# **Kingsteignton Town Council**



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Mayor's Charity 2019/2020 #DoltForDeaks
A project to end the stigma around mental health and suicide

Members of the public and press are entitled to be at the following meeting Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 Section 1 extended by the Local Government Act 1972 S.100 unless precluded by the Town Council by resolution during the whole or part of the proceedings. Such entitlement does not however include the right to speak on any matter except at the beginning of the meeting providing that prior notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

#### Please note:

Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulation 2014, this meeting has been advertised as a public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media or members of the public.

Members of the public are invited to ask a question or make an observation to the Mayor. Notice should be given to the Clerk at least six working days prior to the meeting if there is a particular issue. Twenty minutes has been set aside for questions at the start of the meeting. Residents are welcome to stay and observe the rest of the meeting.

30 October 2019

#### To Members of Kingsteignton Town Council

You are hereby summoned under the Local Government Act 1972 Sch.12s.10 to attend the Full Council meeting of Kingsteignton Town Council at the Community Hall on **Wednesday 6 November 2019** at **7.00 p.m.** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Carol Lakin

Town Clerk

FULL COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor: Councillor D Rollason

**Deputy Mayor: Councillor B Austen** 

Councillors: R Bovey, A Brotherton, T Dempster, K Jones, A Khan, I Laws, R Peart,

S Plummer, D Ripping, J Scagell, B Thorne

Town Clerk,
Mrs Carol Lakin,
Kingsteignton Town Council,
Community Hall,
Rydon Road,
Kingsteignton,
Devon, TQ12 3LP

#### AGENDA

#### Council not in formal session

#### For Councillors and Members of the Public

Prior to the commencement of the Full Council meeting, for those who wish to do so, there will a short period of reflection or prayer given by the appointed Chaplain, to which all are invited.

- **Police Report** to receive a report from our local Policing Team see attached note re: Speed check carried out in the Town.
- Presentation from Kate Brown on Climate Emergency
- **Public Participation** in accordance with Standing Order no: 3e the Mayor will invite members of the public present to ask questions or make statements
- County Councillor Ron Peart's Report to receive report from our Devon County Councillor
- District Councillors Reports: Cllr B Austen, Cllr R Peart, Cllr D Rollason, Cllr B Thorne to receive reports from our Teignbridge District Councillors

#### Council in formal session

To receive apologies for absence and consider if the reason for the absence should be formally approved by the council – Members are reminded that they have a duty to notify the Town Clerk that they will be absence from a Town Council meeting.

139/19 To receive any declarations of interest and consider requests for Dispensation(s) - to declare any disclosable interests relating to the forthcoming items of business (if any)

140/19 To receive the Mayor's Report

141/19 To receive and approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 2 October 2019

142/19 To receive the Clerk's Report

143/19 To receive the Minutes of the following Committees:

- Finance Committee 9 October, 2019 Cllr Dempster
- Community Hall /Recreation— 16 October, 2019 Cllr Rollason
- Works, Services & Planning Committee 2 & 16 October, 2019 Cllr Peart
- Friends of Clifford Park/Kingsteignton Town Council Clifford Park 9 October, 2019 Cllr Rollason

144/19 Representative Reports – Brief up-date

Ball Clay Heritage

CAB

Clir Peart

Climate Emergency

Clirs Thorne, Khan & Laws

Devon Association of Local Councils

Mrs C Lakin & Clir R Peart

Feoffees Cllrs Austen & Peart
Friends of Kingsteignton Library Cllrs Peart, Plummer

And Dempster Kingsteignton School Cllr Scagell

Kingsteignton Youth Centre Cllr Austen Peart & Rollason

Outdoor Bowling Club
Oakford Lawn (Kingsteignton Village Trust)
Cllr Peart
Cllr Jones

PCC
Parish Tree Warden
Cllr Austen
Cllr Dempster
Rydon Primary School
Cllr Ripping
Cllr Peart
Cllr Peart

Sibelco Clir Peart

Stover Canal Trust CIIr Ripping, Bovey

Swimming Pool Association Cllr Scagell

Teign Estuary & Coastal Partnership

Teign School

Cllr Dempster

Cllr Peart

Teignbridge Association of Local Councils
Teignbridge Cycling Forum

Cllr R Bovey

**Twinning Association**CIIr Peart – Report attached received from CIIr Khan following the visit of the Twinning Association to Orbec to celebrate

their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of being twinned - attached

Viridor Cllrs Thorne, Peart, Dempster

**DCC Devon Highways Conference – Report attached from Cllr Laws** 

145/19 Climate Emergency – Presentation by Kate Benham and Audrey Compton

Information supplied by councillors on how to move forward on this to be forwarded prior to the meeting. Information from Cllr Khan Attached

To discuss action to be taken by the Town Council

146/19 To consider request to purchase land from TDC – Cllr Ripping to report

- Land at Sandygate Mill
- Eagle Farm

147/19 Request received from Power for People for the Town Council to pass a motion in support of the Local Electricity Bill – information attached

**148/19 DoltForDeaks Mosaic – Up-date** Letter received from Kingscare- attached

149/19 Royal British Legion – Remembrance Parade – Sunday 10 November, 2019 9am outside the RBL Longford Lane - Reminder

150/19 Election date and Mayors Civic Carol service 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and Community Hall Carol Singing 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019

151/19 Plagues removed from the Fountain and siting of them

152/19 Correspondence

- **Purchase of new Projector** As agreed at the Finance Meeting on 9 October, 2019 a new Projector has been purchased for the Mary Hall Suite at a cost of £820.
- CPRE Devon The Teignbridge Branch hold regular meetings every 6 weeks approx. and are asking if councils would like to send a representative along. They discuss local planning issues and share information and advice. Would anyone like to attend on behalf of the Town Council

Next Meeting: Wednesday 4 December, 2019

NB All Committee meetings, Finance, Community Hall/Recreation and Works Services and Planning will be held on Wednesday 11 December, 2019

The Council Office will close at 12.30 pm on Friday 20 December, 2019 and re-open on Monday 6 January, 2020

## 144/19 Representative Reports – Brief up-date

# Report from Cllr Laws who attended the DCC and Devon Highways Conference

Following my attendance at the above conference, I can report back on some of the topics covered by their stands.

#### **Special Verge Areas**

Devon County Council is encouraging communities to work together to manage their local road network via its self-help initiatives which include the Community Road Warden. Kingsteignton is not expected to include the A380 as that is managed by Highways England and DCC cuts grass etc on verges that need to maintain visibility. Areas further back from the roads not cut by DCC become the responsibility of the land owner the other side of the hedgerow.

Reading the literature available, it would seem that the first task is to identify the best verge to transform. A simple Management Plan needs to be drawn up setting out current value, management objectives and management actions. DCC's website will shortly have an example. Successful projects of this nature have already been carried out on Bear Road, Seaton <a href="https://www.axevaleconservation.org.uk">www.axevaleconservation.org.uk</a> and a further project in North Devon <a href="https://www.tarkacountrytrust.org.uk">www.tarkacountrytrust.org.uk</a> managed to attract Heritage Lottery Funding.

I will bring reports produced by these projects to the Council offices. These are available to view in the Office.

#### **Sponsorship of Roundabouts**

This would appear to be a grey area with no specific contracts drawn up. Each council agreeing with the sponsor.

#### **Ash Dieback**

This is a fungal disease which has no known cure and no clear method for stopping its spread. Trees in very dry areas or very wet ground are more vulnerable.

Unless the affected tree is presenting a safety issue, there is no need to remove the tree, but should be reported to the Forestry Commission at: <a href="https://treealert.forestresearch.gov.uk">https://treealert.forestresearch.gov.uk</a>.

Devon Highways are aware that there is an ash tree on the Ware Barton Roundabout that already has shown symptoms of the disease. Should removal be necessary, they will remove the timber but leave the foliage where it falls to avoid further spread of the disease. There is a Devon Formula for replanting after the loss of a tree: 3/2/1. At least 3 trees are needed to replace a large tree, 2 for a medium tree and 1 tree for a small tree. The best time to survey trees is July to September, because as autumn begins the change in the colour of the leaves can be mistaken for symptoms of the disease.

# 145/19 Climate Emergency

Hi Alex,

We're glad to hear that Kingsteignton has declared a climate crisis, congratulations! Please keep us updated on any actions that you take as we are very keen to hear!

#### In response to your points:

- 1. There's the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group, of which DALC is a member. This has now led to this newly-launched website: <a href="https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/">https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/</a> which is currently calling for evidence and ideas and will put together Devon's Carbon Plan. You can see the full list of <a href="signatories to the Devon Climate Declaration">signatories to the Devon Climate Declaration</a> which includes many of Devon's town and parish councils. We would advise getting involved with the work that they're doing as it is led by experts, and now the community. We are putting together a list of all potential actions that a council could do to help (based on ideas that we've been sent by other organisations) and hope to circulate that in due course.
- 2. Many towns and parishes are setting up climate working groups/task and finish groups etc. Some are working in conjunction with nearby or neighbouring councils to share resources and information. DALC's County Committee has set up a climate change task and finish group to investigate what role we could play.
- 3. If you use social media, you could follow us (@DevonALC on Twitter/Facebook), or <u>Devon Climate Emergency</u>/@DevonClimate, or there is a <u>Devon Towns and Parishes for Climate Action</u> group. Lots of ideas, or invitations to various climate action seminars run by various organisations, are on those sites so it is a good way of staying informed and finding other resources. Some have found this page from <u>Friends of the Earth</u> useful. The <u>NALC Tree Charter</u> newsletter has a lot of case studies from various councils regarding climate change.

We had a climate change workshop at our recent conference; in due course all the presentations from the conference (including that one) will be on our website.

I hope all that helps, please do come back to us if you want anything more! We are very keen to know what our councils are doing, particularly with regard to climate change so that we can build a picture of what everyone is up to.

Very best wishes,

Rebecca

#### **Devon Association of Local Councils**

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# 147/19 Request received from Power for People for the Town Council to pass a motion in support of the Local Electricity Bill

I am contacting you to ask you to help our campaign for more local, clean energy generation that would benefit local communities.

We are a not-for-profit organisation campaigning for the <u>Local Electricity Bill</u> – that we authored – to become law. The Bill is currently supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs.

The Bill aims to solve the current problem whereby local renewable energy generators, such as community energy groups, are unable to sell energy that they generate to local people. This is because of the huge setup and running costs involved in doing so.

The Bill would fix this problem by establishing a Right to Local Supply that would make the costs of selling locally generated clean energy proportionate to the scale of the operation. This would benefit the existing community energy groups across the country and, even more excitingly, create the opportunity for huge growth in such groups and other local clean energy providers.

If the Bill became law it would be excellent news for Parish and Town Councils that wished to set up their own energy companies to sell locally generated renewable energy to local people, as the set up and running costs involved would be proportionate and thus a fraction of what they are now. The revenues received by such councils could be ploughed back into local emissions reduction schemes and other local services and facilities.

## Could you please help by doing the following?

- 1. Ask Kingsteignton Town Council to pass a motion in support of the Local Electricity Bill. A model resolution is below.
- 2. Sign up to the campaign which you can do here: www.powerforpeople.org.uk/sign-up

148/19 DoltForDeaks Mosaic





Patron: The Rt Hon Viscount Exmouth Registered Charity Number: 1174450 Web site: www.kingscare.co.uk





The Town Clerk
Kingsteignton Town Council
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21st October 2019

Dear Carol,

#### #DoitForDeals Mosaic

Thank you for for your letter letting us know that the Kingsteignton councillors have overwhelmingly voted against our request for the above to be installed on a wall at the Fountain

I must apologise on behalf of all of us involved in the #Doitfordeaks project for assuming that what we thought was such a good idea is not a view that would be shared by the councillors. Thinking that we had the blessing of the councillors meant that the artist designed the entire mosaic in light of where we all thought it was going to be displayed. Clearly that must suggest to the councillors that we have a certain and unacceptable arrogance. I can assure you that that is not the case. The Fountain is somewhere where the young people are likely to gather, therefore a place where the mosaic would have the maximum impact. Sitting, as we imagined it, above the *Happy toTalk* bench (which was agreed) would increase the chances of anyone suffering from a mental health problem being able to start a conversation that could lead to the right help being sourced for that person. The mosaic would have had a plaque underneath/beside it which would have, succinctly, explained the mosaic and directed the reader to the website, www.doitfordeaks.com.

I believe that the councillors' decision was made through a misunderstanding of the purpose of the mosaic. This is twofold; firstly to use the creative arts to help the family of the late Kyle Deakin to come to terms with his loss and, secondly, to use the creative arts to highlight the issue that faces this community – the tragic loss of life of so many through suicide and the massive amount of work that is being done to find ways to address what can be done to prevent further such tragedies The fact that #DoitforDeaks is Dave Rollason's chosen charity of his year as Mayor is fantastic but coincidental.

The Fountain is now a very attractive space. I am led to believe that introducing some artwork was discussed at previous council meetings as being appropriate to further enhance the space. I totally accept the councillors'

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worry that it could be ruined by too much but I cannot see that our request is likely to be repeated by another charity next year and another the year after etc. The last time a mosaic was installed in Kingsteignton was, I believe, 2000. That one sits comfortably at the Fountain so if another were to be installed 20 years later, it would seem most appropriate.

Teignbridge used to employ an Arts Officer. In the days when it was a lady called Doff Pollard she was always made sure that new public buildings and spaces included a 'Percent for Public Art'. Doff is long gone and, I believe, the position within the council likewise. I, personally, think this to be a real shame. It would enhance the Teignbridge area tremendously if such a programme was revived and a good start would be the installation of the mosaic in Kingsteignton.

It is such a shame that our misunderstanding led to no one from the project even thinking about asking if they could be present at the council meeting to plead our case. If there is no way that we can persuade the councillors to listen to our arguments and reconsider their decision, perhaps they could direct us to another centrally placed area of the town that is open access for all.

Maggie Bonnell

Manager