



**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 7pm
The Community Hall, Rydon Road, Kingsteignton**

Present:

Mayor: R Peart
Councillors: J Scagell, D Ripping, A Tillson-Hawke, M Field, M Eggar,
T Dempster, K Jones, J Gordon, J Gregson, L Goodall, S Danks
Town Clerk: Mrs M Lewis-Clarke,
Asst to the Clerk/Events Officer: Miss B Hooper

Council not in formal session

Public Participation:

Prayers by Mrs Jessica Ashcroft- Townsley.

Police Report:

See attached appendix 1

County Councillor Report:

Councillor R Peart

On Wednesday 14th February, our councillors agreed a 4.99 per cent increase for our part of the council tax for this coming financial year.

It comprises 2.99 per cent for general services with an extra two per cent specifically for adult care.

It means an extra £1.56 a week on their bill for an average Band D householder.

It allows an increase of 10.4 per cent on climate change, environment and transport.

Councillors also agreed an extra £1.5 million to boost regular road drainage since the target budget was set last month to tackle the increase in potholes caused by this winter's heavy rainfall.

Agreement was also given to bring the homelessness budget back up to £1.45 million to support the work of district councils and homeless organisations for another year.

NHS waiting list falls for third month in a row, with huge improvements at the Royal Devon,

Here's how patients have benefitted at the Royal Devon. Between December 2022 and December 2023.

Of 166 NHS organisations, we had the eighth largest reduction in overall size of our waiting list.

We achieved the milestone of having no patients waiting longer than 104 weeks.

Of the 33 NHS organisations which achieved this, we had the most long – waiters to start off with and therefore saw the largest improvement.

The number of patients waiting more than 78 weeks reduced by 74%

The number waiting more than 65 weeks reduced by 53%



The number waiting over a year reduced by 44%

NHS dental services in Devon

Dental Recovery Plan

On February 7th, 2024, a new recovery plan aligning to national priorities, and ensuring the needs of our local communities are being prioritised.

This plan is an important next step in improving patient access to NHS dental care and supporting dental services to return to pre- pandemic levels of activity.

Supported by £200m of new government investment, the plan sets out how we will grow the workforce, including providing targeted funding for dentists to work in areas that have historically struggled to recruit and retain staff, raising the minimum Unit of Dental Activity value to £28 to help make NHS work more attractive to dental teams, and offering dental practices a new patient premium payment to treat patients who have not been seen for over two years.

To attract new NHS dentists and improve access to care in areas with the highest demand, around 240 dentists will be offered one off payment of up to £20,000 for working in under-served areas paid over three years.

Across the Southwest 47 practices now providing 750 additional appointments every week

Additional children's orthodontic capacity in the Southwest with 20 orthodontics practices who have treated an additional 650 children during the 2022/23 period.

We are supporting an oral health improvement initiative called First Dental Steps where health visitors and midwives are trained to give oral health care advice to families with children under two and have care packs [toothbrushes and toothpaste] to families in need – this work is being undertaken in partnership with local authorities and supervised tooth brushing programmes are running in schools in areas of deprivation.

District Councillors' Reports:

Councillor R Peart

On Tuesday 27th February I attended TDC Full Council Meeting the main agenda Item was the scheme for Queen Street pedestrian enhancement scheme. Many Traders attended the meeting against the proposals to planned changes to parking and traffic flows with a long list of questions from members of the public.

After a heated debate Council leader Martin Wrigley said while the consultation had ended, he still wanted to discuss issues that could be fixed. Cllr Wrigley said pausing the scheme for more consultation was not an option. The reality is that this scheme has come out of a long consultation with the town. Cllr Wrigley said town centre retail is changing and high streets have to adapt, The scheme is not destroying Queen Street. It is enhancing it later in the meeting, members decided by 18 votes to nine, with seven abstentions, to reaffirm the council's support for the Queen Street pedestrian enhancement scheme.



Councillor B Thorne

No report

From Teignbridge District Council

Councillor K Gearon

I attended the Full Council meeting on Tuesday 27th February. There were two demonstrations outside the Teignbridge offices:

- 1) Save Queen Street. I have been heavily involved in the campaigning to save Queen Street and have worked closely with business owners and residents to gain an understanding of the impact the planned changes will have to them and the town. I have also spoken with residents of Kingsteignton who are concerned about parking, particularly for those with disabilities, as there will be less spaces. There are also concerns around how traffic will be redirected impacting on traffic flow to Kingsteignton. The campaign goes on.
- 2) Closure of Teignmouth Hospital. The proposed closure of Teignmouth Hospital has staff and residents campaigning against its closure stating its role is vital to the community. In recent years the hospital was used as a Red Zone during the COVID pandemic highlighting the importance of its existence. With increasing demands on neighbouring hospitals, Teignmouth Hospital provides crucial services to the community. The campaign goes on.

I have recently attended the Licensing Sub Committee which helps determine if taxi drivers' vehicles are fit for purpose. At times, tough decisions are made to ensure the safety of the local community.

As ever, I have been helping residents with planning queries and other community issues.

Councillor D Rollason

No report.

Council in formal session

FC18/2024

Apologies

Resolved:

Apologies received and accepted from:

Deputy Mayor Cllr Thorne (Unexpectedly Unavailable)
District Cllr Rollason (prior commitment)

FC19/2024

dispensation(s)

To receive any declarations of interest and consider requests for

There were no declarations of Interest.



FC20/2024 To receive the Mayor's Report

June and I are looking forward to this Month's Coffee Morning.

The date is Saturday 9th March 2024, and all are welcome to come along and meet some of our local groups who raise funds for local charities and meet councillors who will be there to answer any questions you may have regarding our town.

The doors will be open from 10am to 12.30.

Other events this year.

June and I have been invited to attend Choir 86 event on March 21st.

June and I will be attending the Knit and Natter group on the 26th of March.

Kingsteignton In Bloom Judging will take place on Friday 5th July and Saturday 6th July.

Kingsteignton Community Fayre will be held on the 10th August 2024 and will take place in the Town Council grounds and main hall. Councillors and staff are working hard to make this year's events a success.

And our outside staff continue to keep the town looking well maintained.

Coffee Mornings

Saturday 6th April 10am 12.30

Saturday 11th May 10am 12.30

Saturday 8th June 10am 12.30

Saturday 13th July 10am 12.30

**FC21/2024 To receive and approve the minutes of the:
Full Council meeting held on 7th February 2024**

Cllr Peart presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th of February 2024.

Proposed: Cllr Jones

Seconded: Cllr Goodall

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that these minutes be adopted.

FC22/2024 To receive the Clerk's Report

Clerk's Report March 2024



The grant applications have now been advertised and we are steadily receiving applications.

After a period of 8 weeks without our second van due to waiting for parts to ensure it was roadworthy it is now back on the road.

All gardening machinery has now been sent for servicing so that we are prepared for the spring weather.

Mr Dan Turner and Mr Gareth Lee have both successfully completed a Lantra one day strimming course. This will now enable all 3 FMOs to use strimmer's within the Town. As a result of which we have had to purchase one more strimmer and all Health and safety equipment to enable the equipment to be used. This will definitely make a difference around the Towns pathways etc.

Tree surveys have been completed at Oakford Lawn and The Community Hall grounds. The reports of which will be discussed at the next Community Hall and Recreation meeting. These surveys were mandatory.

I have now successfully completed my CiLCA qualification, and I am now a qualified Town Clerk. I would like to thank council for their support in allowing me to do this.

The plaques have been unveiled at The Swimming pool and the Youth centre which shows KTC support of both venues. The event was attended by Cllrs Peart/Scagell and Field.

The newsletter has been completed and is at print and will be delivered on schedule. I would like to thank Mrs Simmons for her hard work on this and hope everyone will enjoy the latest edition.

Mrs Simmons has also completed the following courses:

Social Media for Councils

Dealing with local media.

Miss Hooper has completed a Martyn's Law course.

We have now restored 4 of the benches at Oakford Lawn and the others will be done on a rolling basis.

I have also successfully applied for a new Portrait King Charles III to be placed in the Mary Hall suite. Applications were opened by the government for free portraits, and I have been advised that our application was successful.

I have enrolled KTC on a health and safety and human resources training package. This will ensure staff are up to date with all relevant qualifications. The courses are completed online and if staff are successful, they are provided with the relevant certificates. This is currently just for a period of one year on a trial basis.

FC23/2024 To receive the minutes of the following committees:

Works, Services and Planning 21st February 2024 presented by Cllr Peart.

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Gregson

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that these minutes be adopted.

Finance 7th February 2024 presented by Cllr Ripping.

Proposed: Cllr Field



Seconded: Cllr Gordon

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that these minutes be adopted.

Community Hall and Recreation 21st February 2024 presented by Cllr Scagell.

Proposed: Cllr Goodall

Seconded: Cllr Peart

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that these minutes be adopted.

FC24/2023 To receive Representative reports:

a. Cllr Tilson-Hawke Community Speed Watch

For the period between 25-01-2024 and 28/02/2024 the community speedwatch team took part in two sessions. Unfortunately, the weather during this period was predominantly wet, making it inappropriate, on grounds of volunteer safety, to operate. One session was cancelled, again due to the weather.

The session on the corner of Brook Way and Exeter Road again found a large percentage of drivers failing to observe the speed limit. 35 out of 122 vehicles were reported to the police.

I am pleased to report that the new site on Longford Lane has now been approved by the police. We have had one session at this new location, our presence was noted and all drivers were respecting the limits.

FC25/2024 To discuss and consider the lack of open spaces/parks to the north of Kingsteignton.

Resolved: that Cllr Gordon make representations to TDC regarding the lack of open spaces/allotments within the town and liaise with Debbie Marshall to TDC to organise a joint meeting with planning/green spaces to consider any empty spaces within the town. Cllr Peart and Mrs Lewis-Clarke to be in attendance at the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Ripping

FC26/2024 To discuss and consider in line with other councils changing from Mayors awards to Community citizenship awards. (See attached appendix 2)

Resolved: that the rationale be accepted with the addition of the word 'Volunteer' to be added to young community citizen and community citizen of the year. The judging panel to consist of: Cllrs Peart/Field /Ripping and Eggar. Miss Hooper to launch the award scheme on the 13th March 2024.

Proposed: Cllr Peart



Seconded: Cllr Jones

FC27/2024 **To Discuss and consider applying for the General Power of Competence**

Resolved: That the General Power of Competence be adopted by Kingsteignton Town Council.

Proposed: Cllr Scagell

Seconded: Cllr Gordon

FC28/2024 **To discuss and consider a request for the Ram roast fair to use Oakford Lawn on Monday 27th May 2024 between 7am and 7pm.**

Resolved: that this be approved.

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Dempster

FC29/2024 **To discuss and consider a request received from Raddon Hill Morris dancers to place an advertising outside Rydon Community Hall.**

Resolved: that Mrs Lewis-Clarke advise that permission has not be granted.

Proposed: Cllr Scagell

Seconded: Cllr Field

FC30/2024 **Exclusion of the press and public.**

To consider the exclusion of the press and public to discuss a confidential staffing matter and resolve any actions required.

Resolved: the press and public be excluded from this part of the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Scagell

Resolved: that the Council accept both the recommendations made within the confidential report. Mrs Lewis-clarke as now qualified in CiLCA to receive a pay increase as recommended in report to be backdated to 090224.

Mrs Ford to be retained until September 2024 when this will be reviewed.

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Scagell



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Seconded: Cllr Scagell

FC31/2024 Correspondence

Mrs Lewis-Clarke advised the council that the nomination for Cllr Thorne to attend the Royal Garden party was unsuccessful.

Mrs Lewis-Clarke advised the Council that a request had been received from the twinning association to reduce or waive the fees for the hiring of the community hall for a twinning event. In accordance bookings policy this has been denied.

Meeting closed at 1955hrs.

Next meeting: Wednesday 3rd April 2024

Signed: Dated: