



**Minutes of the Kingsteignton Town Council Meeting  
Held on Wednesday 17th July 2024 at 7:00pm  
The Community Hall, Rydon Road, Kingsteignton**

**Present:**

Mayor:	R Peart
Councillors:	J Scagell (Deputy Mayor), T Dempster, M Field, D Ripping, K Jones, J Gordon, M Eggar, B Thorne, S Danks, A Tillson-Hawke
Acting Clerk/Deputy Officer:	Mrs K Ford (CiLCA)
Asst to the Clerk/Events Officer:	Miss B Hooper

**Council not in formal session**

**Public Participation:**

Cllr K Gearon (District Councillor)

**Police Report:** See attached appendix 1

Councillors noted the content of the Police Report for July 2024.

**County Councillor Report: Cllr R Peart**

Public Health - Annual Public Health Report.

Health in an aging Devon.

Devon has an older population and a faster older population growth than the UK average.

Over the next 20 years the predicted proportion of those aged 75 and over living in Devon will increase from 13.7% this year to 18.4% by 2043.

This population change, says the report, and that people are spending more years in ill – health, poses challenges in relation to the health and, wellbeing and quality of life for all of us.

Coupled with a reduction in the birth rate in the future, means that the ratio of younger people to older people will also reduce.

This will also inevitably affect our frontline workforce and carers, both paid and unpaid.

Currently, across Devon there are just over two working – age people to one older person. By 2043, we expect this to reduce to 1.7 working-age people to one older person- this will have a detrimental effect on the prosperity { who pays for the pensions for older people.

The average life expectancy across Devon is 85 and 87 years [male and female] respectively with healthy life expectancy being about 77 and 79 – this shows that people in Devon are on average living around a decade in poorer health and no significant improvement has been seen over the last decade.

The report indicates that ultimately, the scale of the challenge associated with an increase in older adults living in poor health will depend upon the actions we all take now.

Staying active physically, mentally and socially are important things we can do.

Devon Highways Report on Methyl methacrylate [MMA].

MMA is a Cold Applied Materials for a bulk of road marking schemes across the county.

To support the advance in material technology, a state of the art road marking machine is now operational on Devon's highway network. It's the first of its kind in the UK, with less than 5 operational worldwide, the advancement in road marking delivery is truly world class.

This ground breaking technology presents many benefits, notably an impressive 86% reduction in CO2e emissions compared to conventional delivery methods.

By bolstering durability it will effectively reduces disruption on the network and making a significant 17% whole life cost saving over a 10-year investment period.

#### **District Councillors Report:**

##### **Cllr B Thorne:**

No report received.

##### **Cllr R Peart:**

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June I had a meeting with TDC Managing Director Phil Shears. The venue for these discussions was the Rydon Room and the meeting started at 10,30. I was pleased that Phil Shears was happy to work with the Town Council, He knows we are taking on extra work in our town and we could work together.

I had a list of requests - first one our lack of land in Kingsteignton I mentioned the land off Rydon Road I said we need allotments for our residents. Phil made notes regarding other requests like cutting back trees and hedges that TDC own, The starter units at Greenhill Road we would like to keep. Street Sign between Hele Road and Firleigh Road needs replacing, Grass cutting around Grave Stones in St Michaels Church, planning issues not dealt with on time. Because of Elections that have just taken place in Teignbridge this as delayed Phil Shears coming back to me his secretary has been in touch and when Phil Shears returns from is holiday I will bring you up to date with more news on our request.

##### **Cllr K Gearon:**

No report received.

##### **Cllr D Rollason:**

No report received.

### **Council in formal session**

#### **FC72/2024 Apologies**

To receive, note and where requested approve and accept any apologies for absence.

#### **Resolved:**

Apologies received and accepted from:

Cllr T Dempster (Annual leave)

Cllr J Gordon (Unavailable on new date due to previous personal commitment)

Cllr M Eggar (Unexpected urgent family commitment)

#### **FC73/2024 To receive any declarations of interest:**

- a) in accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 members to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests on this agenda:
- b) Clerk to report any written request for dispensation in respect of items on this agenda, made in advance of the meeting.

None declared.

#### **FC74/2024 To receive the Mayor's Report: Mayor, Cllr R Peart**

June and I attended Ashburton Civic Service this was held in St Andrews Church. The service was to recognise Saskia Hogbin as the new mayor of Ashburton. After the service refreshments were served and this was a chance to speak to other mayor's in attendance and other dignitaries.

We had also attended the RBL fundraising event on that afternoon this was to raise funds for our groups.

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June I was invited to Kingsteignton Athletic Football Club. This was to recognise the clubs decision to move their de-fib from inside the club house to outside by main gate. This will give better access to anyone who needs this equipment and can save lives. I congratulated the committee for making this decision and to mark the occasion we had photo taken next to de-fib.

June and I were invited to the United Reform Church for their Annual boat race. Every year Catherine Harris organises this event to raise funds for local groups in Kingsteignton. The boat race event starts with lots of plastic boats with numbers on are put into the stream that runs down to St Michael's Church the first three winners to reach the end of the stream win a prize. I would like to thank Catherine Harris and the Rev'd Jessica Ashcroft – Townsley and other helpers in making this a fun event and for the refreshments after.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of June we attended the Funeral of Lyn Walters at St Michael's Church Kingsteignton Conducted by Father Mark Smith. Lyn was the wife of the late Mike Walters who was a former Mayor of Kingsteignton. Lyn was a lovely lady and the service was a celebration of Lyn's life. Donations went to Children's Hospice South West and RSPCA and we were invited for refreshments at the Passage House Hotel.

June and I were invited to Stover School Speech Day and Prize Giving. Breakfast was served in the Library. The Stover Preparatory School Prize Giving for 2024 started at 10.am. Many Scholarships awarded in all

Subjects. Lunch was served at 1.00 and at 2.pm we started the Senior Prize Giving Headmaster Mr Richard Notman gave the Headmasters Address and Dr Sally Penni MBE presented the Academic Awards. After we had a chance to speak to other mayors and guest Speakers great day and it was good to see so many of Stover pupils received awards.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> July June and I were invited to open the new A block at Teign School. My duty was to cut the ribbon and officially open the new thirteen class rooms one of the pupils was taking photos and Lucy Wagner the new Head of Teign School gave June and I a guided tour of the school along with other invited guests, We then went outside for refreshments and a chance to speak to Susannah Wharf who has a new role and Mathew Shanks who was the Head of Education Strategy at DCC. June and I was impressed with the new class rooms and upgrades that have taken place and the new class rooms will be of great benefit to teachers and students.

And the last event June and I attended was an invitation to attend Choir 86 evening event called A Summer of Seriously Successful Songs. This was held in our town hall Rosie Penny Musical Director started the program with Over the Rainbow, I wan'na be Like You, The best of Bond and many more. Everyone enjoyed the evening of entertainment Choir 86 just seem to better each time we see them. Choir 86 wish to express their gratitude and thanks to Kingsteignton Town Council for the award of a grant towards the purchase of a new keyboard for the choir.

**FC75/2024 Full Council Draft Minutes:**

To receive and approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and the Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Cllr Peart presented the minutes of the meetings held on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**Proposed:** Cllr Peart

**Seconded:** Cllr Thorne

**Resolved:** It was unanimously agreed that these both minutes be adopted and signed by the Chair.

**FC76/2024 Committee Draft Minutes:**

To receive and note the draft minutes of the following Committees (draft minutes to be ratified at the next meeting of said committee):

a) Works, Services & Planning Committee meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024

b) Finance Committee meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024

c) Community Hall & Recreation Committee meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024

d) Works, Services & Planning Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

**Proposed:** Cllr Peart

**Seconded:** Cllr Jones

**Resolved:** The minutes presented above were received and noted.

**FC77/2024 To receive and note Representative Reports**

**a. Police Advocates/PCC**

The June meeting was cancelled by the chief Inspector, therefore some of the information has been carried over into the July meeting.

The Crime figures for the 2 months of May & June saw an overall increase in crime for Newton Abbot, Kingsteignton and Kingskerswell of 575 reported crimes, this is an increase of 3.6% however, Kingsteignton's figure of 95 was down by -4.0%.

Reports of Burglary to residential property was up 157.1% (18 in 2 months) which now includes theft from sheds and outbuildings.

Operation Highlighter was instigated following burglaries of car keys from properties to gain access to a car, these thefts are in 2 categories, 1 – Joy riders who tend to steal cars but often abandon them close to the area of theft and 2 – Organised crime from out of area. They are not specifically targeting high performance vehicles as a variety of makes and models were taken.

Kingsteignton had reports of 2 vehicles taken locally, overall there were 4 reports in 2 months. CID Exeter are the team investigating these incidents.

There was an increase in possession of weapons up 8 from 5 previous reports.

Kingsteignton saw a drop in reported criminal damage of -4%.

Newton Abbot East saw an increase in crime of 139, the previous figure was 108.

Shoplifting (mainly at Sainsbury's went from 1 to 16, this is identified as better reporting to the police, (Sainsbury's petrol Station -7, Sainsbury's local – 6, Sainsbury's supermarket – 2, & Esso petrol station – 1.) Overall the police are dealing with the issues reported are are happy with how things are progressing.

Crime in Newton Abbot was up 2.9% from last year June 2023 of 272, to June 2024 of 281 incidences.

Kingsteignton Incidents 152 – 2024 compared to 169 – 2023.

The overall figures for the combined area was 795 incidents in 2024 compared to 896 in 2023.

Recent reports in Kingsteignton - missing person at Venn Orchard (resolved).

Newton Road East - Anti social Behaviour 5 visits between April – May 2024 (included neighbour disputes).

The retail park was mentioned regarding ASB as children gather with bikes and skateboards and it was mentioned that perhaps a combined look at possible places for them to use in Kingsteignton. However the police will continue to focus on this area.

Operation Marnow – which is a summer policing plan given the increase in tourists to the area and school holidays.

Teignbridge has Tier 2 funding from the government to use and they are looking at areas of 'hotspot policing', they will continue to talk with Teignbridge Council, Becki Hewitt to establish where and when this extra manpower of street wardens will be used.

2 new Neighbourhood Beat Managers will be starting one in August and one in September, a welcome increase to this area.

Next meeting 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

## **b. Community Speedwatch**

This report covers the period from 27<sup>th</sup> May to date. During this time the group has undertaken 3 sessions in which a total of 46 drivers were reported to the police for speeding in 30 mph limits. The fastest recorded speed was 56 mph along Strap Lane.

The group has now been issued with a body-worn video camera; this has now been used at 2 sessions. The video camera is intended for use when operators are faced with aggressive and abusive behaviour from members of the public.

We have just completed our first successful trial of simultaneous, bi-directional monitoring which was also attended in part by our local police. It is hoped that in time many of our sites will become bi-directional. In June, PC Will Heather organised a speedwatch event for the Year 6 pupils from Kingsteignton Primary School. Following an initial session with the classes by Will, the speedwatch team identified speeding traffic along Exeter Road. The police stopped offenders who were then dealt with by the police followed by conversations from the children who issued posters which they had designed in an attempt to reduce speeds on our local roads.

As a bit of fun afterwards, with the speed radar the children measured the speed of each other running along the pavement! The children enjoyed the morning and learned from the experience.

### **FC78/2024 Digital Mapping**

Consider purchase of digital mapping for staff use as detailed in the circulated Appendix I

**Resolved:** All Members were in favour of subscribing to the digital mapping service detailed in the briefing paper submitted.

**Proposed:** Cllr Peart

**Seconded:** Cllr Jones

### **FC79/2024 Additional Fencing Request from Tiny Toes**

Consider installation as described in Appendix J

Councillors discussed the circulated paper from Tiny Toes and discussed the options outlined. Members debated all lettings users requirements and felt in order to preserve the current look of the Community Hall and Grounds that they could not agree to additional walling or fencing as requested.

**Resolved:** All were in agreement that the request from Tiny Toes should be denied.

**Proposed:** Cllr Peart

**Seconded:** Cllr Jones

### **FC80/2024 Car Boot Sale**

Consider proposal from Cllr Scagell in the circulated Appendix K

**Resolved:** All members agreed that subject to public liability insurance being covered, a Car Boot Sale

could take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024, with 20 selling spaces being available.

**Proposed:** Cllr Scagell  
**Seconded:** Cllr Peart

**FC81/2024      Staffing Matters**

Further consideration of solutions to the unprecedented current staffing shortfall and resolve any actions considered appropriate as referred to in the circulated Appendix L.

Councillors noted this would be Mrs Ford's last meeting and discussed the circulated paper and best options to progress securing the assistance of a Locum Town Clerk.

**Resolved:** If a potential candidate, who is an experienced Town Clerk, is known to Officers (Mr Banner, (Responsible Finance Officer), Mrs Ford and Mrs Lewis-Clarke (Town Clerk)) then this candidate can be recruited on a temporary rolling contract. If a potential candidate is not known to the Council, then interviews should be convened between Mr Banner, Miss Hooper, Cllr Peart and Cllr Scagell. Recruitment adverts should be placed in local press publications when required.

**Proposed:** Cllr Peart  
**Seconded:** Cllr Jones

**FC82/2024      Next Meeting Date**

Consider to postpone the Full Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September to allow for staff annual leave and ensures an agenda and associated papers are prepared and published within the statutory timeframe.

**Resolved:** Councillors agreed that if a suitable Locum Town Clerk could be secured in time that current next Full Council Meeting date of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 would still stand. If no one was recruited in time, the meeting could move to the 11<sup>th</sup> September instead.

**Proposed:** Cllr Peart  
**Seconded:** Cllr Thorne

**FC83/2024      Correspondence**

**a. Garden Community**

Appoint a second KTC representative for a board meeting to be held 13<sup>th</sup> September 24.

**Resolved:** Cllr Field to become the second KTC representative on the Garden Community Board.

**b. Resident Concern**

Speeding traffic on Gestridge/Exeter Road, requesting the introduction of traffic calming or speedwatch presence in the area.

Mrs Ford advised this had been reported to Devon Highways.

c. **Resident Complaint**

Parking on Moorsend, particularly at the junction with Chudleigh Road. Neighbourhood Highways Officer to visit and assess, if an action is recommended this will need Kingsteignton Town Council consideration and support.

d. **Road Markings at Fore Street**

As previously discussed - responses received from Devon County Council Neighbourhood Highways Officer and Police. For Devon Highways this does not constitute a safety concern that requires intervention therefore no action to be taken. PC Heather shall be investigating further and liaise in future.

e. **Parking Concerns at Orchid Vale**

A resident attended the coffee morning and has since written to express concerns with on-street parking. Resolve any action considered appropriate.

Mrs Ford advised this had been reported to Devon Highways.

f. **Bench Request**

Public request for the Council's consideration for the installation of a new bench by the library. Resolve any action considered appropriate.

**Resolved:** Councillors recommend using the existing seating nearby. No additional benches to be provided.

**Proposed:** Cllr Scagell

**Seconded:** Cllr Field

Meeting closed at 8:31pm.

**Next meeting: Wednesday 4th September 2024**

Signed: .....

Dated: .....