

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BITTON HOUSE ON TUESDAY,  
5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 AT 6.30PM**

**Present:** Cllr. D. Matthews - Chairman  
Cllr. P. Burgess  
Cllr. D. Cox  
Cllr. J. Green  
Cllr. J. Orme *arrived during minute no. 256*  
Cllr. R. Phipps  
Cllr. T. Falcão

**In attendance:** Ms. T. Higgs – Town Clerk  
Mr. K. Orme – Minute Secretary  
Members of the Public and Press

**249. APOLOGIES**

Cllr. J. Phillips  
Cllr. V.L. Fusco  
Cllr. P. Williams  
Cllr. E.S. Russell

**250. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chairman invited the a member of the Air Quality Working Party to speak. The working party member asked on the current status of this working party, and Cllr Cox explained that due to the Teignbridge District Council officer not wishing to meet until the new Teignbridge District Council Air Quality Management Policy is completed, the working party is currently adjourned. Cllr Cox apologised to the working party member for the lack of clarity regarding this.

It was agreed that the Air Quality Working Party should meet without the Teignbridge District Council officer.

**251. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As existing declared interest by those in attendance.

**252. DISPENSATIONS**

There were none.

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

There were none.

## **254. CLERK'S REPORT**

- a. Teignmouth Town Council has been awarded grant funds from the Teignbridge Communities Together Fund totalling £13,45. The grants have been awarded as follows:
  - i. Kingsway Resident's Association, Meadow Centre - £1,500
  - ii. Teignmouth Swimming Club, Primary Swim - £750
  - iii. TAAG, TRAIL - £2,000
  - iv. Bitton Park Bowling Club, defibrillator - £1,000
  - v. Teignmouth Jazz & Blues Festival - £3,000
  - vi. Teignmouth Scouts, access project - £1,000
  - vii. Teignmouth Surf Lifesaving, clubhouse improvements - £1,500
  - viii. Teignmouth 'On The Verge' - £500
  - ix. Teignmouth Community Connector - £1,000
  - x. Friends of Teignmouth Cemetery - £795Cllr Cox congratulated the Clerk on her work in the success of these bids.
- b. A Teignmouth Town Council representative is needed for the next meeting of the Love Your Beach group, to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2019. Cllr Phipps volunteered.
- c. A meeting of the Youth Community Projects Working Party is to be arranged through the Clerk's Office. Cllr Cox informed members that there is a member of the public interested in sitting on this working party, and agreed to forward their details to the Clerk's Office.
- d. The Global Convoy Working Party is overdue to meet, however Cllr Burgess informed members that the project was now no longer to go ahead so the meeting would not be required.
- e. A copy of a letter to the NHS South Devon & Torbay Clinical Commissioning Group from Bishopsteignton Parish Council has been received, affirming that Council's unanimous support for the Save Teignmouth Hospital campaign. Cllr Cox informed members that so far informal discussions with the NHS South Devon & Torbay CCG had been encouraging regarding the future of Teignmouth Hospital.
- f. The Car Park Working Party is due to meet next at Bitton House on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 at 6.30pm.

## **255. EASTCLIFF PARK MOSAIC AND GAZEBO PLINTH REVAMP**

Cllr Burgess gave a verbal report to members that the Eastcliff Park mosaic and gazebo project had incurred unexpected extra costs of approximately £2,100.

Cllr Matthews proposed, Cllr Cox seconded and it was agreed unanimously that Teignmouth Town Council authorise the Clerk to spend up to £700 in additional

monies on the Eastcliff Park Mosaic and Gazebo project, as its contribution of one third the additional costs incurred.

#### **256. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr Green gave a report to members, and it was asked that, as the majority of the respondents were over 45, what has been put into the Neighbourhood Plan regarding children and young people? The Clerk informed members that a meeting to discuss the provision for children and young people had been set up between Stuart Todd Associates, the Town Clerk, and the Community Connector, to take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2019.

The report was noted as tabled.

#### **257. GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS REVIEW**

The Clerk gave a report to members.

Cllr Matthews proposed, Cllr Green seconded and it was agreed unanimously that Teignmouth Town Council adopts the Financial Regulations, Investment and Procurement Policy as reviewed in 2019, the Statement of Internal Control as reviewed in 2019, and the Information Data Protection Policy as presented.

#### **258. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The Accounts for Payment were presented.

Cllr Matthews proposed that Accounts for Payment in the sum of £16,739.41 be approved and paid, seconded by Cllr Phipps and unanimously agreed.

#### **259. 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.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm.

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

Bitton House, Teignmouth  
6<sup>th</sup> February 2019