



ILFRACOMBE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
held on 9 April 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 Donovan, G Schofield, G Fowler, M Edmunds, K Leck, P Yabsley, G Coulter, B Gear, G Squires, D Turton.

In attendance: Cllr Jim Campbell, Pastor Hills, the Acting Town Clerk, the One Ilfracombe Programme Manager, Inspector Paul Searle and 1 member of the public.

Pastor Hills opened with prayers.

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

4597. To receive apologies and reasons for absence;

Cllrs: S Trebble (work commitments), N Pearson (unwell), R Courtnadge (unwell), Mrs J Donovan (family commitments), F Pearson (family commitments).

4598. 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).

Cllr P Crabb declared an interest in item 4614.

4599. Notification of items for information to be raised at Chair's discretion.

See item 4615.

4600. 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.

4601. To receive a report from the Police representative.

Inspector Paul Searle introduced himself to members of the council. He noted that between 1st January-31st March 2018 there had been 215 reported crimes in the East and Central wards of Ilfracombe, compared with 135 reported crimes over the same period last year. He said that this is mainly due to how crimes reports are recorded now.

There were 43 reports of shoplifting of which 55% were detected. 60% of the reports were down to one individual in Ilfracombe. Inspector Searle noted that the Beat Team and PCSOs have delivered information packs to the shop owners in Ilfracombe detailing how the Police can assist them with crimes.

Inspector Searle went on to say that violent crimes include text messages and written communications.

There had been an increase of 58 telephone calls between 1st January-31st March 2018 compared to last year.

Inspector Searle noted that the police are working in the background at a more permanent solution for the people gathering at the Arches. He noted that the Police are receiving a number of telephone calls but they are limited as to what they can do.

Inspector Searle noted that in 2021 PCSO numbers will be reduced across Devon and Cornwall, however, the current PCSOs are fully committed to working in Ilfracombe.

Members were advised that the Police and Crime Commissioner is looking for councillor advocates and if members are interested they should visit the Police and Crime Commissioners website for more information.

Inspector Searle explained the difference between Local Policing and Neighbourhood Policing. Local Policing is response teams, CID, dogs section, traffic etc., and Neighbourhood Policing is the dedicated team for Ilfracombe, the Sergeant, PCSOs etc.

4602. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting – 12th March 2018

Cllr B Gear proposed that the minutes of the meeting were a true and correct record. Cllr G Squires 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.

4603. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting – 14th March 2018

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 adopted.

4604. Minutes of Planning Committee meeting (to note and approve recommendations) – 19th March 2018

Cllr G Fowler proposed that the minutes of the meeting were a true and correct record. Cllr M Edmunds seconded and with all in favour they were noted. There were no matters arising. It was noted that planning application 63167 for Lee Bay Hotel will go before North Devon Council's Planning Committee on Wednesday 2nd May, members are advised they can attend to make any representations.

4605. Minutes of the Finance & General Purpose Meeting – 26th March 2018 (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.

The following recommendations made at the meeting were agreed and adopted by all members:

- to agree that up to £1,000 be spent from the Town Assets budget to purchase plant plugs (to include edible herbs) to be planted around the town.

The resume of actions was noted.

4606. Minutes of Staffing Committee meeting (to note and approve recommendations) – 5th March 2018

Cllr K Leck congratulated the Proper Officer/Centre Manager on behalf of the council for completing and passing her CiLCA qualification, resulting in Ilfracombe Town Council retaining its Power of General Competence.

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

Recommendations adopted by Full Council

- Increase of UK Living Wage from £8.45 to £8.75 per hour and 1% pay increase for all ITC staff.

4607. Plastic Free Ilfracombe update – ITC 319, Cllr Trebble

The Programme Manager tabled the report which had been previously circulated. The report was noted.

4608. 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;

- The office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon & Cornwall has agreed to £5k funding for the 2018/19 period. A plan to meet the requested outcomes will be presented at the One Ilfracombe Board meeting in May.
- The Home from Hospital pilot had 2 new referrals during February/March taking the total referrals to four over the course of the project.
- Ilfracombe Football Club has agreed for the mast and repeater to be sited at the club and it is envisaged the mast will be installed by the end of the month.
- The 'Mindful Community' project: Mindful Fair rescheduled for 26th April at the Lantern.
- Out of the Blue Cadets – The 11th group have just completed the course. The Programme Manager noted that if members were interested in volunteering for this programme to put their name down.

4609. Reports from County/District Councillors (written reports requested).

Cllr P Crabb tabled his report which was noted.

Cllr J Campbell explained that he is the Chairman on the Personnel Committee for North Devon Council. He also noted that he will look into the parking issues at Sommers Crescent and report back to this council.

Cllr M Edmunds noted that he was involved with the Environmental Health and Homeless budget for buying houses for the homeless.

Cllr Edmunds expressed his delight that Cllr John Moore had been appointed as Chairman of North Devon Council.

Cllr G Fowler noted that he is Chairman of the Harbour Board.

4610. Reports from Community Engagement, Working Groups and Councillor Champions (written reports requested).

Cllr N Pearson had previously circulated her report which was noted this evening.

Cllr G Fowler noted that the Marketing Group had a useful meeting with NODE regarding the progress on the seafront.

Cllr M Edmunds noted that the Tyrrell Hospital AGM is tomorrow, Tuesday 10th April – all are welcome to attend.

4611. Health and Safety.

Nothing to report this evening.

4612. Licences and Notices

None this evening.

4613. Correspondence

None this evening.

4614. Finance

a) To adopt the Statement of accounts as at 31 March 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 March 2018

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

c) To pass invoices for payment (new financial year 1 April 2018)

All invoices as tabled were proposed by Cllr R Donovan, seconded by Cllr Paul Yabsley 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.

4615. Chairs Discretion

Cllr R Donovan tabled report ITC 320 which had been previously circulated. The request to allow the Ilfracombe Community Responders to keep their First Aid pack in the Lantern and to allow them 24 hour access to the building was agreed and supported by all members.



Miss Rachel Collins
Acting Town Clerk

The meeting finished at 20.32

10 April 2018