

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BITTON HOUSE ON TUESDAY, 18th
FEBRUARY 2020 AT 6.30PM**

Present: Cllr. D. Matthews - Chairman
Cllr. R. Ash - Vice-Chairman
Cllr. J. Atkins
Cllr. A. Eden
Cllr. A. Henderson
Cllr. J. Orme - *arrived during minute no. 279*
Cllr. D. Cox - *arrived during minute no. 284*
Cllr. I. Palmer
Cllr. R. Phipps
Cllr. E.S. Russell
Cllr. P. Williams

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

272. APOLOGIES

Cllr. N. Jeffries

273. 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.

274. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

275. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Code of Conduct (section 13, Appendices A and B), Members are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in items to be considered at this meeting. Members are also reminded that the timescale to alter their stated interests with the District Council's Monitoring Officer is 28 days.

Cllrs Matthews & Phipps declared an interest in minute no. 282

276. DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensation requests.

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

There were none.

278. CLERK'S REPORT

- a. Members received an invitation from the South Devon & Torbay Clinical Commissioning Group to a private briefing regarding the modernising of health services in the area, to be held at the Teign Heritage Centre at 6.30pm on Wednesday the 19th of February. Members were asked to confirm their attendance directly to the email invitation that had been forwarded to them.
- b. An email was received from the Marine Management Organisation regarding the consultation of the reopening of the PO050 disposal site at Sprey Point. A formal response is to be agreed at the Full Council meeting to be held on Tuesday the 3rd of March 2020.
- c. There is to be an extraordinary meeting of Finance & General Purposes on the 25th of February to discuss the council's response to the Network Rail Parson's Tunnel Resilience and Stagecoach consultations. The agenda will be sent to members on Thursday the 20th of February.

279. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH OF FEBRUARY 2020

AGREED

Cllr Henderson proposed, Cllr Ash seconded and it was agreed by majority, except Cllr Williams who abstained, that the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes held on the 4th of February 2020 be approved as a true record.

280. VE DAY 75

The report was noted as presented.

281. 'TEIGNMOUTH SWIMMING POOL FUND' CHANGE OF SIGNATORIES

AGREED

Cllr Phipps proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was agreed unanimously that Teignmouth Town Council updates the signatories on the 'Teignmouth Swimming Pool Fund' National Savings & Investment account to the Town Clerk and the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

282. TEIGNMOUTH AIRSHOW

A request was received to defer the item.

DEFERRED

Cllr Eden proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was agreed unanimously that the item be deferred.

283. CONFIRMATION OF TRUSTEES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Clerk gave a report.

AGREED

Cllr Russell proposed, Cllr Phipps seconded and it was agreed by majority, except Cllr Eden who abstained, that Teignmouth Town Council supports and approves the re-nomination of the current Clerk to the Soup Kitchen Trust for a period of four years (the standard term of office).

284. USE OF WEBCAM STREAMING FOR TEIGNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Cllr Russell gave a verbal report to members.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk is to explore options and cost implications and report back to members at a future Finance & General Purposes meeting.

285. HIGHWAYS, DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

Cllr Russell gave a verbal report to members on the HATOC meeting that took place on the 11th of February 2020.

Higher Buckeridge Road

Waiting restrictions are now being considered in this area and DCC advise that vehicles parking there which are potentially untaxed be reported directly to the DVLA.

Waiting Restriction (Yellow Lines)

The 2019/20 list is now closed, but requests can still be accepted for inclusion in the list for 2020/21. All requests that had been made to Cllr Russell are on the current list, uncluding Mill Lane.

Pedestrian Crossing (Shute Hill to Lidl)

Following the confirmation from Highways and reported to the F&GP on 4th February 2020.

The zebra is now being proposed for upgrading to a signal controlled crossing following an annual cluster review process by our Road Safety team. This would be a capital investment proposal for next financial year (2020/21) so is subject to funding being identified.

This will now go forward for funding to be identified and a scheme will be submitted for approval to HATOC.

The time has now come for the Town Council to accept or reject the current proposal. DCC are aware that there are mixed views about the right way forward and if so these must be worked up and submitted before any progress can be made.

286. USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA AT TEIGNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Cllr Orme gave a report to members, which was discussed. Cllr Cox informed members of an "Order in Council" from Secretary of State Eric Pickles that prevents Town Councils from barring members from using social media in meetings.

DEFERRED

Cllr Orme proposed, Cllr Palmer seconded and it was agreed by majority, except Cllr Cox who abstained and Cllrs Ash and Eden who voted against, that the item be deferred until the Clerk had taken legal advice on the matter.

287. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The accounts were circulated.

AGREED

Cllr Russell proposed to approve that accounts in the sum of £16,835.51 and Prepayments in the sum of £11,896.16 be approved, seconded by Cllr Orme and unanimously agreed.

288. 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.

289. 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 7.10pm.

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COUNCILLOR D MATTHEWS
CHAIRMAN

Bitton House, Teignmouth
19th February 2020