

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BITTON HOUSE ON TUESDAY,
19TH MARCH 2019 AT 6.30PM**

Present: Cllr. D. Matthews - Chairman
Cllr. A. Eden – Vice-Chairman (*arrived at minute no. 288*)
Cllr. P. Burgess (*left after minute no. 290*)
Cllr. D. Cox (*arrived at minute no. 288*)
Cllr. J. Green
Cllr. R. Phipps
Cllr. P. Williams
Cllr. J. Orme (*left after minute no. 290*)

In attendance: Ms. T. Higgs - Town Clerk
Mr. K. Orme – Minute Secretary
Vicky Sealey-Bowers – Community Connector
Members of the Press and Public

283. APOLOGIES

Cllr. E.S. Russell
Cllr. J. Phillips

284. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

285. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As existing declared interest by those in attendance.

286. DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

287. MATTERS OF URGENCY BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN (IF ANY)

The Chairman led those in attendance in a minute's silence in memoriam of the victims of the terrorist attacks in Christchurch, New Zealand and Utrecht, Netherlands on the 15th and 18th of March respectively.

288. CLERK'S REPORT

- a. The Purdah pre-election period has now begun as of Monday the 18th of March. Members were reminded to check with the Clerk should they have any queries regarding this.
- b. Nomination papers for the Election of Town Councillors to be held on the 2nd of May 2019 are now available from the Clerk's Office and from the Returning Officer at Teignbridge District Council.
- c. There was a local young person looking for advice on voting for the first time on social media. The Clerk suggested the possibility of Teignmouth Town Council run an open evening for young people to offer information on this. More information can be found at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote
- d. Members were reminded to make sure that their Declarations of Interest are up-to-date and to check with the Monitoring Officer at Teignbridge District Council.
- e. New Teignmouth Ward maps were circulated, showing the newly created Rowdens Ward.
- f. Teignbridge District Council has been given access to Central Government's "Clean the Highstreet" fund, though any monies will need to be spent by the end of March 2019. The Clerk is currently in talks with various local groups about potential projects, and informed members that quick mobilisation of other groups may be necessary.
- g. The Clerk is to run the London Marathon on the 28th of April 2019 in aid of the Rowcroft Hospice and her sponsorship form was circulated to members.

289. COMMUNITY CONNECTOR UPDATE PRESENTATION

The Community Connector, Vicky Sealey-Bowers, gave a short presentation to members to update them on the work undertaken since the creation of the post, both in connecting local groups looking to achieve similar outcomes and in focusing on the youth of Teignmouth for which no services currently exist to support them.. The Community Connector then took questions from members.

Members thanked the Community Connector for their time.

290. YOUTH PROVISION

Cllrs Burgess and Orme gave a report to members, detailing the recommendations for funding towards activity taster sessions and in-principle funding towards the provision of a youth facility in the town, and the item was discussed by members.

AGREED

Cllr Cox proposed, Cllr Green seconded, and agreed by a majority vote with Cllrs Orme and Burgess voting against, the amendment that the reported be noted, and that £10,000 be allocated to the Community Connector to provide appropriate youth provision for the youth of Teignmouth.

It was noted that this funding would be managed by the Town Clerk.

AGREED

Cllr Cox proposed, Cllr Green seconded, and agreed by a majority vote with Cllrs Orme and Burgess voting against, that the reported be noted, and that £10,000 be allocated to the Community Connector to provide appropriate youth provision for the youth of Teignmouth.

291. FEES & CHARGES

AGREED

Cllr Cox proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was agreed unanimously that Teignmouth Town Council adopts the new scale of charges as presented, with effect from the 1st of April 2019.

292. CAB FUNDING

DEFERRED

The item was deferred until the first appropriate meeting of the new municipal year.

293. LENKIEWICZ FINE ART FESTIVAL

AGREED

Cllr Green proposed, Cllr Cox seconded and it was agreed unanimously that Bitton House be available for use, in principle, to stage the 'Lenkiewicz Fine Art Festival' in August 2019

294. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Accounts for Payment were presented.

Cllr Green proposed that Accounts for Payment in the sum of £18,878.53 be approved and paid, seconded by Cllr Phipps and unanimously agreed.

295. 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 7.55pm.

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COUNCILLOR D MATTHEWS
CHAIRMAN

Bitton House, Teignmouth
20th March 2019