

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, BITTON HOUSE ON TUESDAY, 30TH APRIL 2019 AT 6.30PM**

Present: Cllr. J. Green - Town Mayor
Cllr. R. Phipps - Deputy Town Mayor
Cllr. D. Cox (*arrived 6.35pm*)
Cllr. A. Eden (*left during minute no. 343*)
Cllr. D. Matthews
Cllr. J. Orme
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 asked those present to take time to think of the recent atrocities that have happened in the world. The Mayor also conveyed the bereavement of Mr David Potter.

Questions and Statements Public Time

Standing Orders were suspended to allow a representative of the Teign Heritage Centre to speak.

The representative conveyed that the Blue Plaque for Pike Ward project is a collaboration between Teignmouth and Iceland. Pike Ward was born in Teignmouth in 1856 and revolutionised the fishing industry in Iceland. The museum has made an application to the Devon History Society who have started doing blue plaques again. The representative asked for the town council's support for the project to honour this Teignmouth man who has been largely forgotten.

Councillors unanimously agreed to support the project and the representative will attend a future meeting.

Standing Orders were resumed.

Police Report

A Police Report had been received for the period 1st March to 31st March 2019 which the Mayor presented.

Cllr Eden queried how often the underpass near the railway station is patrolled as she often smells drugs in this area. The Mayor asked the Clerk to feed this back to the police.

County Councillor Reports

Cllr Sylvia Russell presented a report which included:

- a) A loading bay will be created outside the Pavilions
- b) Been successful in a bid for infrastructure funding for new houses
- c) Working on a strategy for suicide prevention
- d) Looking at the process to help people stay at home.

Cllr John Clatworthy presented a report which included:

- e) The precept for the police has gone up but need to know whether more is being received for the increase in money
- f) Involved in assets and there are over £60m capital receipts
- g) Using Community Payback scheme in Dawlish to clean up areas
- h) An earlier bus route has been introduced on the Exeter to Newton Abbot route
- i) Happy to contribute £1,000 towards the Teignmouth Air Show
- j) Wished luck to candidates standing in the forthcoming elections.

District Councillor Reports

Cllr Eden conveyed that Teignbridge District Council has declared a climate emergency.

Town Councillor Reports

Cllr Phipps – urged everyone to report all crimes to the police.

Mayor - continuing with Mayoral engagements.

Cllr Eden - someone had suggested to her that a wheelchair test should be done in town. She said she will arrange this if re-elected, otherwise she said she hopes the town council will action.

Cllr Orme - attended the funeral of Mr Colin Trigger with Cllr Russell.

Cllr Matthews - asked the Clerk about the beach wheelchairs and the Clerk replied that they will be available.

Reports from Outside Bodies

Presentations from Outside Bodies

- 1. Representative of the Teign Heritage Centre regarding Pike Ward – item was brought forward**

COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION

332. 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.

333. 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.

334. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. T. Falcão

335. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION(S)

As existing declared interests.

336. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

- Elections are being held on Thursday 2nd May 2019 and on behalf of the team she wished all Councillors who are standing the very best.
- Teignmouth has been successful in a bid to the Clean the High Street Fund and just over £5,000 received.
- Criminal damage should be reported by phoning 101.
- A disabled parking space at Somerset Place has been agreed

337. BUSINESS (IF ANY) ESPECIALLY BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor conveyed that she attended the Friends of Teignmouth Orangery AGM with Cllr Russell.

338. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A list of the Mayor's engagements was tabled.

The Mayor conveyed thanks to those town councillors who are not standing again in the elections - Cllrs Fusco, Phillips and Falcão. She also thanked Paul Burgess who recently resigned from the council. The Clerk said that letters of thanks will be sent.

Cllr Matthews conveyed thanks to all staff for their support.

ITEMS REQUIRING APPROVAL

339. Schedule of Payments

To receive and approve the monthly accounts as presented for February and March 2019

Cllr Russell proposed to approve the accounts as presented, seconded by Cllr Williams and unanimously agreed.

340. TO RECEIVE, APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5TH MARCH 2019

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

341. COMMITTEE – FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19TH MARCH 2019 *(previously presented on 16th April 2019)*.

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

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

342. COMMITTEE – FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2ND APRIL 2019 *(previously presented on 16th April 2019)*.

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April 2019 and resolve to approve and adopt.

Cllr Matthews presented the minutes.

At minute no. 302 - Cllr Eden said she had agreed to the motion, not abstained and this will be amended.

Subject to the above addendum the minutes were seconded by Cllr Cox and unanimously agreed.

343. COMMITTEE – EXTRAORDINARY FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11TH APRIL 2019

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2019 and resolve to approve and adopt.

Cllr Matthews presented the minutes.

At minute no. 314 - Cllr Eden suggested clarifying the paragraph containing the Chairman's comment as she had read remarks on social media and did not think the paragraph was clear enough to someone who had not attended the meeting. Cllr Cox responded that it was a heated meeting and he did not consider that much would be gained by going back to the recording of the meeting. The Clerk said the meeting was a council meeting, not a public meeting and the upcoming parish meeting will be an opportunity for members of the public to speak. Cllr Matthews suggested removing the comment altogether. Cllr Eden left the room and the Councillors present agreed to leave the paragraph as it stands.

Cllr Cox proposed to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Cllr Russell and agreed. Cllrs Orme and Williams abstained as they were not present at the meeting. Cllr Eden was not present for the vote.

344. COMMITTEE – FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16TH APRIL 2019

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2019 and resolve to approve and adopt.

Cllr Matthews presented the minutes.

At minute no. 328 - Cllr Cox asked if there has been any movement on the matter of the complaint received by the Information Commissioners Office (ICO). The Clerk replied that she has received a reply from the ICO which she is going through and will report back to Councillors.

The minutes were seconded by Cllr Cox and unanimously agreed.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

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COUNCILLOR J GREEN
TOWN MAYOR

Bitton House
Teignmouth
1st May 2019