



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting Held on Wednesday 3rd April 2024 at 7pm The Community Hall, Rydon Road, Kingsteignton

Present:

Mayor: R Peart
Councillors: J Scagell, D Ripping, A Tillson-Hawke, T Dempster, K Jones,
J Gordon, L Goodall, S Danks, K Gearon
Responsible Finance Officer: Mr P Banner
Asst to the Clerk/Events Officer: Miss B Hooper

Council not in formal session

Public Participation:

Prayers by Reverend David Goddard.

Police Report:

See attached appendix 1

County Councillor Report:

Councillor R Peart

Devon County Council's trading standards officers have seized illegal tobacco products and vapes with an estimated value of over £166,000 during a joint operation with police earlier this month. Officers from the Heart of the South West Trading Standards Service, accompanied by tobacco detection dogs and Devon and Cornwall Police searched a location in south Devon. This led to the discovery of a significant quantity of illegal products.

The seizure, one of the largest to date, consisted of more than 18,000 illegal tobacco products and over 2,000 vapes. The tobacco products had non-duty paid cigarettes and tobacco and over 2,000 illegal vapes which are non-compliant for the UK market.

A number of people are under investigation by Trading Standards and enquiries remain ongoing. A spokesperson for Devon and Cornwall Police said Carrying out this proactive warrant resulted in a significant amount of counterfeit goods being removed from the streets and circulation. Trading Standards, said the removal of illegal tobacco and vapes is a high priority for us and this was yet another successful operation.

Retail outlets that sell counterfeit tobacco are big business because tobacco is sold at pocket money prices by criminals who are not interested in asking for proof of age it encourages children and young people to start smoking. Illegal tobacco products

Also present a genuine health risk as they aren't subject to the same quality control checks and are often found to contain high levels of contaminants.



District Councillors' Reports:

Councillor R Peart

On Tuesday 26th March I attended an evening meeting at TDC the event was called OneTeignbridge working together for a better future. It was attended by Town and Parish councillors the officers presenting this event started the discussion on how they could deliver the services our communities want and need and tackle some of the issues that business and residents in our district face.

Each person in the room gave feedback on issues they have had regarding working with Teignbridge Council over the past years. When it came to my turn I mentioned Planning and Penns Mount development and how the site had changed from what was agreed in planning regarding the large area of park which should have been delivered. I was assured this would not happen again and they have put in place measures to stop this happening in the future. We then made our way to the tables in the room we were given blue dots to stick against headings what we think is important for our communities. At the end of the meeting I was talking to a senior officer regarding land they own that we could be interested in he indicated that in the future they would be willing to talk to us about land they own. I believe the event was a good starting point to move forward working with Teignbridge on local issues.

Councillor B Thorne

No report

From Teignbridge District Council

Councillor K Gearon

No report.

Councillor D Rollason

No report.

Council in formal session

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Apologies

Resolved:

Apologies received and accepted from:
Deputy Mayor Cllr Thorne (Personal Reasons)
Cllr Gregson (Work Commitment)
Cllr Field (Annual Leave)
Cllr Eggar (Personal Reasons)
Mrs Lewis-Clarke, Town Clerk (Personal Reasons)



FC33/2024 To receive any declarations of interest and consider requests for dispensation(s)

There were no declarations of interest.

FC34/2024 To receive the Mayor's Report

On Thursday 7th March June and I attended the Funeral of former chair of Kingsteignton Town council Edna Wickham. Edna was a lovely lady and always did her best for Kingsteignton. It was good to see Edna's Husband Graham Wickham who was also a town councillor for many years. It was a lovely service and many people attended Graham had written a Tribute for Edna recalling when they first met and other events in their life. We left the Chapel to the music of Unchained Melody –The Righteous Brothers, retiring collection was for the Alzheimer's Society.

On Saturday 9th March June and I attended Kingsteignton Town Coffee Morning held in our main hall. This was a well-attended event and a chance to meet councillors and the Police and discuss any issues you might have. The next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 6th April 10.00 to 12.30 free coffee and cake.

Our next event June and I attended was CHOIR 86 Spring into Easter held at St Joseph's Church on the 21st March. We have seen Choir 86 many times they just get better each time it was an evening of song Featuring Requiem for the Living composed by Dr Dan Forrest. This was a challenging piece for the choir and they must have worked hard to produce such a wonderful performance. The choir performed many other pieces of music plus solo performances. June and I would like to thank Rosie Penny, Musical Director and Choir 86 for a wonderful evening of music at this well attended event. And for the refreshments at the end a Retiring collection was in aid of Kerswella Care.

Our final event for this month was an invitation to attend the Knit and Natter group who meet at the Ten Tors Pub, in Kingsteignton. The group leader Sue Welland had arranged a meal for us with some of the group. This was a great opportunity to meet everyone and see what great work they are doing in our community by knitting various items, some are for young baby's which are given to the Baby Unit at the Hospital including blankets for new born baby's. Other items they sell in aid of KingsCare it was a lovely afternoon I gave a small speech thanking them for what they are doing and June and I are more than happy to support them.

FC35/2024 To receive and approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 6th March 2024

Cllr Peart presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th March 2024.

Proposed: Cllr Scagell

Seconded: Cllr Ripping

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

FC36/2024 To receive the Clerk's Report

No report.



FC37/2024 To receive the minutes of the following committees:

Works, Services and Planning 6th March and 20th March 2024 presented by Cllr Peart.

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Ripping

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

FC38/2023 To receive Representative reports:

a. Cllr Gregson – Hackney Marshes

There are a few changes at the Linden orchard area this month. The grass has been cut, and about a dozen trees have been planted. Not sure if they are apple trees as they are not in leaf yet. The vehicle used for this work has made some deep clefts in the lawn. Hopefully they will be back to level it up later.

The link pathway between The Tilia and Linden estates has not been completed yet and is still fenced off. On the Tilia side of the pathway they have incorporated some play frames for small children.

Some of the birds are leaving Hackney for their breeding grounds. The wading birds, kingfishers and buntings are on the move. Hackney is a very important wintering ground for many birds; we are privileged to be the guardians of this area. The swan that has been living in the dog bathing area, has gone. I assume it has been moved or found its own way out. Swans need a long runway to take off. Sometimes young swans land on small, enclosed lakes and have trouble flying out. This bird is adult and has chosen to come back twice.

Cllr Scagell advised Councillors that there was graffiti on one of the Hackney Marshes information signs and requested this be removed by the Council's Facilities and Maintenance Officers.

Proposed: Cllr Scagell

Seconded: Cllr Peart

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed Mr Banner to task FMO's accordingly.

b. Cllr Tillson-Hawke – Community Speed Watch

During the period from 29th February to 28th March 2024 there has been one session. The wet weather has limited the group's activity.

The session on Strap Lane, which has a 30 mph speed limit, recorded 25 vehicles speeding in an hour, with the fastest at 50 mph.

Information has very recently been made available to the speedwatch team regarding the community speedwatch data collected throughout the southwest. In January, the site on the corner of Brook Way, by the Ten Tors, had the second highest number of speeding vehicles in the whole of the southwest. This highlights the need for VAS signs in this location.



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Miss Hooper agreed to take an action to encourage additional volunteers joining the Community Speedwatch Team by means of creating a FaceBook post.

FC39/2024 To discuss and consider the renaming of the Works, Services and Planning Committee to Planning

Resolved: Agenda item deferred until Town Clerk is present.

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Goodall

FC40/2024 To discuss and consider adding Works and Services to the Community Hall/ Recreation Committee and changing meeting dates to a monthly basis – this will alleviate the necessity for a subcommittee for any planned events

Resolved: Agenda item deferred until Town Clerk is present.

FC41/2024 Short presentation by Cllr Thorne regarding outputs from Community Gardens /Broadway Road (not to exceed 10 minutes)

Resolved: Agenda item deferred due to unavailability of Cllr Thorne.

Meeting closed at 1912hrs.

Next meeting: Wednesday 1st May 2024

Signed:

Dated: