



ILFRACOMBE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
held on 12 February 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 Schofield, G Fowler, M Edmunds, K Leck, S Trebble, P Yabsley, D Turton.

In attendance: Pastor Hills, the Acting Town Clerk, the One Ilfracombe Programme Manager, Sergeant Mark Patchett and 6 members of the public.

Pastor Hills opened with prayers.

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

4559. To receive apologies and reasons for absence;

Cllrs: B Gear (holiday), G Coulter (unwell), G Squires (other commitments).

4560. 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).

4561. Notification of items for information to be raised at Chair's discretion.

None noted this evening.

4562. Public participation – A period not exceeding 15 minutes to be allocated allowing members of the public to speak for up to 3 minutes.

Mrs Rita Clews presented the Mayor with a large framed photograph of the original Victorian Society (circa 1990) which had been left to Mrs Clews for safekeeping. The Mayor gave his thanks.

4563. To receive a report from the police team

Sergeant Mark Patchett noted:

- A Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) is now in place due to a group of problematic juveniles in the area.
- An increase in shoplifting before Christmas.
- Three drug warrants issued this month – the paperwork takes a lot of time and stops the Police patrolling the streets.
- Reduction of PCSOs over the new few years, no job losses, more role changes.
- New recruits coming through in the next couple of months.
- Frequent Diversion Support Team sessions held at the Ilfracombe Centre.
- Monthly Police drop-in sessions starting next month at the Lantern Café.
- Police and Crime Commissioner, Alison Hernandez, is visiting Ilfracombe on 26th February

The Mayor thanked Mark for his report.

4564. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting – 18th December 2017

Cllr N Pearson 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 adopted. Members who were not present at the meeting abstained from voting.

There were no matters arising.

4565. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting – 8th January 2018

Cllr N Pearson proposed that the minutes of the meeting were a true and correct record. Cllr G Fowler seconded and with all in favour they were adopted. Members who were not present at the meeting abstained from voting. Matters arising:

- Cllr R Donovan queried the resurfacing on Cllr Crabb's County report (minute number 4543), he noted that there had been a lot of complaints from members of the public due to some parts of the road still containing potholes. Cllr Crabb noted that the potholes have been reported and that they should be repaired soon.
Members suggested writing a letter of dissatisfaction to Stuart Hughes, Devon County Council on behalf of this council.
- Cllr G Fowler noted that Mr John Burch had attended the Marketing Group meeting and he will bring more information on the Coach Friendly Town report to the next meeting.
- Cllr N Pearson noted that minute 4544 incorrectly states 'Accountable Care Organisation' and it should have been reported as 'Accountable Care System'

4566. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting – 15th January 2018

Cllr L Aston proposed that the minutes of the meeting were a true and correct record. Cllr P Yabsley 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.

4567. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting – 19th January 2018

Cllr N Pearson proposed that the minutes of the meeting were a true and correct record. Cllr P Yabsley 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.

4568. Minutes of Planning Committee meeting (to note and approve recommendations) – 22nd January 2018

Cllr G Fowler proposed that the minutes of the meeting were a true and correct record. Cllr P Yabsley seconded and with all in favour they were noted. There were no matters arising.

4569. Minutes of the Finance & General Purpose Meeting – 29th January 2018 (to note minutes and approve recommendations)

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

Cllr N Pearson noted that she had sent some information to Cllr B Gear and the Asset Manager regarding a car charging point.

Cllr N Pearson also noted her thanks to the Town Maintenance Operative and Facilities Manager for their recent help in clearing the poly-tunnel from the Laston Green garden site.

4570. Minutes of Staffing Committee meeting (to note and approve recommendations) – 5th February 2018

Cllr N Pearson 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.

Recommendations adopted by Full Council

- Cllr N Pearson proposed to agree to terminate the 'signposting' agreement between North Devon Council and Ilfracombe Town Council, Cllr P Crabb seconded and all members were in agreement. Cllr P Crabb noted that any considerations for work requests should go before Full Council to be discussed before going to the Staffing Committee.

4571. To consider Ilfracombe Town Council's role in 'Plastic Free Ilfracombe' project. Cllr S Trebble.

Cllr S Trebble noted that he had been working on the awareness of plastic for some years and the damage of plastics and micro plastics to the ocean is becoming a massive problem. He noted that 70% of ocean plastic is from land and that the community could all work together in creating a 'Plastic Free Ilfracombe'.

Cllr V Gates noted that there is a big movement across Devon and they're looking for regional leaders for an 'Anti-Plastic' Campaign and as such she proposed to nominate Cllr S Trebble as the leader for Ilfracombe, Cllr R Courtnadge seconded and all members were in favour.

Falmouth claim to be the first 'Plastic Free' Town and in that respect, Cllr V Gates suggested Cllr S Trebble visit Falmouth to see how they did it.

4572. To consider a request for resilience funding – Cllr V Gates.

Cllr V Gates tabled report ITC 313 which had also been previously circulated. It was noted that the team in Ilfracombe has been revitalised and that old details and contact information has now been updated. The Programme Manager had successfully obtained some funding from the Devon Communities Emergency Flood Fund, however, there is still a shortfall of around £500.

Cllr V Gates proposed that Ilfracombe Town Council allocate £500 for Resilience Funding, Cllr P Crabb seconded and all members were in favour.

Cllr P Crabb noted a new barrier system put in place for the entrance to Cheyne Beach and that 24 hours' notice should be given to the resilience team prior to bad weather. Cllr V Gates responded that more recently, the Ilfracombe Resilience Team have received information before the Environment Agency.

4573. 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;

- Positive feedback is being received for the Diabetes Advice and Support Event that was held at the Lantern on Monday 29th January with around 150 people attending.
- The Home from Hospital pilot still only has 2 referrals and is due to end at the end of April 2018.
- Ilfracombe Holiday Park had been identified as a location for the Town Team Mast and Repeater.
- The 'Mindful Community' project: Mindful Fair scheduled for 1st March at the Lantern.

4574. Reports from County/District Councillors (written reports requested).

Cllr P Crabb tabled his County Council report which was noted.

Cllr G Fowler noted that the Harbour Master, Rob Lawson retires at the end of March. A former Dredge Captain will be replacing him, she is still in contract currently, however, it is reported that she is looking forward to taking on her new role.

Cllr M Edmunds noted that a report on the Local Plan has been delayed due to the Inspector wanting to revisit sites. There will be another round of consultations which will cause a further delay.

Cllr M Edmunds noted that planning for Phase 1 of the Southern Extension is expected in June 2018 and that the Bicclescombe Nursery site had been sold.

Cllr P Crabb suggested writing a letter to Norfolk County Council regarding the operations of NORS Property who look after the Mullacott site. Members were in favour of Cllr R Donovan and Cllr P Yabsley countersigning the letter making a representation to the Council.

4575. 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. She noted that she will draft a letter on behalf of this council to Devon County Council, the local MP and the CCG, asking for evidence to be added and looked at regarding the Health Select Committee inquiry on sustainability and transformation plans/partnerships. Cllr P Crabb will review and approve the letter prior to sending.

Cllr M Edmunds noted that the League of Friends of the Tyrrell Hospital has donated nearly £50,000 in equipment to the Tyrrell Hospital.

Cllr N Pearson noted that the Youth Council is due to have its first meeting at the Ilfracombe Centre next Tuesday 20th February at 3pm.

Cllr R Donovan on behalf of the Development Sites group noted that contracts and funding are still waiting to be finalised for the Premier Inn site and that the Montebello site had been sold to Urban Green.

4576. Health and Safety.

Nothing to report this evening.

4577. Correspondence

None this evening.

4578. Finance

a) To adopt the Statement of accounts as at 31 January 2018 - The tabled statement of accounts was proposed by Cllr R Donovan, seconded by Cllr G Schofield and agreed by all.

b) To pass invoices for payment as at 31 January 2018

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.

4579. Chairs Discretion

None this evening



Miss Rachel Collins
Acting Town Clerk

The meeting finished at 20.50

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