



ILFRACOMBE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
held on 8 January 2018

This meeting was held in the Ilfracombe Centre, High Street, Ilfracombe and started at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs: P Crabb (Mayor), V Gates (Deputy Mayor), L Aston, R Courtnadge, Mrs J Donovan, R Donovan, F Pearson, N Pearson, G Squires, G Schofield, G Fowler, M Edmunds, K Leck.

In attendance: Pastor Hills, the Acting Town Clerk, the One Ilfracombe Programme Manager, Mr John Burch (Combe Rail) and 4 members of the public.

Pastor Hills opened with prayers.

The Mayor welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting and began proceedings;

4533. To receive apologies and reasons for absence;

Cllrs: B Gear (holiday), G Coulter holiday), S Trebble (holiday), D Turton (other commitments).

4534. To receive declarations of interest and consider members' submitted dispensation requests.

Declarations of interest noted: A record book was made available and members were reminded of the requirement to note their declarations of interest as required under the code of conduct (revised 1/7/12).

4535. Notification of items for information to be raised at Chair's discretion.

Two items were noted for discussion (see item 4548)

4536. Public participation – A period not exceeding 15 minutes to be allocated allowing members of the public to speak for up to 3 minutes.

No requests made.

4537. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting – 11th December 2017

Cllr F Pearson proposed that the minutes of the meeting were a true and correct record. Cllr L Aston seconded and with all in favour they were adopted. Members who were not present at the meeting abstained from voting.

There were no matters arising.

4538. Minutes of Planning Committee meeting (to note and approve recommendations) – 18th December 2017

Cllr G Fowler proposed that the minutes of the meeting were a true and correct record. Cllr G Schofield seconded and with all in favour they were noted.

There were no matters arising.

4539. Minutes of the Finance & General Purpose Meeting – 18th December 2017 (to note minutes and approve recommendations)

Cllr R Donovan proposed that the minutes of the meeting were a true and correct record. Cllr G Schofield seconded and with all in favour they were noted.

Recommendations adopted by Full Council

- Cllr R Donovan proposed a grants budget of £20,747.20, Cllr G Schofield seconded and all members were in favour so the motion was carried.

It was noted that there had been a soft launch of the new Ilfracombe Town Council website and a motion of thanks to all involved was agreed by all members.

4540. Minutes of Staffing Committee meeting (to note and approve recommendations) – 2nd January 2018

Cllr V Gates proposed that the minutes of the meeting were a true and correct record. Cllr Mrs J Donovan seconded and with all in favour they were noted.

It was noted that negotiations with the recruitment of a Town Clerk were ongoing.

4541. Recommendation from Marketing Group; that achieving the ‘Coach Friendly Status’ for Ilfracombe with the Confederation of Passenger Transport UK be considered. ITC 300 refers.

Cllr G Fowler proposed to work alongside Mr John Burch of the Confederation of Passenger Transport UK at the next Marketing meeting on 17th January to look at the proposal and consider its merit against the difficulties or costs of implementing such a scheme. Cllr N Pearson seconded and all members were in favour.

Cllr G Fowler will bring a report back to the next meeting.

Cllr P Crabb suspended standing orders to allow Mr John Burch to give a brief summary of what is required for the scheme, after which, standing orders were reinstated.

4542. Report from the Programme Manager (to include One Ilfracombe Update).

The Programme Manager tabled his update this evening which was noted. To summarise the main points;

- Home from Hospital pilot now in its third month with the first 2 referrals received before Christmas
- The Integrated Diabetes Support Service has an agreed start date of 29th January 2018 and advertising has started. This service is being funded by NDHT.
- Negotiations are underway for the Town Team radio mast and repeater to be reinstalled at another site.
- The ‘Mindful Community’ project is well underway with the mental health training sessions fully booked with a waiting list
- Funding has been received from the North Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) to go towards purchasing 2 beach clean boards.
- One Ilfracombe Strategy Meeting to be held next week.
- Resilience meeting scheduled for this Friday at the Ilfracombe Centre to discuss a plan fit for purpose and contact details for all involved. All members wanting to help are welcome to attend.

4543. Reports from County/District Councillors (written reports requested).

Cllr P Crabb noted that the road resurfacing around the town is now underway. He also noted that the loss of street lighting at Slade and the Seafront is being looked into.

Cllr G Fowler noted that whilst Furze Hill Road is being resurfaced, the road will be closed between 09:30 and 15:30 with emergency access only.

Cllr G Fowler also noted that the planning application for the former Lee Bay Hotel is due at the North Devon Council Planning Committee meeting in March.

Cllr M Edmunds attended the North Devon Council Executive meeting this morning and it was noted that North Devon Council had received approval to purchase 5 homes to use for temporary accommodation, the location is unknown.

Cllr M Edmunds also noted that North Devon Council have reviewed the green waste schedule and the service will only be reduced in December and January for 2018/19.

4544. Reports from Community Engagement, Working Groups and Councillor Champions (written reports requested).

Cllr N Pearson as Health Champion had previously circulated her report which was also tabled this evening.

Cllr P Crabb noted that the CQC inspection report for NDHT is due out tomorrow which will highlight areas for improvement.

Cllr N Pearson also noted that there is plans to introduce Accountable Care Organisations (ACOs) in Devon by April this year and it is unknown as yet as to who will fund them. Cllr P Crabb will bring any information to the next meeting.

4545. Health and Safety.

Nothing to report this evening.

4546. Correspondence

- An email received from Morteohoe Parish Council requesting a letter of support from Ilfracombe Town council to obtain funding for the renovation of the public toilets at Combesgate Cllr P Crabb proposed to support Morteohoe Parish Council adding that the Ilfracombe Community will benefit as regular visitors to the area. Cllr G Fowler seconded and all members were in favour. – The Acting Town Clerk will write a letter of support as agreed by all members.

4547. Finance

a) To adopt the Statement of accounts as at 31 December 2017 - The tabled statement of accounts was proposed by Cllr R Donovan, seconded by Cllr P Crabb and agreed by all.

b) To pass invoices for payment as at 31 December 2017

All invoices as tabled were proposed by Cllr R Donovan, seconded by Cllr G Schofield and agreed for payment by all.

Invoices for the Vision Community Centre were proposed by Cllr R Donovan, seconded by Cllr G Schofield and agreed for payment by all.

4548. Chairs Discretion – To consider Town Councillors involvement at Lighting Lights event

Cllr N Pearson noted that 2018 is a centenary year of property-owning women, over 30 years of age and all men receiving the vote. She asked members for their support in a march she has organised from the High Street to the Seafront on Tuesday 6th February. There is also a talk being held in the evening about the suffragettes of Ilfracombe, all details are on the Ilfracombe Museum Facebook page.

Cllr P Crabb noted that Pall Europe were unaware of the One Ilfracombe 'Welcome Pack' and that a review and update might be required.



Miss Rachel Collins
Acting Town Clerk

The meeting finished at 19.50

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