

KINGSTEIGNTON TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT by the Clerk

2014/15

Kingsteignton Town Council promotes working together for the community of Kingsteignton and for the benefit of the community. Precept of £144,849 plus a Council Tax Support Grant of £18,320 was received for the financial year 2014/15.

The elected Mayor for this year was Cllr Chris Meathrel with Cllr Rob Harris as his deputy. All committees are made up of eight members plus the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

This year has again passed by quickly and has seen the following work and events throughout the Town.

Community Hall/Fountain Committee – Budget £5000 plus £2000 ring fences from this for possible conversion of storeroom to additional toilet facilities

The committee was chaired by Cllr Dave Rollason, with Cllr Jill Morris as Vice Chair. They were supported by Cllrs B Austen, K Jones, R Peart, L Rose, M Stevenson, B Thorne.

During the current year the following works were carried out:

- New kitchen hatch Fire Doors were installed
- A new cooker was installed in the kitchen
- Uniform signage was installed throughout the hall
- New blinds were fitted in the kitchen
- Christmas Lights were installed on the lamp posts around The Fountain area and a large Christmas tree was displayed, which was donated by Mr A Bunclark, Vicarage Hill.
- Mayors Civic Carol Service was held on Monday 8 December 2014 and was enjoyed by all.
- It was agreed that with effect from March 2015 that the Newsletter would no longer be delivered to all properties within the town but would be available to view/download from www.kingsteignton.gov.uk or to be collected from selected venues around the town.
- A new Assembly Point was made for vacating the Community Hall in the case of fire within the grounds of the hall, with a pathway onto Rydon Road for exiting the grounds if necessary
- Discussion re: enlarging the car park facilities for the Community Hall are still ongoing

Recreation/Footpath Committee – Budget £5000 to include £1000 for maintenance of Clifford Park

The committee was chaired by Cllr Bill Thorne, with Cllr Malcolm Stevenson as Vice Chair. They were supported by Cllrs: B Austen, K Jones, J Morris, R Peart, L Rose, D Rollason

Works carried out and events held during this year:

- Kingsteignton Garden and Craft Show was held at the Community Hall on Saturday 6 September, 2014. This was well attended and enjoyed by all

- Beating the Bounds was held over two Saturdays – Saturday 13 & 20 September 2014. Both days were well attended and enjoyed by all walkers. Thanks have to go Mr John Stacey for all of his help in organising this event.
 - Following on from Beating the Bounds the committee is considering placing four new boundary stones along our boundary
- Tree planting took place at Oakford Lawn during the Autumn
- Discussion started on placing Fitness Equipment in Clifford Park and it is hoped that this will be installed early in the 2015/16 council year
- An outdoor Carol Service was held for the first time at The Fountain, which was very well attended and enjoyed

Finance Committee – Training Budget £1700

The Committee was chaired by Cllr Rob Harris, with Cllr Bill Thorne as Vice Chair. They were supported by Cllrs B Austen, D Hambly, J Morris, R Peart, D Rollason, M Stevenson, G Wickham.

Work carried out during the current year was as follows:

- The council pledged £3000 match funding to Kingsteignton Library for this financial year providing they made a case for the funds. The Library provided evidence of match funding and the £3000 was made available to them.
- An application was received from Evie Old for funding from the Travel Fund to attend the 23rd World Scout Jamboree, Japan, Summer 2015. She was granted £300 and asked if she would be happy to come back and talk to the council about her trip. She said that she would.
- Due to DCC withdrawing from providing Youth facilities, Kingsteignton Youth Centre was handed back to the Town Council as they are the Trustees of the Centre. The Town Council pledged £18500 in case of need and this was transferred to them to assist with the repair work carried out throughout the building and the re-opening of the centre.
- Grants were approved for Organisations for 2015/16 and were presented at the Annual Town meeting held on Friday 10 April 2015

Kingsteignton Ram Roast - £500

Royal British Legion - £100

Kingsteignton Allotment Association - £250

Kingsteignton Senior Citizen Club - £200

Teignbridge Homeless Action Today - £450

Kingsteignton Swimming Pool & Recreational Association - £2000

Rackerhayes Pre School - £400

Strokes Ahead - £250

Friends of Kingsteignton Library - £250

Post Meridian (Kingsteignton) Women's Institute - £250

Teignbridge Archaeological Society - £100

Kingsteignton-Orbec-La Vespier Twinning Association - £250

1st Newton Abbot (Kingsteignton) Sea Scouts - £500

KingsCare League of Friends - £400

Newton Abbot Community Transport Association - £400

Stover Canal Trust - £220

The Kingsteignton History Society - £250
 Tiddlers and Toddlers - £200
 The Parish Church of St Michael - £250
 Kingsteignton Athletic Football Club - £400

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Rackerhayes Pre-School	£400	Stover Canal Trust	£220
Strokes Ahead	£250	KingsCare League of Friends	£400
Newton Abbot Community Transport Association	£400	1 st Newton Abbot/Kingsteignton Sea Scouts	£500
Teignbridge Archaeological Society	£100	Kingsteignton-Orbec-La-Vespier Twinning Association	£250
Kingsteignton Swimming Pool & Recreational Association	£2000	Post Meridian (Kingsteignton) Womens Institute	£250

Councillors and Staff attended the following Training Events/Conferences

New Councillors Course: Cllrs Stevenson, Rollason, Rose

Chairmanship Course: Cllrs Peart, Rollason

Budgets and Precepts: Cllr Wickham

Devon Strategic Partnership Workshop: Cllrs L Foxwell, Thorne, Wickham

Getting People Involved: Cllrs Lonsdale, Austen, Rollason, Thorne, Stevenson, Wickham, Meathrel, Peart, Morris

Devon Association of Local Councils AGM: Cllr Peart

Annual Community Council of Devon Conference: Cllrs Meathrel, Peart

Local Council Finance Event: Cllr Harris

SLCC Regional Conference: Cllr Meathrel and Mrs Lakin

Regional Roadshow: Mrs Lakin and Mrs Simmons

Devon Highways Parish/Town Council Conference: Cllr Wickham

DALC Preparing for Election: Cllrs Meathrel, Rollason, Peart, Stevenson, Mrs Lakin

Devon Voluntary Action Funding Conference – Deal or no Deal: Cllr Rollason, Meathrel, Peart

Devon Communities Together Social and Community Enterprise Workshops – Sustainable Funding and From Ideas to Enterprise: Cllr Rose

Being an Effective Councillor: Cllrs Rose and Hambly

SLCC National Conference: Mrs Lakin

Works, Services and Planning Committee: Budget: £7500 (Capital and Revenue. Includes £2000 contribution to TDC, towards upkeep of public toilets at The Fountain.

The committee was chaired by Cllr Ron Peart with Cllr Malcolm Stevenson as Vice Chair. They were supported by Cllrs B Austen, A Lonsdale, J Morris, D Rollason, B Thorne, G Wickham

This committee mainly deals with giving observations to Teignbridge District Council on Planning Applications, but are only consultees and do not make decisions. The Town Council continues to tackle problems with litter and dog fouling. They also maintain the Leat on Crossley Moor Road and Berry Lane.

Works carried out under this committee during the year are:

- Two new bus shelters have been installed one on Longford Lane (opposite Longfield Avenue) and one on Exeter Road (near Strawberry Terrace junction)
- Presentations have been given to the council by Redrow and Linden Homes on their new developments at Newcross and Penns Mount respectively
- During the new road layout at Five Lanes the brick bus shelter was demolished, without any consultation with the Town Council. Sibelco have agreed to cover the cost of a replacement shelter, which cannot be positioned at Five Lanes, but will replace the old shelter on Greenhill Way, near Woodmere Way. A new shelter was also installed at Five Lanes by Sibelco which was damaged in a road traffic accident and this is also being replaced.
- The Town Council submitted a Community Right to Bid request on Greenhill Industrial Estate, Greenhill Road but this was refused
- Councillors have been in conversation with TDC concerning S106 payments on developments that are available for spending within Kingsteignton. This is ongoing.
- The Town Council have submitted requests to register green grass verges and buildings as Community Assets. A response is awaited from TDC.
- TDC invited the town council to submit names for the roads in the new developments at Penns Mount and Newcross.
- Observations were given by the town council on the Public Transport Review carried out by DCC.

The Chairman's Charity for the year was Kingsteignton Athletic Football Club and funds raised from the Annual Mayor's Carol Service will be presented to them shortly.

During 2014/15 Cllrs Stevenson, Rose and Hambly were co-opted onto the council to fill vacancies.

Thanks are given to County Councillor Tony Dempster for attending meetings and giving reports; to Father Mark Smith, Rev'd Sandra Gill and Rev'd David Goddard to saying a prayer prior to the start of our Full Council meetings; to the Police for providing reports at the Full Council meetings; to parishioners for drawing matters to the council's attention and to all Town Councillors for all their time in working tirelessly in a voluntary capacity for the good of the community.

I would also like to thank the Staff, Shirley Simmons, Caroline Lowe, David Turner, Mick Hedges, Brian Willoughby for all their help around the town, in the Community Hall and in the Council Office.

Carol Lakin
Town Clerk
14 May, 2015