

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BITTON HOUSE ON TUESDAY, 5TH MARCH 2019 AT 6.30PM

Present: Cllr. J. Green - Town Mayor
Cllr. R. Phipps - Deputy Town Mayor
Cllr. P. Burgess
Cllr. D. Cox
Cllr. A. Eden
Cllr. V.L. Fusco
Cllr. D. Matthews
Cllr. J. Orme
Cllr. E.S. Russell

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 conveyed a short prayer.

Questions and Statements Public Time

There were none.

Police Report

The Mayor read a report from the local Policing team for the period 7th February to 4th March 2019.

County Councillor Reports

Cllr Russell presented a report which included:

- a) The budget is well supported by the Labour group
- b) A car parking review took place at HATOC last week and there is going to be another review, no decisions have been made about any specific areas. Some useful suggestions were put forward, for example, limited parking time in residents parking zone areas. The Senior Officer who has been working on car parking for a number of years is leaving Devon County Council and Cllr Russell asked for the council to put on record thanks for his work

- c) Bitton Park Road works is ongoing and contractors have been very amenable
- d) Waiting orders for traffic have finished now for the financial year and the next round is October/November. The Teignmouth Town Centre Management Partnership will have a place on the parking review.

District Councillor Reports

Cllr Matthews said Teignbridge District Council is submitting a letter to Devon County Council that the residents parking zone is working and putting cars in Teignbridge car parks.

Cllr Cox said there was positive news on the TAAG centre at the Teignbridge Executive meeting today.

Cllr Russell said Teignbridge are putting £200,000 towards planning a cycle trail between Kingsteignton and Teignmouth.

Town Councillor Reports

Cllr Burgess said the 23rd March marks the 25th Park Run and he invited Councillors to join in.

Cllr Ormes conveyed she attended the Fairtrade event on Friday and encouraged everyone to think Fairtrade. She said the Fairtrade status can be reinstated in the town but needs support.

Cllr Phipps thanked the Clerk for writing a letter to the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) regarding the dumping of silt off Sprey Point. He added that there was a large protest at the Pavilions. Cllr Cox said Cllr Williams has done some research regarding the MMO and will be providing information.

Cllr Matthews said complimentary tickets for the next air show fundraising event were tabled.

Cllr Phipps asked to suspend Standing Orders to allow a member of the public to speak which was unanimously agreed.

A member of the public conveyed that he had found a seahorse on the beach and passed it around. He said he believes there were errors in the process with the MMO and considers the licence to dump silt to be unlawful. He added that he is working with environment consultants and has submitted a formal complaint.

Standing Orders were resumed.

Reports from Outside Bodies

Presentations from Outside Bodies

1. Representative of the Citizens Advice Bureau

A representative of the Citizens Advice Bureau gave a presentation which included telling Councillors about their work in Teignmouth.

Cllr Cox proposed increasing the annual grant to the Citizens Advice Bureau. The Clerk said the budget has been set for 2019/20 and suggested bringing a report to the Finance and General Purposes Committee which was agreed.

COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION

271 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.

272 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.

273 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. T. Falcão
Cllr. J. Phillips
Cllr. P. Williams

274 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION(S)

As existing declared interests.

275 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

a. Attended the Executive meeting at Teignbridge District Council today regarding the Brunswick Street development.

b. Letter has been done to the Marine Management Organisation which will be circulated to Councillors.

c. Attended Standards Committee meeting at Teignbridge this week and they may be bringing in a new Code of Conduct.

d. Great High Street Fund - Teignbridge is going to submit a bid for Newton Abbot.

e. £100 has been requested to support Earth Hour and it was unanimously agreed to pay the grant.

276 BUSINESS (IF ANY) ESPECIALLY BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE MAYOR

There was none.

277 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reminded Councillors of the Teignmouth Civic Service on Sunday at Teignmouth Baptist Church.

A list of the Mayor's engagements was tabled.

ITEMS REQUIRING APPROVAL

278 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

To receive and approve the monthly accounts as presented for January 2019

The account for January 2019 had been circulated.

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

279 TO RECEIVE, APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22ND JANUARY 2019

Cllr Fusco asked for an update regarding the trees in the town centre and the Clerk replied she is still waiting to hear from Devon County Council.

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

**280 COMMITTEE – FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 5TH FEBRUARY 2019**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2019 and resolve to approve and adopt.

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

**281 COMMITTEE – FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 19TH FEBRUARY 2019**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2019 and resolve to approve and adopt.

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

282 TEIGNMOUTH ARMED FORCES DAY

Councillors had received a report and notes of the task and finish group meeting held on 27th February 2019.

Cllr Matthews presented the report and thanked the PA to the Mayor for her work.

Cllr Matthews proposed to approve the recommendations for expenditure as outlined in the report, seconded by Cllr Burgess and unanimously agreed.

The meeting closed at 7.48pm.

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**COUNCILLOR J GREEN
TOWN MAYOR**

Bitton House
Teignmouth
11th March 2019