



Kingsteignton Town Council

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 JANUARY 2021 VIA ZOOM AT 7 PM

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Rollason

Deputy Mayor: Councillor Austen

Councillors: Bovey, Brotherton, Dempster, Jones, Khan, Laws, Peart, Plummer, Ripping, Rollason, Scagell,

Town Clerk: Mrs C Lakin

Rev. David Goddard

Police Report

There was no police report.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

County Councillor R Peart's Report

Connecting Devon and Somerset with support from DCMS - have today signed new contracts with three separate suppliers, Airband, Truespeed, and Wessex Internet, that will deliver full fibre connectivity to 56, 396 homes and businesses across six procurement lots within Devon and Somerset. The contracts covering Devon have been awarded to Airband. The contractual commitment from all three suppliers is full fibre which is Gigabit capable. This means that even if residents only require a Superfast [30Mbps] connection now, from day one it is capable of Ultrafast [100Mbps] or Gigabit [1,000Mbps] speeds when they require it. The contracts are also for open access which means other internet service providers can provide their content over the new networks. These contracts represent public funding of £36.8 million including £12.3 million from local authorities and the Heart of the South West LEP. When commercial investments from the three suppliers is added the total investment in the new contracts is £77.9 million. Delivery will be in phases between 2021 and 2024 and now the contracts have been placed, the CDS team will be able to share further detail in the New Year relating to the phasing and sequencing of the work. The roll-out will be in the vanguard of the Government's ambitions to build a Gigabit capable network across the UK. The three companies all have experience of working in the region and, between them, have already delivered connections to nearly 41, 000 premises in the CDS region. All three companies all have regional offices in the CDS area and well established in- house and sub-contractor design and build capacity, backed by a good supply chain. Rural Gigabit Vouchers CDS offers support to communities who wish to contract with telecoms providers to design and shape bespoke broadband solutions for their areas. CDS will provide additional support where appropriate through its Community Challenge Programme to help bridge any local funding gaps. In Devon to date: 1,544 vouchers with a value of £2,867, 111 have been issued. 552 premises have been connected. Nearly one million homes and businesses in Devon and Somerset now have access to superfast broadband. Of these, over 300, 000 homes and



businesses have access to superfast broadband. The Connecting Devon and Somerset programme is expected to deliver an £800 million boost to the regional economy.

Speed Management Working Group – the group investigated a more permissive approach to Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign policy, to allow communities to communicate to drivers in different ways, such as signs displaying the vehicles speed, slow down text etc. The outcome is a new Traffic Management Procedure which allows the use of these signs. The procedure will empower local councils to bring about a behavioural change to speed within their community and assist the Neighbourhood Highway Teams to enable this. It will also provide another option/outcome from the Speed Complaint Action Review Forum (SCARF) process. The procedure covers several criteria which must be met before a MVAS can be installed on the highway. This includes the requirement for the locations to be reviewed at SCARF and the device to be moved to different locations on a regular basis. Devices which are capable of data gathering are also supported. This could assist us by providing data to evaluate how effective these measures are. DCC will continue to deploy either fixed or mobile VAS in accordance with the current SCARF process. This option of the community deploying MVAS at its own cost is in addition to the DCC VAS programme. There are several different types of road signs that display a digital message. The main types are:

- Variable message signs (VMS) which provide information by continually showing messages to all motorists. These can be mobile or fixed.
- Vehicle activated signs (VAS) are commonly deployed for speed compliance reasons. They detect a vehicle's speed with an internally mounted radar and display a message if the speed exceeds a set threshold. VAS has been found in certain circumstances to more effective than traditional signs, as their luminance provides a contrast that has more of an impact on motorists. These can be mobile or fixed.
- Speed indicator devices (SID) are a form of vehicle activated sign, which displays a motorist's current speed (accompanied sometimes by a frowning face or message to slow down where applicable). These devices can achieve speed reductions. DCC will provided support in setting the speed threshold for activation. This will never be lower than the speed limit itself.

Purchase and installation costs (warranty of 5 years is recommended) on going maintenance will need to be carried out, insurance including insurance for working on the highway all repairs.

District Councillors' Reports

Councillor D Rollason

During December and the run up to Christmas family commitments and leave meant I had to give apologies for the Overview and Scrutiny committee which is the only one in this period that I would normally have attended.

As ever all council and committee meeting papers are available on Teignbridge District Council website as well as a great deal of other information and services. The Teignbridge District Council email newsletter is also an excellent way to keep up to date with what is going on.



Councillor B Austen

The final few Teignbridge visual meetings ceased shortly before Christmas and have not yet recommenced. It is gratifying to note that waste services and other council commitments have been handled continuously and efficiently over this period Christmas period.

Kingsteignton WI have enjoyed front page magazine cover on its County magazine with several mentions in local news. The idea to commemorate Remembrance Day was progressed to celebrate its 50th anniversary and members of the local church and public contributed. It will receive a certificate from Britain in Bloom for its display at The Fountain. Good to see our town being widely publicised from the efforts of members of its community. It is very gratifying to note the good works and neighbourliness at work in our town.

Teignbridge is operating on a smaller staff with many working from home. Telephone access is available, and problems are being dealt with as and when possible in the constrained circumstances. Virtual meetings are well attended, and decisions made by Councillors and proceeded with in the normal way.

Best wishes for the New Year which will, I feel sure, improve as time passes.

Councillor R Peart

Teignbridge Sports and Community Awards - Kings Boxing Academy in Kingsteignton have been recognised as an outstanding club by Teignbridge District Council through their awards. The Awards were held on December 17 and it was announced that Head Coach Chris Rattenbury had scooped the prestigious Senior Coach of the Year. This news came as a complete surprise for the Coach, who was proud to be recognised for his dedication, volunteering, and hard work in the community through running the club and gym. Team Kings are very proud of their achievements and have evolved from a run – down club to a successful one. Kings have competed all over England to beat almost all opponents. I have supported the club and put Chris Rattenbury's name forward for this award. I am pleased he was recognised for his hard work. I would also like to thank Sibelco who own the club building for their support in helping many community groups in the area.

Governments Future High Street Fund - 72 high streets in England to share £831m recovery fund. Teignbridge will receive £9.9 m to help fund the recovery from the impact of the coronavirus pandemic and to protect jobs. The funding is good news and will boost councils ongoing work to repurpose their town centres and implement measures to help communities and high streets bounce back through regeneration. This is great news for the district and Newton Abbot.

Councillor B Thorne

Two meetings during the month and Overview and Scrutiny with an Audit Scrutiny very close to Christmas.



The formation of the two O and S committees has split the work between the 10 Areas of the Council Plan which we have yet to see whether it works or not - consistency and communication between the two committees seem to be working but time will tell.

Relatively business as usual agendas with nothing much to report.

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL, RYDON ROAD, KINGSTEIGNTON ON WEDNESDAY 6 January 2021 AT pm

VM01/2021 Apologies

There were no apologies.

VM02/2021 To receive any declarations of interest.

Councillor Rollason declared an interest in Agenda item **VM10/2021** and would not be partaking in discussion or voting.

VM03/2021 To receive the Mayor's Report.

I hope you all had a good Christmas, at least as good as it could be, let us make this New Year as good as it can be.

Coronavirus continues to suppress Community and Civic activities. However, the ever-resourceful people of Kingsteignton found ways to spread warmth, hope and a generous spirit through our community despite the challenges. I want to thank and recognise the wonderful contribution made by Rev David Goddard and our other Clergy who put on a virtual service.

In the coming months, our Council will be balancing the good news regarding vaccines against the concerns about the faster spreading variant. We need to maintain our current emergency protocols and practices and always be ready to respond flexibly and swiftly to support our community. There may be two pillars to this support, one may be helping with vaccine distribution and the other we are more familiar with, coping with the impact of any further lockdowns.

VM04/2021 To receive and approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 2 December 2020.

The Mayor presented the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 2 December 2020.

Resolved: Minutes adopted

VM05/2021 To receive the Clerk's Report.

Clerk's Report – 6 January 2021

- A letter has been received from a resident thanking the Town Council and its workforce for a job well done by those looking after our streets and pavements in Kingsteignton and saying that everywhere is clean and tidy. When it comes to The Fountain she



says what a lovely place it is now to pass or stop and somewhere we all want to stay as it is. She also said that the block path through Oakford Lawn is a great benefit in the wet weather and was impressed with the standard of the cleanliness in the Ladies toilets at The Fountain. She asked for these comments to be passed on to those concerned and said that they should be praised and congratulated and deserve to be valued.

- Following the country going into a further Lockdown I can confirm that all bookings in the Community Hall have again been cancelled apart from Tiny Toes Pre-School, who are able to continue running. Clifford Park can remain open and renewed signs have been installed reminding users of social distancing and the importance of washing hands etc.
- **History Boards** - work on the completion and installation of the History Boards is a priority and Mrs Lewis-Clarke is working on this with the matter being discussed at the next Community Hall/Recreation meeting.
- **CCTV** – Our CCTV is up and working, with a bit of tweaking left to do, but all being streamed to the Control Room at NAST. Signs and Mounting Plates for CCTV signage has been received by Sound and Visual and they will be installing this at the necessary points shortly.
- I have again chased Teignbridge District Council about the possible transfer of assets of Steep Fields and land at Sandygate Mill and have been advised that they are receiving several Asset Transfer requests now and due to staff resourcing issues, further instructions internally on the possible timescales for dealing with these has been sought.
- As requested at the December Full Council meeting I have invited Mr V Willson, CAB to our February meeting to talk about the work they are carrying out. This invitation was accepted.
- **Practitioners Conference** – the Virtual Practitioners Conference is being held on 24, 25 and 26 February 2021 at a cost of £75. Mrs Lewis-Clarke and I have attended this for the past two years and found it a very informative conference. I consulted with Cllr Rollason and he has agreed that I should attend.
- **Picnic Bench, Oakford Lawn** – Mr Turner has repaired the picnic bench at Oakford Lawn. This will need staining once the weather improves.

VM168/2020 To receive the Minutes of the following Committees:

Finance Committee: Cllr Dempster presented the minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2020. **Approved**

Community Hall/Recreation Committee – Councillor Scagell presented the minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2020. **Approved**



Works, Services & Planning Committee – Councillor Peart presented the minutes of the meetings held on 2 & 9 December 2020. **Approved.**

VM169/2020 Representative Reports

Climate Emergency - Councillor Khan informed the meeting that 300 whips had been planted in Clifford Park as agreed on 6 December 2020.

Discussion took place concerning the number of trees being cut down on verges of the A380 and A38 and Councillor Thorne said that he was trying to obtain a copy of the Policy held by Devon County Council cover the removal of these and to see what the re-instatement programme is. It is known that trees filter out pollutants and noise.

Resolved: that the removal of trees from the A380 and A38 should be made an Agenda item for the Works, Services and Planning meeting on 20 January 2021 for councils to consider what action they would like to take.

PCC Councillor Advocate – Councillor Thorne said that he had received a very positive report from the Police for all the Newton Abbot area – numbers of crimes have fallen, and no serious incidents have been reported from across the area. Most involve domestic incidents, graffiti and Anti-Social Behaviour.

Viridor Liaison Group – Councillor Thorne reported that the group had met on 4 December 2020 and Mr Rob Hawkins reported the following:

- 2019 Fire Report: This was a limited fire, not a major event as suggested on Devon Live. Viridor reacted quickly with contractors on site with the fire brigade wanting to take many different actions. Mr Hawkins convinced the Fire Brigade to put the soil etc on the top to smother the fire which was smothered within 2 hours. Good response and successful. There was no real effect on the tipping the next morning, where it was too hot, they dug through the waste and cooled it down. This was done on the Monday following the fire on the Friday and it seems like the heat was held by mattresses.
- Recent involvement with cap stripping and uncovering the cells, then replacing the layers of waste soil on the completing. Minimising the open area at any time.
- Some drilling, 8 gas wells, over the last three months. Another thirteen wells being drilled before Christmas – all connected hopefully before Christmas.
- The following are my notes of discussion following my submission of written questions – these notes are not an official record of the meeting and cannot be held to be totally accurate, however, they are a list of topics discussed from my recollections.

Waste inputs - very quiet before first lockdown - 50% down - not like before lockdown when 300 tonnes per day down to 150 - commercial down a lot but domestic stuff down as well.

- Since opened 160000 tonnes have been dumped.
- Capacity agreed on planning permission checked with R Tuckett 5/8/2019 - void planning 720000 cubic metres. Only 180000 cubic metres so far. 0.75 tonne per cubic metre could raise to 1.00 with soil nearer to 2.00. All part of checking by me how much



has been dumped of the agreed target – confusion introduced by one minute talking about tonnes and then cubic metres, so I challenged on density of waste to try to compare if within tolerance. What happens is that they bring in lots of restoration soil – largely subsoil waste – and cover the cells with this but can go towards the “overage” amount per year in the calculations.

- Permitted to dump 220000 + 60000 (overage) cu metres max per year. So, it would seem they are well within dumping total tolerances however must keep checking because Lockdown one reduced the dumping quantity but how much in a high-capacity dumping year when the EFW plant closed for planned or unplanned reasons?
- Mess on the Claypits Way - Total number of lorries 20 average - restoration works could be well up to 100 - if big number they have the sweeper in operation. All should go through the wheel wash - speed restriction - not a long distance so still some left for coming off as they speed up! Danger from local car drivers and hence only cleaned after hours - Mark Rowe (road Sweeper contractor) will not do it during the day because of the road accident danger.
- No further incidents - fires - get lithium batteries and flares coming in occasionally - 6 further small incidents - now ready in an emergency to remove the fires to inert area and smother it normally with no spread.
- *EA verbal report by RH on Mary's written report: EA -2 visit this year beginning of yr. - none during pandemic – Local resident - one complaint about drilling noise. Some gas wells are isolated and have been reconnected more quickly to reduce the smells. Other actions have taken place to cure the smells also have the odour suppression system.*
- *Good capture of the landfill gas 90% - 7 landfill gas engines - maximised. ISO 500001 energy standard. Been involved in energy audits - 2 mobile new pieces of kit engines installed of a leaner burn design to maximise efficiency.*
- *Ecological surveys – none recently.*
- *Forestry (tree planting) activities must be handed through to estates - Clifford estate looking after the trees - check with them. Reptiles - being relocated in the woodland.*
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Mary from EA:

April noise from landfill gas engines - no evidence- noise abatement panels replaced to accommodate.

No reports of odour.

Fire extinguished

Leachate - problems 2019 - new pumps - telemetry to monitor what happens. Check with One site more problems and EA will monitor - Viridor will check the paperwork variation - EA have recorded no certificated problems.

Not easy to keep track of conversation and try to keep effective notes with such a small meeting so further enquiries to be made to clarify points – no contact established with RH since the meeting. I will contact Mary at EA to get her report directly as we need to know about leachate problems for protection of the water table and local watercourses. However, the NO certificated breaches statement would signify there are no remaining issues with the leachate leaks.

The meeting closed and all agreed it was a most worthwhile meeting to re-establish the regular meetings once again on a quarterly basis – however with an increased attendance hopefully. Accurate recorded minutes were promised from Viridor in due course.



VM08/2021 Interim Devon Carbon Plan Consultation

Resolved: that a separate Working Party be set up to discuss what should be done about this or whether to endorse in principal. Working Party to consist of Councillors Thorne, Khan, Bovey, Lawes and Rollason.

VM09/10 New Policies for approval

Resolved: that the *Redundancy and Reorganisation Policy* be adopted with no further amendments.

Employee Code of Conduct - the following amendments to be made:

2.6 to read: No Town Council employee may take part in any broadcast (sound or vision) or publish an article or otherwise disclose information to the media which relates to the Council without first obtaining the permission **or endorsement** of the Town Clerk or Deputy Clerk,
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3.3 spelling correction ... not allow their **personal** ...

4.3 spelling corrections: All Town Council employees should ensure that policies relating to Equality and Diversity issues as agreed by the Council are **complied** with, in addition to the requirement of the law. All members of the community, Members and Officers of the Council have a right to be treated with respect, fairness, and **equality**.

Resolved: following the above amendments the Employee Code of Conduct Policy should be adopted.

VM10/2021 KingsCare – to discuss positioning of Mosaic at The Fountain.

Cllr Rollason left the meeting.

Discussion took place about the request from KingsCare for The Mosaic to be sited at The Fountain.

Resolved: that the Town Council were not in favour of The Mosaic in aid of #DoltForDeaks to be displayed at The Fountain and that a letter should be sent to KingsCare giving our reasons as follows:

- The wall that the Mosaic would be placed on does not belong to the Town Council.
- That there are other sites where the Mosaic could be displayed around the town, for example: the Medical Centre or the Community Hall
- The Town Council take mental health very seriously but on this occasion are unable to agree to the request to display the Mosaic at The Fountain.

Vote: 9 for and 3 against.



VM11/2021 Correspondence

Information had been received and forwarded to Councillors from Devon County Council providing information on new No Waiting at Any Time areas in Kingsteignton as follows:

- Brook Way, Kingsteignton
- Ferncombe Drive, Kingsteignton
- Meadowcroft Drive, (Southern spur) Kingsteignton
- Meadowcroft Drive, Kingsteignton
- Tarrs Lane, Kingsteignton

The meeting closed at 20:13

Signed:..... Dated:.....