



**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 5 JULY 2022
AT 6.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BITTON HOUSE**

Present: Cllr I. Palmer
Cllr J. Atkins
Cllr C. Williams
Cllr. E. S. Russell
Cllr R. Phipps
Cllr. R. Ash
Cllr D. Cox
Cllr A. Henderson
Cllr B. Cox

In attendance: Mr. I. Wedlake – Town Clerk
Cllr. M. Wrigley - Devon County Councillor
Members of the Public
Kier Duffin – DCC Economy Manager (left at 19:05)

Council not in formal session

For Councillors and Members of the Public

Questions and Statements Public Time

Several members of the public spoke.

Police Report

County Councillor Reports

Cllr David Cox:

- a) Gave an update on Teignmouth Hospital. Stressed that the Town Council need to work with the NHS going forward to secure best result of Teignmouth's healthcare.
- b) Announced the retirement of Phil Norrey, CEO of Devon County Council.
- c) Devon is launching an initiative to become a child friendly county.
- d) Promenade Promotions have painted their second sentry box using the Councillors Community fund. Further sponsorship is being sought.
- e) Efforts are being made to get Community Service in to cut vegetation at 2nd and 3rd Avenue.
- f) Updated on yellow lines at Mill Lane. No lines had been painted at the bottom but this has been reported to Devon.

Cllr Phipps asked about the sale of the land the hospital was on. Cllr Cox explained it will likely be sold but that Teignmouth Town Council should make sure they are involved.

Cllr Martin Wrigley:

Written report submitted

District Councillor Reports

Cllr Sylvia Russell

- a) Requested an investigation into Lloyds Chemist is conducted regarding prescriptions. Cllr Cox agreed to investigate as County Councillor
- b) Raised the issue of the use of the French Street Memorial Garden by an adjoining business, emphasising that efforts are made to protect this site and the town's heritage. This was discussed in detail. Cllr Cox stated that the matter should now be reported to Devon for them to resolve.
- c) Raised awareness about the upcoming gathering held in memory of Mary Burgess who had served as a councillor, town mayor and chairman of the orangery.
- d) Additionally wanted the town council to record their thanks to the air show committee for hosting such a successful weekend.

Cllr David Cox

- a) Cllr Martin Wrigley held a fuel energy efficiency clinic to respond to the cost-of-living crisis in coordination with Cllr Henderson. Funding is being sought to hold another one for Bitton Court.
- b) Looking to organise the arranging of other cost of living crisis support sessions, 'Tea for a Tenner'.

- c) The District will look to work with other voluntary organisations for more support to face the cost-of-living crisis.
- d) With regards to the Lido, decarbonised action was commended with regards to rising energy costs.
- e) Recycling – reported that the district are making money back through recycling so endorsed that the public keep recycling.

Cllr Robert Phipps

- a) Updated on the Playpark renovations which are ahead of schedule and looking good. Looks like disability considerations have been applied.
- b) Thank officers at Teignbridge for help in organising Air Show, particularly seafront resorts team

Town Councillor Reports

Cllr Andrew Henderson

- a) Reported frustration at the lack of progress regarding meadow lane.

Cllr Cate Williams

- a) Reported an event held on the seafront, organised by the Alice Cross centre.
- b) Reported that she attended a meeting to help organise a regular market in the town.

Cllr Joan Atkins

- a) Reported drains had collapsed as a result of rats in the St James area. A refurbishment is to be expected.
- b) Has a monthly meeting with police members to help update on activity in the area. Emphasised the importance of informing the town council. Is also useful to raise issues with the police. Will be attending a seminar on serious violence prevention.
- c) Update on the publicity of the Neighbourhood plan and consultation period opening.

Cllr Henderson asked about other display locations and Cllr Atkins said that was something to be further looked into.

Cllr David Cox

- a) Teignmouth Museum is willing to host the Tourist information office for £1000.
- b) Reported the problem with seagulls along the seafront.

Cllr Phipps reported the seagulls are vicious but that the situation is difficult.

Cllr Atkins raised the issue that the museum is closed on Sundays and Mondays and so the museum was a less appropriate venue.

Cllr Robert Phipps

- a) Reported that Teignbridge have granted permission for another pop up business on the seafront. Raised concerns that this pop up has a diesel generator despite the declaration of a climate emergency at Teignbridge and Teignmouth.

Cllr Cox agreed with Phipps that something should be done about the generator. Cllr Henderson stated he hoped something was being done and Cllr Cox stated he had reported it.

Reports from Outside Bodies

There were none.

Presentations from Outside Bodies

There were none.

Council in formal session – Part 1 (6.22pm)

1 Use of Mobile Phones

In accordance with Minute 30, mobile phones be limited to personal use only (in case of emergencies) and in which case the Councillor is to leave the room to respond. Councilors must switch their mobile phones to silent during the meeting to avoid disruption.

2 The Freedom of Information Act 2000

Deems that all information held by this Council should be freely available to the public unless it falls under one of 23 exemptions.

3 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. P. Williams
Cllr. D. Matthews
Cllr. J. Orme

Cllr. M. Wrigley

4 Declarations of Interest and Consider Requests for Dispensation(s)

Members are reminded that they are to declare any interest in the items to be transacted and that the timescale to alter stated interests with the Districts Monitoring Officer is 28 days.

Under the Code of Conduct, Councillors with a registerable interest must leave the room for the duration of consideration of the item to which the interest relates. Those with 'other' interest must apply the tests as set out in the Code of conduct as to whether there are circumstances that might enable them to remain.

A request for a dispensation is to be made to the Town Clerk, no less than 5 working days before Council meetings. The Council may grant a member(s) a dispensation(s) to participate in a discussion and vote on a matter at a meeting even if he/she has an interest.

There were None.

5 Clerk's report

- a) A new temporary member of staff is set to start on the 18th to pick up 25 hours a week of administration jobs for a couple of months.
- b) As a result of this extra staff, the clerk is looking to reinstate regular planning meetings.
- c) The memorial benches by the Seaview diner and in the triangle have been replaced and are being recycled.
- d) The website is set to migrate by the end of the month.
- e) Yesterday the clerk attended a meeting at TDC to discuss the issues regarding the refurbishment of Teignmouth toilets.

6 Business (if any) especially brought forward by the Mayor

There were none.

7 Mayor's Announcements

Written Report

Items requiring Approval

8 Minutes

To receive, approve as a correct record, and sign the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 June 2022

The Clerk reported the minutes had not been completed due to the priority given to AGAR but noted the election of committees.

9 Presentation by Keir Duffin DCC (Economy team manager) Devon Urban Renewal

Presentation regarding renewal given by Kier Duffin.

Cllrs Atkins & Henderson volunteered to join the regeneration panel to represent Teignmouth Town Council, Cllr D Cox already represents DCC and Cllr Jefferies already represents TDC agreed unanimously.

10 To receive a report on publicising the plans for the Town's toilets

Report given by Cllr Ash

Agreed that further public communication should follow depending on the outcome of the planning applications, proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Williams. Agreed unanimously

11 Town Toilet project delays

Update given by the Town Clerk.
The matter was discussed in detail.

Cllr Cox proposed to authorise the Clerk to enter discussions with TDC to resolve the matter of the toilets. Seconded by Cllr Phipps. Agreed unanimously

12 Management during Council recess

Cllr Phipps proposed to authorise the Clerk to make necessary management decisions in consultation with either the appropriate committee chair or chairs until the resumption of full council in September with a cap of £20K for transactions. Seconded by Cllr Cox, agreed unanimously.

13 Dates and times of future meetings

Cllr Cox proposed that council meetings are moved to the second Tuesday of the month when recess ends. Seconded by Cllr Henderson. Agreed unanimously.

Cllr C. Williams proposed that the time of meetings remain at 6, seconded by Cllr Henderson, Agreed by majority.

14 Data Protection Act 2018

Precludes this authority from publishing the names, addresses or other private information of individuals unless written permission is given by the individual for such details to be made public.

Therefore, where necessary, personal details have been removed from the papers attached to ensure that information held is available, but individuals are protected.

Meeting closed at 20:13

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COUNCILLOR IAIN PALMER
TOWN MAYOR

Date of next meeting: