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.

Members of the public are invited to ask a question or make an observation to the Chairman. Notice should be given to the Clerk prior to the meeting if there is an 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.

31 March 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 **via Zoom** on **Wednesday 7 April 2021** 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,

### **AGENDA**

## **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 Peart's 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

- VM45/2021 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 absence from a Town Council meeting.
- VM46/2021 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)
- VM47/2021 To receive the Mayor's Report
- VM48/2021 To receive and approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 3
  March 2021
- VM49/2021 To receive the Clerk's Report

VM50/2021 To receive the Minutes of the following Committees:

- Finance Committee 10 March 2021 Cllr Dempster to follow
- Community Hall/Recreation Committee 17 March 2021 Cllr Scagell
- Works, Services & Planning Committee 3 & 17 March 2021 Cllr Peart

### VM51/2021 Representative Reports – Brief up-date

Ball Clay Heritage

CAB

Clir Peart

Climate Emergency

Clirs Khan

Devon Association of Local Councils

Feoffees

Clir Peart

Clir Peart

Clir Peart

Clir Peart

Clir Peart

Clir Peart

Clir Dempster

Hackney Marshes Cllr Brotherton – attached

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
Twinning Association

Viridor
KingsCare
The Old Rydon
Newton COVID 19

Clir Scagell
Clir Austen
Clir Peart
Clir Jones
Clir Thorne

Cllr Austen, Lawes, Thorne

Cllr Dempster
Cllr Ripping
Cllr Peart
Cllr Peart
Cllr Ripping
Cllr Scagell
Cllr Dempster

**Cllr Peart** 

Clir Plummer
Clir R Bovey
Clir Peart
Clir Thorne
Clir Rollason
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**VM52/2021** Election of Mayor – to take up Office on 5 May 2021 at Annual General Meeting

VM53/2021 Reintroduction of Face-to-Face meetings - to discuss

VM54/2021 Annual Parish Meeting – proposed date 23 April 2021 via zoom - to discuss format of meeting and approve date

**VM55/2021 Develop a Vision for Newton Abbot and Kingsteignton** – to discuss the Visioning Workshop held on 10 March 2021 and attended by Cllrs Rollason and Thorne

VM56/2021 To approve the following policies referred back from March meeting:

- Annual Investment Policy
- Internal Control Policy
- Investment Policy

VM57/2021 Clifford Estate Woodland Management Plan consulting on PROWS – to discuss email received from Simon Major (information attached

VM58/2021 Speed Bollards: Community Hall Car park- to discuss parking and a near miss accident that has been reported involving a child and a speeding vehicle, (details previously (emailed)

**VM59/2021 Town Signage-** to discuss an initial payment of £100 for 5 designs by Mia Hatzer.

**VM60/2021** Grass cutting Contract - to discuss a possible further extension of the contract due to the current Covid Pandemic.

## VM61/2021 Correspondence

- Please see below letter received from year 4 St Michaels C of E Primary School re:
   The Bee Population
- - Please see below email received from Action for Climate in Teignbridge
- Update report from Kingscare

Next Meeting: 7 April 2021

VM57/2021 Clifford Estate Woodland Management Plan consulting on PROWS – to discuss email received from Simon Major (information attached

Hello Kingsteignton Town Council

I manage the trees and woodlands for the Clifford Estate at Ugbrooke Park.

I have submitted a draft 10-year woodland management plan to the Forestry Commission and would like to consult with you regarding public rights of way within and adjacent to the woodlands.

Within or adjacent to the managed woodlands are the following footpaths within the parish:

F/P 5 – within compartment (cpt) 53 with some thinning adjacent to the path. See my map 8

F/P 6 – adjacent to cpt 61 and within cpt 63 with some thinning adjacent to the path. See my maps 8 and 9

F/P 10 – within cpt 63 with thinning set well back away from the path. See my map 9

If you need further information on the proposed works, or a draft copy of the Woodland Management Plan or Plan of Operations please let me know.

(Maps attached separately)



# VM61/2021 (Bee Population)

Dear Kingsteignton Town Council,

We are writing to tell you that there is a drop in the bee population and we are worried! We are on a mission to increase the population of bees. Within our school we are trying to increase the bee population by creating bug hotels and bee highways, but we need your help to make this a more wide-spread message.

We need your help to improve our environment. This is why we are aiming to protect the bees. We are going to be planting wild flowers in safe and controlled areas so that children within the school are safe. This is to create bee highways in which bees can travel to different places without being injured. We are very dismayed at what is happening to the bees which is why we are trying to protect them.

There are several reasons why we are taking on this project. A third of our food comes from bees so we need to protect them. We will lose crops, flowers and animals. No-one wants this to happen! Can you imagine a day without vegetables, fruit or coffee? These beautiful, buzzing bees must stay alive to pollinate our flowers and crops! If bees die out then we will not be able to breathe because bees pollinate lots of our trees.

Imagine what would happen if bees went extinct. They don't have to, here is what you can do to make a difference. Make this issue wider spread by raising awareness. Join us on our mission by helping to make Kingsteignton a more bee friendly area. You could build bee hotels in the local community and plant wild flowers to create bee highways. Spread the word to the local community by including information about our initiative within the next Kingsteignton newsletter.

If bees go extinct who is going to be responsible? Will it be you, or will you do the right thing? If you don't make the right decision it will affect our future! Do the best thing not only for us but for the bees. Make sure that everyone else gets the message.

Yours Faithfully,

Year 4 children of St Michael's C of E Primary School

## VM61/2021 (Action for Climate)

For the last two years, ACT (Action for Climate in Teignbridge) has been working closely with Teignbridge District Council and many parish / town councils and residents across Teignbridge to reduce carbon emissions. We have found that although many councils have declared a climate emergency, they have difficulties in working out what they can do to make a difference. ACT supports them in that process, helping

them devise a plan of action and engage with their community on the issue. However, the demand for help from local councils is beginning to exceed our voluntary capacity.

With this in mind we have decided to advertise for a Coordinator to oversee and develop this highly successful initiative (see below for the advertisement text). We need £1,500 to offer the successful applicant a part-time, six month self-employed contract, and I am contacting you to ask if you can help with this.

Please get in touch if you would like more information. We have a more detailed role description I can send if you would like to see it.

I know that the TDC councils we are helping covers both yours and Anne Marie's constituency, perhaps you both could donate half each?

With thanks for your consideration.

#### **Coordinator advertisement**

ACT is looking for a Town and Parish Coordinator. One of ACT's main objectives is to help all Town and Parish Councils across Teignbridge to become carbon neutral. We have been offering this assistance for the last two years but the success and demand is such that we need an extra pair of hands. Full training, support, and contacting details will be given. The successful person will be able to call on the knowledge and support of all the experts in ACT's various topic groups to work towards achieving this core objective. We are applying for funding but hope that someone could start the project as a volunteer. When we have funding, we envisage this to be an on-going self-employed role. For more information and full details of the role please email us by Friday 5th March.

Regards

Kate

Chair ACTion on Climate in Teignbridge

actionclimateteignbridge.org

ACTion on Climate in Teignbridge is a CIC, registered in England, with registration number 12278894. Its registered office is 71-75 Shelton Street, Covent Garden, London, England, WC2H 9JQ.

ACT supports Teignbridge District Council, and town and parish councils, community groups and residents to make the district carbon neutral, sustainable, resilient and healthy.

# VM61/2021 (March Update report from Kingscare)

KingsCare League of Friends Manager's Report – March 2021

#### General situation

As shielding comes to an end, we are looking forward to having all staff back in the office for part of each week. All our office computers are owned by the NHS so it has not been easy to work out how we could get our files held remotely so that we could enable all staff to access them from home. The NHS and our IT men have worked very hard for a long time and finally brought this project to a positive conclusion. Although many of us have been working from home for a year now, we needed to come into the office to update our

records. Now we will be able to work in any location which is a huge bonus to us. We are probably likely to maintain a degree of home working once the restrictions are lifted and we are now fully set up to do so.

### Groups

We are awaiting confirmation that the rollout of the easing of Covid restrictions continues to go to plan before starting any groups up again. We are getting a large number of referrals for all sorts of support, some of it simple, practical and easy to put in, others much more complex and time consuming. I've even had a call from the Canary Islands about the caller's mother who is not in a good place.

#### Transport

Throughout the last year requests for transport have been low and they are not picking up very quickly. We have many people anxious to get back out on bus trips again but we will have to wait and see when these will be allowed again.

#### Mental Health

Briony led 6 clients into the cold sea on 7<sup>th</sup> March. It was a great success that elicited this comment. "Hi Briony, Thank you so much for organising today. It was fun and time to feel normal. My friends said it was good to see me smile and laugh again."

Two of the 6 are planning on doing it again. The mental health craft group is up and running and the Long Covid HOPE group oversubscribed. The bereavement group was planned to start on 5<sup>th</sup> March but has been postponed due to a poor take up. The Grow Kits will be issued next month. I have asked the Feoffees to draw up the long -awaited tenancy agreement for the plot of land behind Fore Street so that we can get on with that project as soon as lockdown eases.

Recipes for the cookbook are coming in slowly. Do join in. We have cooks ready to cook the meal should you not have the time to do so.

The Pow –Wow- Now sessions have started. This is where people get together on a conference call to reminisce or discuss some topic or listen to a speaker or, in other areas, do Yoga!

### **Dementia and Carer Support**

David G and Jackie's CST (Cognitive Stimulation Therapy) on line sessions are a great success with the clients finding the portals easy to use. David is continuing to send activity packs to all those who used to attend the Memory Café to keep them going until the face to face groups can start up again.

All staff continue to make regular welfare calls to those stuck at home, some are also able to join What's App groups, one of which is hoping to get away from the phone and meet up for a walk next week.

#### The Hub

Sarah and Heidi are doing a huge amount of work at the Hub but trying to stem the flow of donations is proving impossible despite the notice on the door asking people not to make donations. Sales are being made through Vinted (clothing), Music Magpie (CDs and videos) and Revival Books ensuring the recycling of good quality products. The pavement shop is very popular with passers- by. The shop volunteers have, however, raised concerns about the need to ensure that any policies and risk assessments are being kept up to date. I've asked DC to look into this.

#### **Funding**

Funding for our mental health workers from the CAF took over from the Reaching Communities grant when it ended in September but that, too, has now come to an end. A surprising and unexpected donation has been made by Costcutters in Newton Abbot for #doitfordeaks from their sale of carrier bags.

Barratt Homes has supported the same project over the last 2 years but that too has now come to an end. David Besant, past Chair of the Kingsteignton Senior Citizens Club, passed away this month. His wife, Eileen, was one of the original KingsCare volunteers and he has asked that his retiring collection be made for KingsCare because he said. "Eileen was at her happiest when she volunteered with KingsCare."

### **Swimming**

I have applied to Kingsteignton Town Council for funding to support our Thursday swimming sessions this year. If the lockdown roll out goes to plan we are aiming to start swimming again on 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

### Website and Facebook

It seems that our following on Facebook is starting to grow.

#### Wellbeing Partnership

We have signed up to develop a list of reliable and trustworthy providers of services such as gardening, cleaning, home hairdressers, dog walkers etc to support people coming out of hospital who need some extra help beyond what we can usually do with paid staff and volunteers.

### **Social Prescribing Conference**

I spent 2 days attending this international conference on Teams. It was very interesting in places. One of the issues raised was the funding that voluntary groups are always having to seek through projects to provide holistic solutions to patients' problems and, perhaps, the funding should be directed away from the NHS for SP and given directly to the VS as core funding. Apparently 1 in 5 patients make appointments to see their GP over an issue that is not medical and could be better approached holistically. The movement is now spreading across the globe though it never ceases to amaze me that all these academics are only just getting to understand that connecting with Nature or finding a purpose in life has real therapeutic value. Shopping bags

I have bought 100 KingsCare shopping bags to give to staff and volunteers to cheer everyone up.

Maggie Bonnell