orme gave a report to members, which was discussed. Cllr Cox informed members of an "Order in Council" from Secretary of State Eric Pickles that prevents Town Councils from barring members from using social media in meetings.

DEFERRED

Cllr Orme proposed, Cllr Palmer seconded and it was agreed by majority, except Cllr Cox who abstained and Cllrs Ash and Eden who voted against, that the item be deferred until the Clerk had taken legal advice on the matter.

## **287. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The accounts were circulated.

AGREED

Cllr Russell proposed to approve that accounts in the sum of £16,835.51 and Prepayments in the sum of £11,896.16 be approved, seconded by Cllr Orme and unanimously agreed.

## **288. THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Deems that all information held by this Council should be freely available to the public unless it falls under one of 23 exemptions.

## **289. DATA PROTECTION ACT 2018**

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The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

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**COUNCILLOR D MATTHEWS**  
**CHAIRMAN**

Bitton House, Teignmouth  
19<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BITTON HOUSE ON TUESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2020 AT 6.30PM**

**Present:** Cllr. D. Matthews - Chairman  
Cllr. R. Ash - Vice-Chairman  
Cllr. J. Atkins  
Cllr. D. Cox  
Cllr. A. Henderson  
Cllr. I. Palmer  
Cllr. J. Orme  
Cllr. R. Phipps  
Cllr. E.S. Russell  
Cllr. P. Williams

**In attendance:** Mr. A. McKenzie - Acting Clerk  
Miss. A. Winston - PA to the Clerk  
Members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed everyone. He said there were a few comments from the public gallery at a previous meeting when the Network Rail consultation was discussed which will not be accepted this time.

The Chairman thanked Mr McKenzie, Town Clerk at Dawlish Town Council for attending in the Town Clerk's absence.

## **290. APOLOGIES**

Cllr. A. Eden  
Cllr. N. Jeffries  
Cllr. J. Clatworthy, DCC

## **291. USE OF MOBILE PHONES**

In accordance with Minute 30, mobile phones be limited to personal use only (in case of emergencies) and in which case the Councillor is to leave the room to respond. Mobile phones are to be switched to silent during the meeting to avoid disruption.

## **292. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A local resident and business owner spoke about the Network Rail consultation. He said the coastline is an outstanding gem and he urged the council to ask Network Rail to go back to the drawing board with their plans.

### **293. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct (section 13, Appendices A and B), Members are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in items to be considered at this meeting. Members are also reminded that the timescale to alter their stated interests with the District Council's Monitoring Officer is 28 days.

There were none.

### **294. DISPENSATIONS**

A request for a dispensation is to be made to the Town Clerk, no less than 5 working days before Council meetings. The Council may grant a member(s) a dispensation(s) to participate in a discussion and vote on a matter at a meeting even if he/she has an interest in Appendices A and B.

There were none.

### **295. MATTERS OF URGENCY BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN (IF ANY)**

There were none.

### **296. CLERK'S REPORT**

a. Reminded Councillors to reply to the PA to the Mayor regarding attendance at the Civic Service.

### **297. TEIGNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL RESPONSE TO NETWORK RAIL CONSULTATION**

Cllr Ash introduced the item and Councillors discussed.

Key comments made by Councillors included:

- Concerns raised about how the work would affect the coastline in the wider area not just at Teignmouth and Holcombe;
- The railway was paramount to the area with 60 return journeys a day between Teignmouth and Exeter;
- A request that the beach groynes were improved and the beach re-charged in conjunction with the Environment Agency so that the beach was in a sound condition before any work takes place;
- Disappointment that the environmental impact assessment had not yet been completed;

- There were no wave buoys monitoring the sea;
- A request to improve other amenities, for example, the instalment of a lift at the railway station to improve accessibility;
- There was a need to strengthen the cliffs to protect properties and the railway;
- The railway line was also important for freight, not just passengers; and
- Would be beneficial to have a safer footpath.

Cllr Ash proposed that a review be immediately undertaken in conjunction with local stakeholders and councils to consider all engineering options to defend the railway, improve public safety and to reduce the injurious impact on local communities, businesses and the environment. The review could benefit Network Rail by delivering not only greater line resilience and service reliability, but by encouraging more members of the public to travel by rail for the enhanced experience our coastal railway resorts could offer. Seconded by Cllr Cox.

Cllr Russell suggested replacing the word 'injurious' with 'negative' and this was agreed. Seconded by Cllr Cox and unanimously agreed.

## **298. TEIGNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL REPONSE TO STAGECOACH CONSULTATION**

Cllr Ash presented a report and Councillors discussed the item. Cllr Orme suggested inviting a representative of Stagecoach to a future meeting.

Cllr Ash proposed to ask Stagecoach to introduce an express / limited stop X2 service to supplement service 2 at peak times, encompassing limited stops with no deviation from A379. Seconded by Cllr Cox and unanimously agreed.

## **299. THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Deems that all information held by this Council should be freely available to the public unless it falls under one of 23 exemptions.

## **300. DATA PROTECTION ACT 2018**

Precludes this authority from publishing the names, addresses or other private information of individuals unless written permission is given by the individual for such details to be made public.

Therefore, where necessary, personal details have been removed from the papers attached to ensure that information held is available, but individuals are protected.

The meeting closed at 7.26pm.

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**COUNCILLOR D MATTHEWS**  
**CHAIRMAN**

Bitton House, Teignmouth  
26 February 2020