



Kingsteignton Town Council

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25 November 2021

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 on **Wednesday 1 December 2021 at 7.00 p.m. in the Main Hall at the Community Hall, Rydon Road**, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Carol Lakin

Town Clerk

Can Councillors please email written reports to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting for circulation to committee members so they can be taken as read at the meeting.

Entrance to the hall will be via the back of the building. There will be no entrance from the front of the building. Toilets to be used will be those of the main hall.

A copy of the Risk Assessment for Face-to-Face meetings has previously been circulated and this remains the same. Please note:

- Circulation of paper documents is suspended
- There will be no drinks provided. Councillors are encouraged to bring their own with them.
- Temperatures will be taken as members enter the hall
- Masks must be always worn unless you are sat at your desk
- Hand sanitiser will be available

FULL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor: Councillor R Peart

Deputy Mayor: Councillor J Scagell

Councillors: B Austen, A Brotherton, T Dempster, M Field, K Jones, S Plummer, D Ripping, J Stacey, B Thorne,

A G E N D A

Council not in formal session

- **Police Report**
- **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 Report** – to receive report from our Devon County Councillor
- **District Councillors Reports: Cllr B Austen, Cllr R Peart, Cllr B Thorne, Cllr D Rollason** - to receive reports from our Teignbridge District Councillors

Council in formal session

- 130/2021** 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 absent from a Town Council meeting.
- 131/2021** 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)
- 132/2021** To receive the Mayor's Report
- 133/2021** To receive and approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 3 November 2021
- 134/2021** To receive and approve the Clerk's Report (attached)
- 135/2021** To receive the minutes of the following Committees:
- *Finance Committee – 10 November 2021 – Cllr Thorne (to follow)*
 - *Community Hall/Recreation – 17 November 2021 – Cllr Scagell*
 - *Works, Services and Planning – 3 & 17 November 2021 – Cllr Peart*
- 136/2021** Representative Reports – Brief up-date (**Reports to be received prior to the meeting in writing please**)

Organisation
Ball Clay Heritage
CAB
Climate Emergency
Devon Association of Local Councils

Representative
Cllr Thorne
Cllr Peart
Cllr Thorne
Mrs C Lakin



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Feoffees
Friends of Kingsteignton Library
Hackney Marshes
Kingsteignton School
Kingsteignton Youth Centre
Outdoor Bowling Club
Oakford Lawn (Kingsteignton Village Trust)
PCC
Parish Tree Warden
Ram Roast Fair
Rydon Primary School
St Michaels Primary School
Sibelco
Stover Canal Trust
Swimming Pool Association
Teign Estuary & Coastal Partnership
Teign School
Teignbridge Association of Local Councils
Teignbridge Cycling Forum
The Stover Advisory Board
The Environmental Warden
Twinning Association
Viridor
KingsCare
The Old Rydon
Newton COVID 19
Speed Watch

Cllr Peart
Cllr Dempster
Cllr Brotherton
Cllr Peart
Cllr Austen
Cllr Peart
Cllr Jones
Cllr Thorne
Cllr Austen, Lawes, Thorne
Cllr Dempster
Cllr Ripping
Cllr Peart
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Cllr Scagell (report attached)
Cllr Dempster
Cllr Peart
Cllr Plummer
Cllr R Bovey
Cllr Thorne
Cllr Thorne
Cllr Peart
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Cllr Rollason
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Cllr Dempster

137/2021 To discuss increased community cohesion through considerations of existing community produced plans and any suitable review process which might include a Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Thorne. Information attached.

138/2021 Community Safety Watch - Update from Cllr Thorne

139/2021 Community Fridge/Larder - Update from Cllr Thorne

140/2021 Local Transparency Code, Organisational Chart - to discuss and approve, copies attached

141/2021 Correspondence

Next meeting: Wednesday 5 January 2022

137/2021 To discuss increased community cohesion through considerations of existing community produced plans and any suitable review process which might include a Neighbourhood Plan

To discuss 'the need, wish or requirement for increased community cohesion and/ or resilience through considerations of existing community produced plans and any suitable review process which might include a Neighbourhood Plan. Also looking during any community contact consultation towards anything that could build our community as a whole through creativity, communication, explanation, marketing and supporting of various community functions suggested examples might be:

security(through Community Watch),

Social activity groups to support them with small grants (not having to wait until March to May) and to help them to attract membership through advertising them and keeping our listings up to date maintaining GDPR authorities etc.

Adult education including IT skill delivery and other basics

volunteering groups (suggest using the environment wardens and our support and maybe using volunteers to help out the vulnerable etc),

Procurement (domestic and council use, getting a decent list of local tradespeople and give some effort to managing the list to assist us in collecting local quotes)

Support networks and digital channels we might support FB , NextDoor,

I have prepared a summary and attached the relevant reference files to get to grips with what we have produced in the past to give some direction and focus to where the Council was going to be headed over the last 9 years. To my surprise we haven't done too bad at all and as you will see we stack up quite well against the delivery of the Community Plan of 2012. Of course you may think differently and I would hope you would comment to us all as to what you think.

Kingsteignton Community Plan and Kingsteignton Town Centre as part of the TDC Towns and Villages Project both of 2012 - the files are attached - please take a look as both were ground breaking at the time and possibly the place to start now - the Community Plan covered the whole Town and the Town Centre plan just the area around the old Town - but both have uncompleted ideas and could include a good foundation to start this consultation?

This was effectively the last time the Town was consulted as we decided never in the last 9 years to attempt a Neighbourhood Plan and spend £25000, sponsored by others, to investigate the needs of our Town!

Indeed some (well one person) might think why did we not do a Neighbourhood Plan instead of a Community Plan - simple - people could never get sufficiently involved and trained to actually be first on projects to push our point of view successfully. Also it was based on never politically accepting the housing required and so, throughout everything, all that could be produced was 'damage limitation' from the housing and offering infrastructure physically and socially to possibly 'soften the blow'.

However, as was suggested many years ago, if we had been the first (rather than now, the last) with sponsorship and ultimate help to make it work as a Neighbourhood Plan we might have enjoyed a happier community, more aware , more involved and more able to accept their responsibilities for the future when perhaps councils will be removed from the planning



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procedure and the current, seemingly 'unresponsive' residents, carrying the only 'voice' in the development process.

Moving on to what were we looking at in the Community Plan 2012:

Three main themes

1. Develop a town "focus" – a physical place to meet, to socialise and for the generations to mix and enjoy
2. Encourage people to meet with one another, get to know each other and understand each other
3. Create a place where people want to live, work, learn, play and visit

16 projects were assembled to deliver improvements to each of these themes.

Theme 1 - Develop a Town 'Focus'

PROJECTS

1. Physical centre - produce a Town Centre Plan - *see the Kingsteignton - Teignbridge Towns and Villages Project. File attached. COMPLETED (but not adopted)*
2. Vision and physical plan for whole Town - *see TDC Local Plan 2014 - COMPLETED (- largely done 'to us' rather than 'by us' as we did not produce a Neighbourhood Plan)*
3. Ensure sufficient infrastructure provided - *see New School - Kingsteignton School - imperative in 2012 - COMPLETED.*

Theme 2 - Encourage residents to meet, know and understand each other.

PROJECTS

4. Develop initiatives for resident interaction on issues - using the Transition Town network and concept - *tried but no community traction. NOT COMPLETED*
5. Protect residents from ASB/ community safety - closer liaison with Police - *see Cllr Advocate scheme 2019 - PARTIAL COMPLETION (WIP)*
6. Promote use of existing Community Groups- *see use of existing community groups to publicise issues and collate feedback - NOT ADOPTED BY SUCCESSIVE MAYORS - NOT COMPLETED*
7. *Enable greater use and promote survival of Kingsteignton Swimming pool - see KTC involvement annual funding and successful interest by KTC - COMPLETED.*
8. *Develop youth facilities (KYC and Skate board half pipe) - See brilliant work by many to deliver excellent facilities 2021 - COMPLETED*
9. *Promote and develop cycle routes - see signage, routes adopted and many peripheral success stories - work on new Teignbridge project commenced! ONGOING COMPLETION*

10. Provide community sports facilities - *see support to Football Clubs, boxing and other small clubs - PARTIAL COMPLETION*

Theme 3 - Create a place where people want to live, work, learn, play and visit

PROJECTS

11. Improve : pedestrian safety, parking, reduce speeding and reduce congestion - *see ongoing HATOC representation for yellow lines, pedestrian crossings, some reduction in speed limits, speed monitoring by Police and Speedwatch (about to resume), input towards Bus service review by DCC. ONGOING COMPLETION*
12. GREEN SPACES. Protect, maximise use of existing, create new green spaces by publicising and negotiation - *see allotment success vs wider community involvement, footpaths support, wasted resources (Rydon Road Football pitch), upgrading local parks and ineffective new green space procurement strategies. ONGOING COMPLETION*
13. Make a cleaner unpolluted Town - *see Air quality work, support for litter picking, cleaning of the Fountain and excellent general maintenance/upgrades. Discussions on rewilding vs tidiness. Effective monitoring of Sibelco and Viridor - and new industrial units. ONGOING COMPLETION*
14. Improve access to and use of health services - *see managing improvements (not at any cost) - poor current relationship after COVID - no overall plan - NOT COMPLETE*
15. Develop adult education communication plan - *see KTC web site NOT COMPLETE*
16. Improve visitors access to information - *see KTC web site (?) - signage, liaison with other tourist offices, connection with heritage sites , overall plan required and funding allocated to redevelop after pandemic? NOT COMPLETE*

CONCLUSION on the Community Plan from 2012 in 2021

Much work over the years has been towards delivering the Community Plan or so it seems in retrospect. Of course this could be by chance or perhaps the plan was close to the reality of things as they were/are required along the way. This I believe is further support that we seem to have been delivering the wishes of the residents and this would be the way to go forward again by some sort of consultation although with the time allowed it might be collaboration/ consultation using some of the unfulfilled ideas and adding some new and bigger picture type thoughts and then consult with the residents afterwards. This would allow us to get some thoughts and suggestions in the pot for future times and the thought processes we go through may bring up some interesting new concepts especially around air quality, infrastructure and most importantly the climate change and ecological emergency making it a truly relevant review for today.

Moving on again now to the Kingsteignton Town Centre enhancement project - part of the Teignbridge Towns and Villages Project.

What we were looking at in 2012:



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1. Background to the project
2. Establishing where Kingsteignton's heart or centre was or indeed whether it actually had one?
3. SWOT
4. What could be done about enhancing it.
5. Resident feedback
6. Recommendations and costs
7. Possible next steps

Jumping to the recommendations

Overall the recommendations in draft were put to the residents and suggestions collated (page 48 - 53) eventually the honed recommendations were accepted (in note form below) as follows but summarised (Pages 57 - 77)

6.2 Enhancement projects

Public Realm Projects

- 1 Art Wall
- 2 Gateway Tree Planting
- 3 Making the stream a feature of the public realm – Elegant bridges
- 4 A Shared Surface Central Space – Newton Road
- 5 Central Space enhancement – Junction of Newton Road and Fore Street
- 6 Public Realm enhancement
- 7 Strengthen the connection to the old village centre
- 8 Enhance the Fore Street Gateway - Linking to the Church
- 9 New Pedestrian Connection – To Oakford Lawn
- 10 Public Transport Hub
- 11 Cycle Hire in the High Street
- 12 Oakford Lawn: Cafe in the Park / Plan for the Park

Framework Projects

- 13 Redevelopment Opportunity - enclose the corner of Newton Road and Fore Street
- 14 Mixed use Development Opportunity - Review Options between the Library and the Primary School
- 15 Re-configure the Lidl Car Park
- 16 Tree lined Leat Walk to Oakford Lawn
- 17 Redevelopment Opportunity - Newton Road
- 18 Redevelopment Opportunity - Garage Site
- 19 Future Link to Church
- 20 Lighting the Centre

CONCLUSION on the Town Centre Plan 2012 and relevance to 2021

I ask you to take a look at the findings and residents responses but consider whether any of the recommendations could stack up as possible items on the 'Wish List' for Kingsteignton in 2021.

The project was a very involved affair and did stimulate some thoughts of redevelopment but various groups always felt they had to lead from the front and failed to gain the trust of the Council to follow behind them and take a risk with the 2014 version of the suggested Fountain redevelopment. Personally I feel there are many parts of the proposed recommendations that could still be tested for relevance today and maybe could form part of the "Building back better" recovery plans. What do you think - were you aware of this project?