

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BITTON HOUSE ON TUESDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2019 AT 6.30PM**

**Present:** Cllr. J. Green - Town Mayor  
Cllr. P. Burgess  
Cllr. D. Cox - *arrived minute no. 245*  
Cllr. A. Eden  
Cllr. V.L. Fusco  
Cllr. D. Matthews  
Cllr. J. Orme - *left during minute no. 248*  
Cllr. E.S. Russell  
Cllr. P. Williams

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

**COUNCIL NOT IN FORMAL SESSION**

**For Councillors and Members of the Public**

The Mayor said a few words and there was a moments silence.

**Questions and Statements Public Time**

There were none.

**Police Report**

Sgt Jonathan Ross presented a report for the period 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

**County Councillor Reports**

***Cllr Russell presented a report which included:***

- a) A statement of options regarding Teignmouth hospital has been submitted
- b) A new community eating disorder service is launching across Devon in February 2019
- c) The Coastal Community Group (CCG) is currently undertaking an engagement process on the provision of memory cafes in the Torbay area
- d) Devon's new Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit will have its first admissions this month
- e) From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, NHS Devon CCG will become a new statutory organisation

- f) Highways – there has been a significant reduction in like-for-like publicly reported potholes compared with 2017/18. The triage inspection team has grown to three with two more inspectors joining as the roll out continues.

**Cllr Clatworthy presented a report which included:**

- g) A policy on street lighting in private roads has been issued as there was not one previously
- h) The tap fund is going to cease this year. County Councillors will still receive a locality budget
- i) The revenue budget is overheating in particular for children's services
- j) 19/20 budget – the increase in council tax will be set in February.

**District Councillor Reports**

**Cllr Russell** – has mentioned the Community Safety Partnership at Teignbridge.

**Cllr Eden** – District Councillors called in a decision by Teignbridge to limit the number of dogs that people can walk at any one time from six to four and the decision has been overturned.

**Town Councillor Reports**

**Cllr Orme** - thanked Councillors for participating in the Secret Santa to campaign to shop locally. There is going to be a spread in the newspaper urging people to shop locally for Valentine's Day.

**Cllr Fusco** - asked when the trees in the town centre are going to be pruned. The Clerk replied that an application has been submitted to Devon County Council for the money and once this has been processed the work will be done.

**Cllr Eden** – reminded members of the beach clean on Sunday.

**Reports from Outside Bodies**

**Cllr Matthews** – gave an update regarding the Teignmouth and Dawlish CIC and said the two towns have agreed to do the town maps again. The council agreed at a previous meeting to attend the Devon County Show again and he asked traders to provide leaflets for the bags that are given out for free at the show. The Teignmouth Air Show Committee have raised around £30,000 so far and the next fundraising event is on Friday.

**COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION**

**235. 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.

## **236. 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.

## **237. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. J. Phillips  
Cllr. R. Phipps

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

The Clerk suggested a dispensation for all Councillors present regarding minute no. 248 and this was agreed.

## **239. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

- a) Devon County Council will be renting a room upstairs at Bitton House for Social Services.
- b) Had a phone conference regarding Network Rail.
- c) There has been serious fly tipping in the George Street compound. Cllr Matthews proposed putting a CCTV camera in the area and start prosecuting offenders. The Clerk recommended bringing the item to a future meeting for discussion.
- d) Has had a few meetings with the Community Connector regarding what work she will be doing. The postholder will attend a future meeting and give a presentation.

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

### **a. Presentation to the Chairman of Teignmouth Remembrance Committee**

The Mayor presented the Chairman of Teignmouth Remembrance Committee with a certificate and gift thanking him for his work on Remembrance Sunday, Armistice Day, Battle of Britain, supporting Armed Forces Day and organising the commemoration of war graves at the Old Cemetery.

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

- a) Mayor's Recognition Award presentation on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Bitton House.
- b) Burns Night on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 at Bitton House.
- c) Venetian Dinner on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at Teignmouth Golf Club.
- d) Went through the upcoming Mayoral engagements which were tabled.

## **ITEMS REQUIRING APPROVAL**

### **242. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

The accounts for November and December 2018 had been circulated.

Cllr Matthews proposed to approve the accounts as presented, seconded by Cllr Eden and unanimously agreed.

### **243. TO RECEIVE, APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

**The Mayor proposed to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Cllr Matthews and unanimously agreed.**

### **244. COMMITTEE - EXTRAORDINARY FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and resolve to adopt (*previously presented and approved on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018*).

**Cllr Matthews presented and proposed to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Cllr Fusco and unanimously agreed. Cllr Williams abstained as he was not present at the meeting.**

### **245. COMMITTEE - FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and resolve to adopt (*previously presented and approved on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018*).

**Cllr Matthews presented the minutes. Cllr Russell proposed to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Cllr Cox and approved. Cllrs Eden, Fusco and Matthews abstained as they were not present at the meeting.**

**246. COMMITTEE - FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and resolve to adopt (*previously presented and approved on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019*).

**Cllr Matthews presented and proposed to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Cllr Fusco and unanimously agreed.**

**247. COMMITTEE - FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and resolve to adopt.

**Cllr Matthews presented and proposed to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Cllr Cox and unanimously agreed.**

**248. BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2019-2020**

The Clerk presented the report and recommendations for the budget and precept for 2019/20.

***Recommendations:***

- a) To approve and adopt that the budget for 2019/20 is £666,099
- b) To approve and adopt that the precept for 2019/20 is £517,733

Cllr Matthews proposed to accept the report and approve and adopt the recommendations as presented, seconded by Cllr Cox and unanimously agreed.

The Mayor and Cllr Cox thanked the Clerk for her work on the item.

The meeting closed at 7.39pm.

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**COUNCILLOR J GREEN  
TOWN MAYOR**

Bitton House  
Teignmouth  
23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019