



**TEIGNMOUTH TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP  
meeting held on Tuesday, 9 March 2021 at 9.20am via Zoom**

The prime purpose of the TTCMP has always been the sharing of information by the 3 authorities (DCC, TDC & TTC) and the private sector and to speak with one voice on behalf of the Town Centre and related issues. Following the lockdowns of the past year and the effects of the pandemic and storms, this meeting will concentrate on the planned programmes of the three authorities for the coming year.

**Present:** Edward Chorlton – Chairman  
Cllr. J. Atkins – TTC  
Louisa Brinton – TDC (*left at 11.30am*)  
Cllr. J. Clatworthy - DCC  
Jamie Evans – DCC  
Cllr. A. Henderson – TTC (*left at 10.50am*)  
Roger North – DCC  
Cllr. J. Orme – TDC/TTC  
Cllr. I. Palmer - TTC  
Cllr. R. Phipps – TDC/TTC  
Tracy Rowe – Town Clerk  
Cllr. E.S. Russell – DCC/TDC/TTC  
Graeme Smith – TDC  
Keith Underhill – Teignmouth Traders Association  
Iain Wedlake – Project and Facilities Manager  
Sam Williams – DCC  
Anna Winston – PA to TTC

**1. Apologies**

Calum Douglas, ABP

**2. Minutes of last meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

The Chairman asked SW for an update regarding recycling boxes left in the street. SW replied that it is very limited what DCC can do as if they issue notice for one bin then they would need to do all bins and due to a lack of resources this is not feasible. Concern was expressed that this illegal activity is having a negative effect on the highway public realm.

The Chairman asked members to give this issue some thought with a view to putting suggestions forward at a future meeting.

### **3. Update on East Cliff car park layout with regard to the reduction of coach parking spaces (TDC)**

LB said she was unaware of the reduction of coach parking spaces and will take the question back to TDC and come back to Anna.

Cllr Phipps asked if extra coaches would be allowed to park in spaces for cars if there was room and LB will ask.

Clarity is also sought on where excess coaches will be expected/permitted to park.

### **4. Update on Groynes (Chair)**

The Chairman read out an update received from the Environment Agency which is shown below.

Thank you for your recent enquiry regarding Teignmouth shared via John Varley. As per our correspondence in December 2020 the works are still progressing for later this spring.

You may have observed in recent weeks the changing beach profiles across Teignmouth from a succession of weather events. Our contractors and their design team are currently undertaking a re-assessment of the planned works so that they can be adjusted accordingly and subsequently the materials order amended. As you may already be aware the groynes are inspected on an annual basis as part of our Public Safety Risk Assessment programme, and also visually inspected as part of our asset inspection programme.

Due to the beach levels at the works access ramp we now require a more substantial temporary works design solution. Our framework contractors have employed the local specialist contractors Teignmouth Maritime Services to undertake the repairs as they have many years of experience working in this environment. The works are being planned to take place over a number of spring tides which will maximise the short working window available on site. We have a contingency period planned for late summer to pick up any works that cannot be completed during the first phase of the works.

As we have discussed in our previous correspondence the completed works will include the re-installation of the sand box at the landward face of groyne 14.

If you have any more queries regarding the works please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

### **5. Forthcoming Financial Year**

#### **a) DCC.... Sam Williams**

- Street lights painting – SW said there is likely to be a pot of money that councils can apply to and the money is likely to be match-funded so town councils would need to contribute towards the cost. Members expressed criticism of this plan as the town council would be paying towards DCC assets, the lights have fallen into a poor state so the initial work will be more expensive. SW will feedback comments and Cllr Clatworthy will also contact the leader of DCC
- Increased funding for potholes and drainage - £600,000 has been allocated across the county for potholes and drainage. Whilst this seems a considerable sum it will only pay for the repair of approximately a pothole and a half per km.
- B3192 drainage and effect of road surface water on this road on icy conditions – an order has been submitted for the gullies on the road to be cleaned and then an inspection will be carried out to determine whether any further work is needed. Cllr Orme conveyed that it is not a safe stretch of road.
- Non urgent matters and repeat issues reported to DCC online scheme – the Chairman said he had reported that part of a directional sign near the docks

has been missing for some time. When reported via the DCC online system he was told it was non urgent work. SW will look into this

- 2021/22 DCC highway maintenance programme for Teignmouth – the programme is not yet known but SW is looking at Kingsway. RN said the sign by Eastcliff car park still shows 'WC' which should be blocked out.
- Other – Cllr Russell thanked the Highways Department for work to replace the zebra crossing with a puffin crossing on Exeter Road. The Chairman added that he is not happy about this unnecessary change as the new signals will cause delays to traffic and to pedestrians.

## **b) TDC.... Louisa Brinton and Resorts Team**

- Update on implementation dates for:
  - Brunswick Street Hotel – discussions with contractors are ongoing.. no start date yet
  - Health Centre – it is not known when a report will be going to the Planning Committee
  - Beachcomber – will be marketed with a local agency shortly
  - Renovation of the Shelter on the Promenade – the shelter will be sand blasted and painted. Members asked about new glass/other transparent material as used in many other resorts and its importance to the shelter being fit for purpose. LB will make an enquiry.
- Seafront Storm Damage overview and recovery plans – storms have dislodged and detached numerous copping stones along the flower beds on the promenade. Cllr Phipps said a contractor has started work.
- Re-opening of the Lido swimming pool – TDC have been successful in a grant funding bid to the Public Sector De-carbonisation Scheme which will enable to energy costs and carbon emissions to be reduced by the installation of new, green technology at Newton Abbot Leisure Centre, Teignmouth Lido and Broadmeadow Sports Centre. Under the terms of the grant funding, the deadline for completing this work is September, with a start by the end of March, which means it will need to be carried out over the summer. As a result The Lido will not be opened this year and there may be some disruption at the two centres.

Over the next six months the £2.3 million grant will be spent installing Solar PV, battery storage and building management system upgrades at all three buildings as part of our emerging Carbon Action Plan. Gas boilers at Newton Abbot Leisure Centre and the Lido will be replaced with low-carbon air source heat pumps and pool circulation pumps will be replaced with high-efficiency modern equivalents. Lighting systems at Broadmeadow will be upgraded with modern LED equivalents throughout. This investment will have a positive impact on all three locations in the future.

- Appearance of the seafront – Cllr Phipps said there is no drainage in the skate park and it floods. Cllr Orme expressed that there should have been a contingency plan when the shelter that used to be positioned near the

Pavilions was removed and not reinstated when the crossing from the Pavilions to the Prom was constructed. Cllr Palmer said the seafront needs a good sweep as there is lots of sand. LB replied that the street sweeper is currently broken so sand is being swept away by hand. There was no information on when the sweeper would be repaired.

- Other – Cllr Russell conveyed that the seats in the new cemetery are in a poor state and need painting and LB will feed this back. Cllr Atkins was concerned about the increase in Teignbridge District Council car parking charges and their potential effects on the town and said some prices are doubling in the winter. Cllr Russell confirmed that Devon County Council have not increased on-street parking charges.

### **c) TTC.... Tracy Rowe and Iain Wedlake**

- **Town Clerk's report**

- i. Registered an interest with Devon County Council regarding electric vehicle charging points
- ii. The council will be receiving two bicycle racks from Devon County Council for Bitton Park
- iii. The council has recently employed a new Maintenance Operative who will work full-time
- iv. There is a concern regarding events in the town this summer after Lockdown. LB said Teignbridge District Council are waiting to hear about regulations

- **Project & Facilities Manager Report incl Town Centre Public Realm**

- i. There are still unresolved issues regarding the transfer of public conveniences from the District Council to the Town Council. A meeting is taking place tomorrow to try and move things forward
- ii. The uplighters in the Triangle have all been replaced with LEDs
- iii. Work on memorial benches has resumed and they will be constructed much more quickly, there is a backlog of 10 orders
- iv. IW asked SW if the Town Council could have permission to do some work on a scruffy piece of land near the Roundel Club that is being mis-used and SW said this is fine
- v. Asked about an invoice received from Teignbridge District Council for £500 for Teign Coastal contribution, GS will contact IW after the meeting to explain
- vi. Asked about the message received from Devon County Council regarding a tree in the Triangle which the cage is impeding. IW offered that the Town Council can remove the cage and SW is happy with this. The partnership was clear that the whole of the Triangles are highway/DCC's and that none of it is 'private land'.

- **Update on Teignmouth Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Atkins said they are almost ready to take the finished plan to consultation and are looking to display boards in the windows at the Pavilions.

- **Plans for Queen's Platinum Anniversary in 2022**

The Chairman suggested that it would be good if the anniversary could be marked with something with longevity rather than a one-off street party. He suggested a new Jubilee shelter on the prom and perhaps working with Shaldon Parish Council to modernise the lighting on the Ness perhaps with laser lighting. The May Bank Holiday Weekend will be moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

**Post minute note:** an item will be put on the Full Council agenda on 6 April 2021.

- **Car Parking Working Party**

The Clerk said the working party has not met for a very long time and the Mayor is currently reviewing committees and working parties. Cllr Phipps asked the Clerk to arrange a meeting in liaison with Cllr Matthews who is the Chairman of the working party. The Chairman expressed that the working party is not just the Town Council and that both the District Council and County Council are members.

## **6. Covid Pandemic Effects on Teignmouth Town Centre and proposed recovery plans (DCC, TDC, TTC, Traders)**

- Economic effect
- Number of Shop vacancies
- DCC & TDC recovery Plans including access to Government schemes

JE said the County Council is working on a 'Team Devon' approach and £6m has been earmarked and they are looking to align with the District Council. He added that **unemployment has gone up a lot in Teignmouth town centre, the number of empty shops is below the national average.**

### ***New funding stream from Government:***

JE - projects will need to be flagged with Teignbridge and where relevant Devon County Council asap. Deadline for Local Authority submissions on both these is I believe 18th June and they will need to have time to work up bids.

[UK Community Renewal Fund: prospectus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/544212/UK_Community_Renewal_Fund_prospectus.pdf)

[Levelling Up Fund: prospectus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/544212/UK_Community_Renewal_Fund_prospectus.pdf)

## **7. Banners on railings...**It was agreed that a renewed informal agreement be negotiated with DCC and to work with TDC to agree to use their fence at Shaldon bridge.... Iain Wedlake

IW suggested that he, SW, LB and Innes meet and bring a proposal back and this was agreed. IW will arrange the meeting.

**8. Café pavement licences.... to discuss way forward as DCC, TDC, TTC can all issue licences.... Iain Wedlake**

IW conveyed that the Town Council should be the only player or opt out. He said the Town Council are happy to continue to issue the licences but will need authority to do this, otherwise there will be too many authorities involved.

**9. Teign Estuary Trail.... Roger North**

RN gave an update and said the consultation regarding the Passage House to Morrisons section had been well received with nearly 3,000 questionnaires returned. A draft of the consultation feedback has been sent to Officers and then it will be circulated. He confirmed that over 60% of the scheme will be visible so people can see the views and he followed up the RSPB contact which the Chairman had given. Scrub clearance work has been carried out near the Holcombe dip.

**10.60 Second Items...etc**

Cllr Palmer – keeps reporting a major pothole by the Pavilions and continual flooding by the Sea View Diner, SW said he will have a look.

Clerk – asked about getting the Pier listed and Cllr Phipps said he would phone her after the meeting.

The Chairman noted that this was Cllr Clatworthy's last attendance at this meeting as he is not standing in the elections in May 2021. He thanked Cllr Clatworthy for his 22 years of service.

**11. Date of next meeting – 8 June 2021**

The meeting closed at 11.37am.