

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BITTON HOUSE ON TUESDAY, 9TH JULY 2019
AT 6.30PM**

Present: Cllr. D. Matthews - Chairman
Cllr. R. Ash - Vice-Chairman
Cllr. J. Atkins
Cllr. D. Cox - *arrived during minute no. 77*
Cllr. A. Henderson
Cllr. N. Jeffries
Cllr. J. Orme
Cllr. I. Palmer
Cllr. R. Phipps
Cllr. P. Williams

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

72. APOLOGIES

Cllr. A. Eden
Cllr. E.S. Russell
Cllr. J. Clatworthy, DCC

73. 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.

74. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public had requested to speak regarding minute number 81.

75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As existing declared interest by those in attendance.

76. DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

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

There were none.

78. CLERK'S REPORT

- a. An invitation received from Teignmouth Regatta to attend the Barham Cup race on 2nd August 2019 at Newton Abbot Town Quay.
- b. An email received from a member of the electorate regarding the Network Rail consultation.
- c. An invitation received to attend the Memorial Service of former Cllr, David Potter.
- d. Proposed maintenance works for the town centre had been circulated and the Clerk asked Cllrs to give feedback.
- e. Heritage Action Zone report issued and Teignbridge District Council is submitting an application, the Clerk asked for feedback by 11th July 2019.
- f. Cllr Atkins had correspondence stating it was still unconfirmed who is taking over the former Waitrose store.
- g. The last meeting before summer recess will be on 23rd July 2019 and there will be refreshments afterwards.
- h. The Reuben Lenkiewicz Fine Art Festival will take place at Bitton House in August.

79. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE ON 25TH JUNE 2019

Cllr Williams proposed to approve the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 25th June 2019, seconded by Cllr Palmer and unanimously agreed.

80. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

Cllr Atkins presented the report. She asked Cllrs to consider having an ice rink for the weekend but said she is still gathering references.

Cllr Orme proposed to accept the report and preliminary funding

Action by when

Cllr Atkins

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request for allocation of £3,500 as included in the council budget, seconded by Cllr Phipps and unanimously agreed.

Cllr Atkins will bring back the decision as to whether to have an ice rink at a later date.

81. AIR QUALITY WORKING PARTY

Action by when

Cllr Cox introduced the item and said a scientific adviser who is a member of the working party had requested to speak.

Cllr Cox

Cllr Atkins proposed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the scientific adviser to speak, seconded by Cllr Williams and unanimously agreed.

Working group meeting on 24th July 2019

The scientific adviser had circulated a report and he gave a background on the item. He drew members attention to the recommendations on page 3 of the report.

Councillors asked questions.

Cllr Cox, Chairman of the Air Quality Working Party thanked the scientific adviser for his sterling work and proposed to approve the recommendations as presented in the report, seconded by Cllr Ash and unanimously agreed.

The Clerk asked who is responsible for actioning the recommendations and Cllr Cox replied the Working Party. Cllr Atkins suggested the neighbourhood plan group may also be able to assist.

The Chairman also thanked the scientific adviser for his work.

Standing Orders were resumed.

82. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Henderson was appointed on the 28.5.19 as a reserve so there is no requirement to replace Cllr Jeffries. Committee membership remains as is.

83. NETWORK RAIL CONSULTATION

The Town Clerk introduced the item advising Cllrs that the Town Council has a duty to submit a response on behalf of the town. The current consultation period closes on the 15th July 2019.

Cllr Ash - should keep alignment as it is and save Teignmouth beach.

Cllr Cox - aesthetics are very sad for such as historic railway line.

Cllr Palmer - would like to keep the heritage trail and would like in writing that they will re-charge the beach. Nice to have a cycle track.

Cllr Henderson - questioned whether there is another way they can maintain the track.

Cllr Phipps - were going to import granite from Europe and suggested they use UK granite.

Cllr Atkins – area of no mans land between the track and path - could be spoilt. Not sure that what is being offered is the best that can be achieved. Asked to see a copy of the environmental impact assessment.

Cllr Williams - majority saying the proposal is good enough, do we listen to the minority? Priority is to keep the railway line.

Chairman – the beach is an asset for the town, would like in writing what they intend to do to re-charge the beach and where the sand would come from.

The Clerk said the consultation finishes on 15th July 2019 and she suggested Cllrs notify their electorate.

84. PIKE WARD PROJECT

Action by when

Cllr Cox presented the item and said Pike Ward made a big difference to Iceland. He is also looking to the heritage fund to install fibre glass whale bones to replace where they use to be.

Clerk's office to make payment by 19th July 2019

Cllr Cox proposed to make a contribution of £250 towards a blue plaque for Pike Ward, seconded by Cllr Phipps and agreed by majority. Cllr Ash abstained.

85. ROAD SAFETY, TEIGNMOUTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Action by when

Cllr Cox introduced the item and said Landscore Road and Keatings Lane are particular problem areas.

Cllr Cox to provide details of who to pay by 19th July 2019

Cllr Henderson proposed to make a contribution of £200 for road safety, seconded by Cllr Phipps and unanimously agreed. Noted, Cllr Orme was absent from the room when the vote took place.

86. TEIGNMOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Clerk presented the update report.

Cllr Cox proposed to note the report and adopt the terms of reference as presented, seconded by Cllr Jeffries and unanimously agreed.

87. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cllr Williams proposed that accounts in the sum of £37,716.62 and prepayments of £1,217.75 be approved and paid, seconded by Cllr Palmer and unanimously agreed.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their support over the weekend for the Teignmouth Air Show.

88. 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.

89. DATA PROTECTION ACT 2018

Precludes this authority from publishing the names, addresses or other private information of individuals unless written permission is given by the individual for such details to be made public.

Therefore, where necessary, personal details have been removed from the papers attached to ensure that information held is available, but individuals are protected.

The meeting closed at 7.54pm.

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COUNCILLOR D MATTHEWS
CHAIRMAN

Bitton House, Teignmouth
10th July 2019