



KINGSTEIGNTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th April 2023 AT 7.00pm THE COMMUNITY HALL, RYDON ROAD, KINGSTEIGNTON AT 7.00pm

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Peart

Deputy Mayor: Councillor B Austen

Councillors: I Burrows, J Scagell, D Ripping, T Dempster, A Tillson-Hawke, J Gregson

Town Clerk: Mrs M Lewis-Clarke

Deputy Town Clerk: Mrs J Rees

Police Report March 2023 (see Appendix 1)

PC Charlie Haggerty and PCSO Sharon Pratt sent their apologies and were unable to attend the meeting.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

County Councillor R Peart's Report

Cllr Peart advised the meeting that:

Devolution deal for Devon, Plymouth and Torbay moves a step closer.

A new deal that will transfer money and powers into the hands of local Leaders across Devon, Plymouth, and Torbay, has moved a step closer with the backing of the Government's Levelling Minister, Davison.

Outline approval has been given for a Devon wide devolution deal which could bring greater local control and allow partners to tap into additional resources to help tackle key local priorities, such as affordable housing, better public transport, and connectivity, and providing for the skills that the local economy needs.

The deal wouldn't require a change to the established democratic structures across the area, or the need for an elected Mayor. Instead, new powers would be devolved to a partnership of existing local councils who would deliver on a joint programme working alongside a wide range of other local stakeholders.

Local partners across Devon have now been invited to work together to prepare a final business case to present to Government for approval later in the year.

Any final deal would require local consent with the full agreement of all the constituent councils as well as Parliamentary approval.

Every penny of the extra £9.4m for Devon, announced in the Chancellor's budget recently, will be spent on improving our roads and making them more resilient.

Most of it will go towards the Local Area Capital Programmes which will reflect local priorities identified through our elected members and Neighbourhood Highways Officers.



Using inspections and survey data, the remaining funding will be directed to preventative works to stop potholes forming in the first place.

District Councillors' Reports

Councillor B Austen

Cllr Austen advised the meeting that:

As the election for local councils and district councils approach meetings of the district are not as frequent as usual. Nominations for the election must be received by 4th April at 4pm. Nomination Forms are available from Teignbridge.

Teignbridge were disappointed to be informed that their bid for funding to create a new cycle route between Newton Abbot and Torquay had been rejected with two other bids for Cullompton and the Axe Valley.

Representations are continuing to be made to the NHS to retain the Teignmouth Hospital and so ease the shortage of beds in Torbay. There is strong intention of the council to do all it can to retain this important local facility especially at a time when major hospitals are unable to meet current demand.

The current leader of the District Council will be standing down at the election but will be continuing as a County Councillor. Teignbridge is due to have a fairly large number of new councillors as at least 12 current members will not be standing. The number of district councillors is 46 at present but there are usually some changes because of the increase in population over the last term. It is quite usual for many significant changes to be made when new councils are elected.

Campaigners are calling for more available toilets in Teignbridge which it is considered has inadequate facilities in the district.

We finish this term in Teignbridge with the Council having had a complaint against it endorsed by the ombudsman. Every effort has been made to regularise existing procedures but the whole matter has left the Council with regret that its care and attention to detail has been found to be at fault in this instance. Apologies have been given where relevant and changes made to avoid repetition. No incidence such as this has happened before in my experience.

My duties as a town and district councillor will cease as I do not intend to stand this time after serving since 1996. Thank you for electing me to represent the town and do what I could to make it the place that local people want it to be. Kingsteignton is a friendly and special town, and it has been a pleasure to serve the community.

Councillor R Peart

Cllr Peart advised the meeting that:



The Government has announced that possessing laughing gas is to be made a criminal offence for the first time. An LGA spokesperson said: 'The problems caused by nitrous oxide in our local communities are no laughing matter. Councils are concerned that not only does it lead to a plague of anti- social behaviour but there is growing evidence that it can cause serious health problems for those who use it. The change is part of a crackdown on ant-social behaviour which the Government will announce today. The plans will also give police and councils additional powers to deal with people who are causing a nuisance by blocking shop doorways, asking for money at cash machines or leaving their belongings on pavements.'

Councillor D Rollason

No Report

Councillor B Thorne

No report

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36/2023 Apologies

Resolved: Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Stacey, Goodall, Field, and Thorne

37/2023 To receive any declarations of interest.

Cllrs Peart and Austen declared an interest regarding agenda item **44/2023**.

38/2023 To receive the Mayor's Report

Cllr Peart presented the following:

June and I attended the Funeral of Jill Morris also in attendance from Kingsteignton Town Council was the Deputy Mayor Beryl Austin, Councillors Jones, and Stacey.

The Service was held at Parker's Chapel, in Newton Abbot and conducted by Trudi Farmer.

A retiring collection was made for Kingsteignton Swimming Pool.



This was followed by refreshments at The Passage House Inn, Kingsteignton. It was nice to speak to Jill's family and reflect on Jill's life and many years she spent teaching in the area at Henock Primary School. In fact, one of the children, she taught was a career for Jill. I remember working with Jill when I joined Kingsteignton Town Council and one of the events we work on was the Garden and Craft Show we both enjoyed gardening. Jill's other passion was Kingsteignton Swimming Pool and was a member of the committee for many years.

Jill served our community for many years and will be remembered by all who knew her.

39/2023 To receive and approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 1st March 2023

The mayor presented the minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2023

Resolved: Minutes adopted

40/2023 To receive and approve the Clerk's Report

Clerk's Report April 2023

- I have as requested by Council taken the below to The Garden Community Board meeting on 3rd March 2023.
 1. Allotment land and provision of allotments: the provision of allotments is a legal requirement and there is a long waiting list of residents. could the members connections to landowners help secure land for allotments?
 2. Extend footpaths in and out of Broadway Road and at Horsemills Filed. Footpaths could provide important missing links on the National Walking and Cycling Network, and link to the route delivered by Sibelco.
 3. Playpark Sandygate Mill-the nearest park is a mile away.
- I am awaiting approval from Kingsteignton Swimming Pool and Kingsteignton Youth Club for the Town Council to erect signs at both locations advising the public that Council support both.
- Mrs Rees is progressing our Bus shelter requests and as soon as we are able, I will provide a comprehensive progress report.
- I have received draft of the History Board panels. There are various historical inaccuracies within them. In view of this I have been in contact with the History society and various amendments need to be made. Graphic works have been contacted and I am now waiting an update on this.
- Mrs Rees and I have been working hard behind the scenes to progress the Kings Coronation event and a meeting is planned with the working party.
- I have received numerous requests from residents requesting application packs for the forthcoming election process.
- I have met with Mrs Emily Farrell, Newton Abbot Community in Trust and started enquiries into a Community and Neighbourhood Plan.



- I have received the RoSPA report and FMO's are working towards completing all actions. (This will be an agenda item on CR April 23)
- The FMOs have cleared the Leat.
- The benches around the Town have been cleaned and stained.
- Garage at CH cleared.
- Footpath from Rydon Road to Orchid Vale finished and cleared.
- Footpath from Coombesend to Pedestrian Bridge completely cleared.
- A van has now been purchased from Abbots Autos and will be ready for collection on 2ND May 2023. I would like to thank Cllr Jones for his assistance In this.
- I have purchased a microwave to be used by staff in the kitchen area of the main office. We have been unable to keep using the main kitchen as this is paid for and used by Tiny Toes daily. And by the Church on a Tuesday.
- I am in the process of finding quotes for a plumber to supply water to this kitchen as per my above reasons.
- FMO have removed the notice board from Oakford lawn, and this will be repaired.
- The Leat at the entrance to Rydon School and The Community Hall has been cleared following a complaint received from a member of the public expressing concerns that it may flood.

41/2023 To receive the minutes of the following Committees.

Finance – Cllr Ripping presented the minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2023.
Approved

Works, Services and Planning Committee - Cllr Peart presented the minutes of the meeting held on 1st and 15th March 2023. **Approved.**

42/2023 Representative Reports

Stover Canal Cllr Ripping submitted the following report:

The Stover Canal Trust now has 112 members and hopes that this will increase soon.

The group continue to clear the base of the canal. A large number of trees have been removed over various lengths of the canal with stumps being pulled out. There are no longer any standing trees in the canal itself. Eight members and volunteers planted more than 100 saplings along the canal side over the weekend of 25th/26th March.

The annual Canoe Challenge will take place on Saturday 22nd April starting at the Town Quay at about 9 am, dependent on tide times.

The AGM of the Trust will be on Saturday 15th April at the Community Hall, Rydon Road.

Finally, the Trust is grateful to Kingsteignton Town Council for the grant given this year.



KingsCare Cllr Thorne submitted the following report.

1. The new Kingsteignton Memory Cafe at the URC is going well.
2. The garden in Fore Street is now being managed by clients and we are planning on having a celebration/thank you event there in a month or two to thank the Feoffees, David Goddard, councillors, Sibelco and everyone who's helped turn this wilderness into a beautiful space.
3. We couldn't open a warm space until quite late in the winter, but a few people have turned up each week at the Royal British Legion. We promised to keep it going until the end of March so we will hold the last one next week. Hopefully we will be able to do it again next winter unless the cost-of-living crisis is over by then!
4. The numbers attending our activities are growing across the board which is great.
5. We are pleased to be able to help the Kingsteignton Town Council with the King's Coronation Day raffle but, if we're going to have the tickets printed and widely circulated in time to raise more money than is possible at the event only, then we're rapidly running out of time to make the investment in printed tickets viable. We need 3 top prizes to do this.
6. We are grateful to Kingsteignton Town Council for agreeing to let us have a cream tea in the marquee on 5th May to celebrate our volunteers. Any councillors who are free on that afternoon will be very welcome to join us.
7. We have raised just about enough money to buy another wheelchair accessible vehicle to improve our fleet but would still welcome more volunteers to help us to meet the transport needs of the patients.
8. The Co-op fund is doing well and currently standing at £433.40. Please thank any councillors and friends who shop at the Coop and support our cause by doing so.
9. Briony Enright has organised a group of people to do the Rotary Fire walk to raise funds for mental health.

Rydon School Cllr Ripping submitted the following report:

I wish you success with the elections.

At Rydon Primary School, again this half term we have had much success with regard to sporting events and our children have been complimented in their teamwork with each other and their encouragement of teams from other schools. We are proud of their achievements. We look forward to our drama club sharing with their families a performance after the Easter breaks too.

Due to the hard work from our PA members and school staff last week, we were able to return to school discos! It is lovely to see the children back able to engage in these social events again and we are grateful of parent support in raising funds for our school through supporting this.

As we move into the Summer term, we look forward to summer events including sports day and our school fayre. The school is currently developing its gardening space where our wildlife champions are working with the Devon wildlife trust to create a wonderful outside



resource to compliment our fantastic forest school facility. Some sunshine would add to our enjoyment of all the above

Parish Tree Warden – Cllr Thorne submitted the following report:

Sandygate Mill the specimen trees planted last year have been resecured where necessary and the windblown dead tree currently in the stream has been reported to KTC and a further suggestion to them to report to TDC to clear as specialist handling is required.

43/2023 Newsletters To discuss and consider changes to the Newsletter deliveries.

Resolved: that the newsletter would continue to be delivered to all residents within the Town and also be made available online.

Proposed: Cllr Peart.

Seconded: Cllr Jones

Against: Cllrs Scagell and Gregson

Abstained: Cllr Tillson-Hawke

44/2023 To discuss and consider payments form Precept Funds when received for Kingsteignton Swimming Pool and Youth Club.

Resolved: that a grant of £18,750 be awarded to both.

Proposed: Cllr Scagell

Seconded: Cllr Dempster

45/2023 Receipt of Community Infrastructure Levy for the period of the 1st of April 22 to 31st March 23. £30,437.41 received.

Noted by Council

46/2023 To review and approve the following policies: (Copies attached)

- **Standing Orders**
- **CCTV**

Resolved: that both be approved.

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Dempster



47/2023 To note and approve the new date of the Annual Town Meeting. 31st May at 6.30pm.

Resolved: that both be approved was approved and noted.

48/2023 SLCC National Conference 2023. To discuss and approve Mrs Lewis-Clarke and Mr Banner to attend.

Resolved: that was approved and noted.

49/2023 Scheme of Delegation- to consider and approve Delegated Council Powers for the Town Clerk for approx. 2 months.
(See Appendix 2)

Resolved: that was approved.

50/2023 Town Crier: To note and approve invitations for events:

- Kingsteignton Twinning Association visit to Orbec in October 2023
(Mrs Edwards to travel at own expense)
- Kingsteignton Ram Roast Fair 29th May 2023

Resolved: that both be approved

51/2023 Correspondence

- Mrs Lewis-Clarke advised the meeting that a letter of thanks had been received from a resident regarding ongoing work by staff in the Town.
- Mrs Lewis-Clarke advised the meeting of the declaration to be read by The Town Crier at the Kings Coronation on 6th May 2023.

The meeting closed at 7.32pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 17th May 2023

Signed..... Dated: ...

