



ILFRACOMBE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held on 11 February 2019

This meeting was held in the Ilfracombe Centre, High Street, Ilfracombe and started at 7pm

Present: Cllrs: S Trebble (A/Chair), L Aston, N Pearson, P Yabsley, G Squires, R Courtnadge, G Fowler, K Leck, M Edmunds, P Crabb.

In attendance: Pastor Hills, Cllr J Campbell, the Proper Officer, the Programme Manager and 3 members of the public.

Pastor Hills opened with Prayers.

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

4819. To receive apologies and reasons for absence;

Cllrs: G Schofield (other commitments), B Gear (holiday), R Donovan (holiday), J Donovan (holiday), G Coulter (other commitments), F Pearson (unwell), V Gates (unwell), D Turton (family commitments).

4820. 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 10/12/18).

4821. Notification of items for information to be raised at Chair's discretion.

See item 4839

4822. 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 this evening.

4823. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting – 14th January 2019.

Cllr N 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.

4824. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting – 14th January 2019.

Cllr G Fowler proposed that the minutes of the meeting were a true and correct record, Cllr N Pearson 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.

4825. Minutes of Planning Committee meeting (to note & approve recommendations) – 21st January 2019

Cllr G Squires 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.

4826. Minutes of the Finance & General Purpose Meeting (to note & approve recommendations) – 28th January 2019

Cllr P Crabb proposed that the minutes of the meeting were a true and correct record. Cllr L Aston seconded and with all in favour they were noted.

The following recommendations made at the meeting were agreed;

- to purchase a new door access system for the Lantern Preschool as per report ITC 373
- to delegate up to £300 to the Proper Officer to purchase 2 new signs for Ropery Road car park
- the Facilities Manager to carry out the repairs at Lee toilets at a cost of up to £1,200
- ITC to take on the electricity supply from the owners of the Football Golf next to the skate park.

4827. Minutes of Staffing Committee meeting (to note and approve recommendations) – 7th January 2019

Cllr N Pearson presented the minutes of the meeting which were noted.

It was also noted that 4 applications had been received for the Operations Supervisor vacancy with interviews taking place within 2 weeks.

4828. To formulate a Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr M Edmunds tabled an option paper and noted that all options will be discussed within the working party and that a proposal will be brought back to Full Council. The working party are due to meet after the next Planning Committee meeting.

4829. Carbon Neutral – Cllr N Pearson

This item was withdrawn at the meeting by Cllr N Pearson

4830. To declare a Climate Emergency & take steps to address this emergency – ITC 378, Cllr N Pearson

Cllr N Pearson tabled report ITC 378 which had been circulated to all members and proposed to declare a Climate Emergency and take steps to address this emergency as per the recommendations within the report. Some members had concerns and expressed a view that there wasn't enough information available to be able to support the proposal to declare a Climate Emergency.

Cllr K Leck proposed an amendment to the original proposal that this Council recognises the seriousness of global warming and climate change as reported in (IPCC) Special Report on Global Warming and ring fences 5 days staff time to prepare a report to Council on how best the Council might respond taking into consideration a broad range of members' views. Cllr P Crabb seconded the amendment and with 8 members in favour and 1 against, the amendment to the proposal was carried and with 8 members in favour of the amended motion, the motion was adopted.

4831. Urgent request for replacement windows at the Lantern.

The Programme Manager tabled report updated ITC 371(b). The report highlighted the critical need for replacement windows at the Lantern due to a health and safety risk.

As per the recommendations within the report, Cllr N Pearson proposed to instruct Company 2 to replace the windows at the Lantern and for toilet repairs to be carried out at the Lantern. Cllr G Squires seconded and with all members in favour and 1 abstention, the motion was carried.

4832. ITC/OI opportunity for commissioned work by One Northern Devon – Programme Manager

The Programme Manager gave a detailed summary of the report and its recommendations. Cllr P Crabb declared that this is what One Ilfracombe is all about and as such proposed that this Council agrees to the employment of 2 members of staff as detailed in the report and agrees to the commissioned work through One Ilfracombe. Cllr G Fowler seconded and with all members in favour, the motion was carried.

4833. Report from the Programme Manager (to include One Ilfracombe Update).

The Programme Manager tabled the update report ITC 370 this evening. The report was noted. The Programme Manager also tabled an updated project plan, it was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan and the Seafont and High Street regeneration projects would be pushed forward as main projects. Interviews had taken place for a Community Development Officer with appointment due to be made this week and a start date of employment to commence within the month. There will be a meeting on Thursday this week to discuss CCTV options and costs.

4834. Reports from County/District Councillors (written reports requested).

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

Cllr J Campbell noted that the Watersports Centre development had gone back out to tender and that the kiosks at the entrance of the harbour are likely to be demolished. Following a licencing meeting, it was agreed that taxi fare rates will remain the same.

Cllr M Edmunds noted that some legal issues are currently being resolved regarding the Sothern Extension development. He also went on to note that district rates will increase by 2.99% and that for 2017/18 83.53% of council tax was collected, 83.04% of business rates were collected and for 2018/19 82.98% of council tax was collected and 81.89% of business rates were collected.

Cllr G Fowler noted a PSPO (Public Space Protection Order) had been proposed by the Harbour Master to discourage 'touting' activities in a marked area of the harbour.

Members were made aware that a hard copy of the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan 2011-2031 is available to view at the Ilfracombe Centre.

4835. Reports from Working Groups and Councillor Champions (written reports requested).

Cllr S Trebble noted that Plastic Free Ilfracombe had been awarded £1k from the Tesco Community Fund.

Cllr N Pearson noted that the Youth Council had been involved with the 'Mass Unwrap' event at Tesco.

4836. Health and Safety.

Nothing to report this evening

4837. Correspondence/Licenses/Notices –

- Email received from Devon for Europe requesting information about the new signposting in Ilfracombe – to be redirected to North Devon Council
- Premises licence application for Blackingstone Ltd, Hele Bay Business Park, Ilfracombe – members can make any comments/representations to North Devon Council by Friday 22nd February 2019.
- Public Spaces Protection Order proposed by the Ilfracombe Harbour Master – members can make any comments/representations direct to North Devon Council by Monday 4th March 2019.

4838. Finance

a) To adopt the Statement of accounts as at 31 January 2019 – The tabled statement of accounts was proposed by Cllr P Crabb, seconded by Cllr L Aston and agreed by all.

b) To pass invoices for payment as at 31 January 2019

All invoices as tabled were proposed by Cllr P Crabb, seconded by Cllr L Aston and agreed for payment by all.

Invoices for the Vision Community Centre were proposed by Cllr P Crabb, seconded by Cllr L Aston and agreed for payment by all.

4839. Chairs Discretion

- Cllr N Pearson noted that a public information session regarding the infant school is taking place on Tuesday 12th February 2019 at 7.30pm, chaired by Cllr V Gates, all members are welcome to attend.
- Cllr K Leck noted a recent post on Facebook regarding dog fouling in a children's play park, it was suggested that the Youth Council work with the school to run an art contest to make into signs for the parks in Ilfracombe.

The meeting finished at 20.30



Miss Rachel Collins
Proper Officer

12th February 2019