

Teignmouth Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of
Teignmouth Town Council
Held at Bitton House, Teignmouth on
Tuesday, 13th December, 2022 at 6.00 pm

Present:

Councillors I Palmer (Chair), J Atkins (Vice-Chair), R Ash, D Cox, A Henderson, R Phipps, S Russell, C Williams and P Williams

Absent:

Councillors B Cox, D Matthews and J Orme

In attendance:

Iain Wedlake
Debbie Shaw

Public Participation:

There was no public participation

The following minutes will be considered for approval at the next meeting of the Town Council and may be subject to change until that time.

Part I

50 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

52 MINUTES

Members considered the minutes of the Council meeting held on 08/11/2022.

Proposed: Cllr P Williams, Seconded Cllr J Atkins, All in favour - unanimous

53 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations.

54 POLICE REPORTS

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Police reports received and noted including an additional report of 13/11/202-13/12/2022.

55 BUSINESS (IF ANY) ESPECIALLY BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE MAYOR

None.

56 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have still managed to get out and about in the Town although the weather has been a bit challenging at times.

I've had my cataract done so at least I can see better now. I've also had the Flu and a Chest Infection so was laid low for a short while.

The fireworks event went very well and we were blessed with a dry evening.

Looking at the diary there are still a few more events coming up.

November 11th – Armistice day – Triangle

November 13th – Remembrance Parade – War Memorial

November 19th – Food Market – Triangle

November 28th – NCI Dinner – Passage House Hotel

December 3rd – Christmas Lights switch on and Craft Market

December 10th – St James Church 7-30pm

December 11th – RNLI St Michaels Church

December 26th – Boxing Day Walk into the Sea (this was cancelled)

January 25th 2023 – The Mayor's Burns night Supper – Teignmouth Rugby Club.

More dates to follow.

57 CLERKS REPORT (IF ANY)

Received and noted.

58 REPORT BACK FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Cllr J Atkins attended the meeting, hot on the heels of the last Council meeting. The group also expressed concern about continuing occurrences of ASB, shoplifting, damage to property, repeated instances of drink/drugs related incidents with members of a small group of adults who based themselves usually in the Triangle and considerable numbers of youngsters using NOS gas canisters which, although not illegal, caused behavioural concerns. Concern was also expressed about a number of adults with/without carers whose behaviour had also been causing concern both in the Triangle/town and in Teign Housing accommodation. It seemed that only information on 999 reports were passed to the ASB Officer at Teignbridge not 101 incidents. The Chair reported that on ringing 999 he had been given a lecture on ASB and resources and the call handler had hung up! Noted that Insp. Philp had already passed on that he was staffing extra patrols on Friday and Saturday night to engage and disperse groups that might cause problems.

Agreed a meeting needed to be convened bringing together decision makers from the CoC. the school, the TDC ASB officer, Town Clerk, local Beat Team Manager and/or Sergeant, myself as TCoC Liaison Councillor/OPCC Councillor Advocate to make sense of a more robust way to work together to deal with ASB reporting and dealing with incidents. It was felt that these incidents were often treated lightly/dismissively by the PCSOs and young people seemed to think they were able to get away with unacceptable behaviour with no consequences. The disconnect between reporting and the ASB officer at TDC needs to be explored particularly with regard to our young people since TDC does put money into outreach work with them but doesn't seem to tell anyone.

Noted that on a wider economic front many hospitality outlets were going into liquidation nationally.

59 ASSETS & FACILITIES MEETING OF 21/11/2022

Members received and adopted the Minutes of the Assets and Facilities Meeting of 21/11/2022.

Proposed: Cllr J Atkins, Seconded, Cllr C Williams, All in favour - unanimous

60 PAYMENTS 01/10/2022 THROUGH 30/11/2022

The Payments 01/10/22 through to 30/11/2022 were received and approved.

Proposed: Cllr P Williams, Seconded Cllr J Atkins, All in favour - unanimous

61 FINANCE MEETING OF 20/10/2022

Members received and adopted the Minutes of the Finance Meeting of 20/10/2022.

Proposed: Cllr C Williams, Seconded Cllr J Atkins, All in favour - unanimous

62 EXTRAORDINARY FINANCE MEETING OF 25/11/2022

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Members received and adopted the Minutes of the Extraordinary Finance Meeting of 25/11/2022.

Proposed: Cllr I Palmer, Seconded Cllr C Williams, All in favour - unanimous

63 2022/2023 BUDGET

After some discussion, Councillors voted on the 2022/2023 Budget as presented.

Proposed Cllr J Atkins, Seconded Cllr S Russell – unanimous

64 2023/2024 BUDGET

After some discussion, Councillors voted on Option B (10%) and then:

Proposed: Cllr C Williams, Seconded Cllr S Russell, 7 x in favour for 2 x against - carried

65 2023/2024 PRECEPT

After some discussion, Councillors voted on £870,803 (10%) and then:

Proposed Cllr C Williams, Seconded Cllr S Russell, 7 x in favour for 2 x against - carried

66 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (IF REQUIRED)

Not required.

67 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10 January 2023

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 7.52 pm

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Cllr Iain Palmer
MAYOR OF TEIGNMOUTH