

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BITTON HOUSE ON TUESDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY  
2020 AT 6.30PM**

**Present:** Cllr. D. Matthews – Chairman  
Cllr. R. Ash – Vice-Chairman  
Cllr. J. Atkins  
Cllr. A. Henderson  
Cllr. I. Palmer  
Cllr. R. Phipps  
Cllr. P. Williams  
Cllr. N. Jeffries  
Cllr. J. Orme

**In attendance:** Ms. T. Higgs - Town Clerk  
Mr. K. Orme – Minute Secretary  
Members of the Public

**229. APOLOGIES**

Cllr. E.S. Russell

**230. 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.

**231. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

**232. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**233. DISPENSATIONS**

There were none.

## **234. MATTERS OF URGENCY BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN (IF ANY)**

The Chairman informed members that the next part of the Network Rail Parsons Tunnel Resilience Project consultation is to take place at Teignmouth Golf Club. Due to the Golf Club's distance from the town centre members asked the Clerk to write to Network Rail to confirm what transport options would be in place for members of the public wishing to attend.

## **235. CLERK'S REPORT**

- a. A thankyou email was received from Teign Heartbeat regarding the use of Bitton House for the defibrillator awareness sessions which were run in 2019.
- b. A copy of the report submitted to Network Rail regarding the Parsons Tunnel Resilience Project by the Save Teignmouth & Holcombe Beach Association was circulated to members. A copy has also been sent to members via email.
- c. Members were informed that the new tables and chairs were now in use at Bitton House.
- d. Members were informed that John Ware of the Teignmouth Post had now retired.
- e. An informal budget setting meeting is to be held at 6pm on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2020 at Bitton House.

## **236. MINUTES OF THE TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER 219**

Cllr Atkins made a verbal report on the minutes, which were noted as tabled.

## **237. GRANTS**

AGREED

Cllr Atkins proposed, Cllr Henderson seconded and it was agreed by majority, except for Cllr Palmer who abstained, that:

- The Cllr Community Grant of £100 to Coastal Crew (Cllr Palmer) be approved and paid, and;
- The Cllr Community Grant of £100 to the Christmas Light event (Cllr Cox) be approved and paid, and;
- The request for a financial bailout by the Teignmouth Jazz & Blues Festival is regretfully refused.

## **238. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The accounts were circulated.

AGREED

Cllr Williams proposed to approve that accounts in the sum of £3,953.22 and Prepayments in the sum of £85,048.70 be approved and paid, seconded by Cllr Palmer and unanimously agreed.

## **239. 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.

## **240. 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 7.00pm.

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**COUNCILLOR D MATTHEWS**  
**CHAIRMAN**

Bitton House, Teignmouth  
8<sup>th</sup> January 2020