

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BITTON HOUSE ON TUESDAY, 28TH JANUARY 2020 AT 6.30PM

Present: Cllr. D. Matthews – Acting Chairman
Cllr. R. Ash – Acting Vice-Chairman
Cllr. J. Atkins
Cllr. D. Cox
Cllr. A. Eden
Cllr. A. Henderson
Cllr. I. Palmer
Cllr. J. Orme
Cllr. E.S. Russell

In attendance: Ms. T. Higgs - Town Clerk
Miss. A. Winston - PA to Mayor
Mr. I. Wedlake - Project and Facilities Manager
Members of the Public

COUNCIL NOT IN FORMAL SESSION

For Councillors and Members of the Public

The Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Roderick Withnell said a prayer.

Questions and Statements Public Time

There were none.

Police Report

The local Sergeant presented a crimes and incidents report for the period 12 December 2019 to 27 January 2020 which is shown below.

Crimes Recorded - 12/12/2019 to 27/01/2020 - Teignmouth

Offence	Recorded Crime 12/12/2019 to 27/01/2020	Recorded Crime 12/12/2018 to 27/01/2019	Recorded Crime % Difference
Violence with Injury	9	17	-47.1%
Violence without Injury	22	26	-15.4%
Rape	1	2	-50.0%
Other Sexual Offences	1	5	-80.0%
Robbery	2	0	-
Burglary Dwelling	3	2	50.0%
Burglary Non-Dwelling	3	1	200.0%
Vehicle Offences	3	4	-25.0%
Shoplifting	4	7	-42.9%
Other Theft	4	6	-33.3%
Criminal Damage	12	19	-36.8%
Public Order Offences	7	6	16.7%
Possession of Weapons	0	2	-100.0%
Trafficking of Drugs	2	0	-
Possession of Drugs	0	4	-100.0%
Other Offences	3	3	0.0%
Total	76	104	-26.9%

Incidents Recorded - 12/12/2019 to 27/01/2020 - Teignmouth

Incident Closing Category	Incidents - 12/12/2019 to 27/01/2020	Incidents - 12/12/2018 to 27/01/2019	Incidents % Difference
Anti Social Behaviour	30	60	-50.0%
Crime Not Recorded	2	5	-60.0%
Crime Recorded	26	51	-49.0%
Public Safety	97	132	-26.5%
Transport	33	28	17.9%
Total	188	276	-31.9%

The Sergeant urged everyone to report any crime that is occurring as it has a bearing on the number of officers allocated. The Chairman conveyed thanks to the Sergeant and colleagues.

Cllr Eden expressed that the town often smells of an illegal substance particularly in the subway near the railway station.

Cllr Orme thanked the Sergeant and his team.

Cllr Atkins asked about Neighbourhood Watch and the Sergeant replied that contact details are on the website.

County Councillor Reports

Cllr Russell – there has been a 10% increase in the health and adult care budget. The Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee are looking at people living independently and waiting times.

Cllr Clatworthy – there has been an overspend of £21.5m on special education needs, £5.476m in receipts from sale of assets. Stagecoach have started a consultation which includes route 2 which serves Teignmouth. He conveyed he will be supporting Network Rail's latest proposal which Cllr Russell said she also supports.

District Councillor Reports

- a) Cllr Eden said she had witnessed another near miss on the pedestrian crossing by Lidl and urged Cllr Russell to take the matter up with Devon County Council before an accident happens. She added that the item has been raised previously. Cllr Russell replied that she has a meeting in February and she will raise the item again, she asked Cllr Eden to put her concern in writing so that it can be sent to the relevant Officers in the meantime. Cllr Atkins added that Lidl will be open until 10pm so there may be a greater risk as the junction is likely to be busier. The Chairman suggested an item is included on the agenda for the Finance and General Purposes Committee which Cllr Eden will action.
- b) Cllr Cox said Teignbridge District Council have looked at their budget and they will be losing 60p in every £1 from the government. The Councillor Community Fund is being cut.

Town Councillor Reports

- a) Cllr Cox asked about the lighting in Bitton Park as a number of people have spoken to him. The Project and Facilities Manager said the lights will be on until 10.30pm and then will automatically turn off during a trial period. He had taken advice from the police who said to turn the lights off as there was an increase in anti-social behaviour when the lights were on.
- b) Cllr Atkins gave an update on the neighbourhood plan and said there is a draft design code. A report will be presented to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Reports from Outside Bodies

There were none.

Presentations from Outside Bodies

a. To receive a presentation from Teignmouth Twinning Association

A representative of the Teignmouth Twinning Association thanked the council for the grant and gave information about last year's visit to Perros-Guirec. He conveyed plans for this year and said they have a strong focus on youth in the town.

COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION – PART 1 (7.24pm)

241 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.

242 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.

243 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. R. Phipps - Town Mayor
Cllr. P. Williams - Deputy Town Mayor
Cllr. N. Jeffries

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

Members are reminded that they are to declare any interest in the items to be transacted and that the timescale to alter stated interests with the Districts Monitoring Officer is 28 days.

Under the Code of Conduct, Councillors with a registerable interest must leave the room for the duration of consideration of the item to which the interest relates. Those with 'other' interest must apply the tests as set out in the Code of conduct as to whether or not there are circumstances that might enable them to remain.

A request for a dispensation is to be made to the Town Clerk, no less than 5 working days before Council meetings. The Council may grant a member(s) a

dispensation(s) to participate in a discussion and vote on a matter at a meeting even if he/she has an interest.

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

245 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

- a. An invitation had been circulated to attend a Climate Workshop for Councillors.
- b. Notification received of road works at Reed Vale.
- c. Mayor's Recognition Award - encouraged everyone to submit a nomination.
- d. The internal audit will take place next month.
- e. The Mayor, Project and Facilities Manager and Clerk attended a meeting last week regarding the Cave Music Project. Teignbridge District Council have said the Cave Music Project can stay at the Eastcliff Centre until the end of September 2020.

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

There were none.

247 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor's engagements were tabled.

Items requiring Approval

248 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

To receive and approve the monthly accounts as presented for November and December 2019

Cllr Atkins proposed to approve the accounts as presented, seconded by Cllr Palmer and unanimously agreed.

249 TO RECEIVE, APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2019

Cllr Atkins proposed to approve the Minutes as presented, seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed. Cllrs Eden and Russell abstained as they were not present at the meeting.

250 COMMITTEE – FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE ON 7 JANUARY 2020

Cllr Atkins proposed to approve the Minutes as presented, seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed. Cllrs Eden and Russell abstained as they were not present at the meeting.

251 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2020-2021

A report was presented for the Budget and Precept for 2020-2021 which included two options.

251a - Budget 2020-2021

Cllr Henderson asked about the money allocated for the fireworks event citing that the event cannot be built upon due to trading limitations. The Clerk said the council has the option to vire the money allocated for the fireworks to another heading.

Cllr Orme asked that sustainable options are considered when choosing a replacement council vehicle.

Cllr Palmer proposed to approve option 1 as presented for a budget of £993,329, seconded by Cllr Eden and agreed by majority. Cllr Ash voted against.

251b - Precept 2020-2021

Cllr Palmer proposed to approve option 1 as presented for a precept of £727,273, seconded by Cllr Eden and agreed by majority. Cllr Ash voted against.

252 FEES AND CHARGES 2020-2021

The Clerk presented the report with proposed scale of charges to take effect from 1st April 2020.

Cllr Palmer proposed to adopt the scale of charges as presented from 1st April 2020, seconded by Cllr Cox and unanimously agreed.

253 LOVE YOUR BEACH STEERING GROUP

Cllr Ash gave feedback of the meeting held on 18 December 2019 - the Environment Agency had given a presentation regarding how bathing water quality is monitored. Teignbridge District Council has seven bathing waters that are currently rated excellent, except Dawlish which is rated as good. He informed members of this

year's campaigns which include 'Don't feed the Locals campaign' urging people not to feed seagulls, 'Only leave Paw Prints' campaign, 'Love your Loo' posters.

Cllr Ash asked members if they will support the performing seagulls act again this year (the cost last year was £1,800 which was shared with Dawlish Town Council). Councillors discussed the matter and agreed that an item should be included on the Finance and General Purposes Committee agenda.

254 HUMAN RESOURCES POLICIES

Councillors received a report and draft policies including: Capability Policy and Procedure, Disciplinary Policy and Procedure, Grievance Policy and Procedure.

Cllr Atkins proposed to approve and adopt the policies as presented, seconded by Cllr Palmer and unanimously agreed.

255 INFORMATION AND DATA PROTECTION POLICY

Councillors received the reviewed Information and Data Protection Policy which has an amendment on page 6.

Cllr Atkins proposed to approve and adopt the reviewed Information and Data Protection Policy as presented, seconded by Cllr Cox and unanimously agreed.

256 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 8.05pm.

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**COUNCILLOR R PHIPPS
TOWN MAYOR**

Bitton House, Teignmouth
29 January 2020