



Teignmouth Town Centre Partnership

Tuesday, 14th March 2023 9:15am

Bitton House, Teignmouth

Present: Keith Underhill – Chair

Judith Sharples, Trevor Shaw, Sam Williams, Marcus, Terry Hays, Anna Snow, Sarah Holgate, Martin Wrigley, David Cox, Iain Palmer, Robert Phipps, Chris Kernoghan, Richard Frewin, Alistair Dewhirst, Clive Wetton

Apologies:

Nina Jeffries, Andrew Henderson, Iain Wedlake, Hannah Clark

1 –Appointment of Chair

2 – Introductions, welcomes and apologies

Andrew Henderson, Iain Wedlake, Nina Jeffries, and Hannah Clark all gave their apologies.

3 – Commercial waste bins and other issues relating to the appearance and cleanliness of the Town centre

Problems with the bins and the mess that has been left around the town have been an ongoing issue that all the members of the meeting have expressed their concerns about. There has been an increase in the number of bins that have been left unlocked and overflowing which has made the town centre look untidy and encouraged rats and other unwanted animals into the area. It was recommended that there should be an area that only people who own a business within the area can access and use as bin storage so then all the mess can be kept within one area, and also collected in the same area.

It was recommended that Teignbridge collect trade bins, but it was then explained by Alister, that they don't have the license for this.

Phipps recommended that a letter is to be written to all of the trades of Teignmouth and highlight all the key points of the lease agreement and where they should be keeping all of their rubbish.

Everyone was starting to recommend where bin storage can go with access for all the traders so then it is kept out of sight from the public.

Keith explained that he can put a program together with different action points that will help tackle the problem and come up with different solutions that will help the different traders within the town.

Clive recommended that when traders get their licenses, they have to state where they are putting their bins and how they dispose of their waste.

Terry and Chris are going to have a look around and see what bins are being used and which ones are not getting used, and then potentially call the waste contractors to get the unused bins removed.

Martin recommends that it might be worth having a presentation on how waste removal works for domestic and commercial use so then cllrs across the board have a better understanding of how waste removal works and can come up with more effective solutions.

4 – Other Devon County Council Matters (Same Williams, DCC Highways Officer,) (Pavement café licenses and other)

The biggest issue currently is that around 7 traders have a café licence but around 17 don't. Sam explained that it is a back-and-forth legal battle to get things removed from people who don't have the licenses.

David Cox, Sam Williams, and Keith are going to arrange to have a walk around the town and see who has a license and who does not.

Clive explained that all the drains are blocked and there is nothing in place to stop the town from flooding.

There is the DRIP Project, but it currently has minimal funding, and private properties have more priority.

Alister explained that when it comes to flood risk, we need to speak to David from Devon County Council as Devon's funding is getting cut by £50mill.

5 – Minutes of last meeting held on 13th December 2022 and any matters arising not already on the agenda (Doc A attached previously circulated)

There were a few changes that were made to the minutes from the last meeting, of which have already been circulated through the group and approved.

6 – Teignbridge Local Plan and Implications for Teignmouth (Trevor Shaw, Senior Planning Officer, TDC)

Trevor discussed the ongoing Teignbridge Local Plan and highlighted different factors that are considered.

Judith explained that the Riverside Boatyard is underdeveloped cost and is keen on using the CIL money getting used to create a coastal path so then there is another way to get into Teignmouth.

Keith expressed that the traders want to be more 'Green' within the area, but due to the restrictions

on what kind of windows they can have in place, it creates a few problems for the traders. It was recommended that the rules get 'relaxed' to allow windows to be replaced in a similar style but be more energy efficient. Clive agreed with this statement.

7 – Teign Estuary Trail Update (Hannah Clark, DCC)

Devon County Council has applied to do the design work, not the actual building. They are now planning something that will fit in with all the areas rather than just some, making it more 'Urban'. There is an idea to use the CIL money from 3 different places and put it together to help to fund other main projects. They are also inquiring about different land they can use for the trail.

8 – Beach management Plan and bathing water quality (Graeme Smith, TDC)

There was a brief update on the beach management plan and due to be completed by the end of 2023.

The water is polluted with faecal matter and is causing problems for the general public, and South West Water is one of the main reasons.

We have lost our blue flag status but this is something that can be reapplied for next year.

9 – Teignmouth Regeneration Strategy (Doc B attached to the agenda)

Kier is coming to the next meeting in June to give a full update on everything.

Clive wants to know who is going to keep an eye on the grant, where they are at and so on. This is a mix of Teignbridge and Devon.

10 – Town Council Items (Iain Wedlake, Town Clerk)

Clive wanted to know if the CCTV will be completed before the summer, but a comment was not able to be made as there is three stages to this. (subject to full council)

The lights around the Den was getting unsafe, therefore Teignbridge District Council has cut them all down, but no longer have the money to replace them so this has created a safety concern. It was suggested to use some of the money from the 'Safety of Women and Children against Abuse and violence', for the new lighting to be installed and make it safe.

11 – District Council Matters (Louisa Brinton, TDC Economic Development Officer (Shared Prosperity Fund Update and other)

Louisa sent an update from March 2023 and how the money is getting allocated to the different projects.

Martin explained that certain projects can only get money at certain times but applying can be adjusted for funding.

12 – Approval of TTCMP terms of reference and councillor representation

This was approved and agreed in the last annual council meeting on 16th May 2023.

13 – 60 second items

Clive – Anti-social behaviour is at an increase

Keith – Working towards another meeting with schools and the police to help reduce anti-social

behaviour among youths

Snow – Will feedback on water quality issues

Palmer – Employ enforcement officers for bins

Ash – Anti-social behaviour is on a rise

Martin – Pleased with the turn-out that they had today

Cox – Agreed with Iain Palmer

Judith – Anti-social behaviour has been on the rise, there needs to be more for the youths to do

Phipps – There should be more penalties issued to people who are caught taking drugs within the area

Francasca – Introducing a 'Autistic Friendly' hour within the town for the cafes and shops.

14 – Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 13th June, 9:15am at Bitton House.