



ILFRACOMBE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
held on 9 July 2018

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

Present: Cllrs: V Gates (Mayor), G Squires, L Aston, R Donovan, J Donovan, K Leck, G Coulter, D Turton, R Courtnadge, S Trebble, P Crabb, M Edmunds, B Gear, N Pearson, G Schofield, P Yabsley.

In attendance: The Proper Officer & Centre Manager, the Project Coordinator, Sergeant Joey Lester and a member of the public.

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

4670. To receive apologies and reasons for absence;

Cllrs: F Pearson (other commitments), G Fowler (other commitments).

4671. 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).

Cllrs: V Gates & K Leck declared an interest in item 4685 (b) and did not vote.

4672. Notification of items for information to be raised at Chair's discretion.

See item 4686.

4673. Public participation – A period not exceeding 15 minutes to be allocated allowing members of the public to speak for up to 3 minutes.

Mr Norman Bryant asked if the plants surrounding the lighting cages at Runnymead Gardens could be tidied up as the coloured lights cannot be seen. Cllr V Gates will contact the Parks Department at North Devon Council who are responsible for this area.

Mr Bryant also noted that there isn't much activity at the Landmark Theatre and asked if the council could help in anyway. Cllr V Gates will write to Parkwood Leisure to obtain a list of planned events and official opening hours.

4674. To receive a report from the police representative.

Sergeant Joey Lester gave a brief update and noted there had been an increase of violent crime in the last 28 days, however, there had been a decrease in shoplifting. She reported that staffing levels aren't great, however, there will be no loss of PCSOs in Ilfracombe in the near future.

Cllr P Crabb noted that some houses of multiple occupation had been shut down in Holsworthy and asked if the same is being done in Ilfracombe, Sergeant Lester replied that because calls are on the streets and not at HMOs, it's difficult to shut them down.

Cllr P Crabb suggested taking this particular issue to the strategy meeting due next week and invited Sergeant Joey Lester to attend to work on a compromise to finding toleration zones.

Cllr P Yabsley noted that he'd reported a stolen vehicle to the police last week and had yet to hear anything, Sergeant Lester said she would take some details from him after the meeting and chase it up for him.

4675. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting – 11th June 2018.

Cllr V Gates proposed that the minutes of the meeting were a true and correct record. Cllr R Donovan seconded and with all in favour they were adopted. Members who were not present at the meeting abstained from voting.

Cllr G Squires noted that he was waiting to get some information from Torquay Town Council regarding their hop-on hop-off service on the dotto train.

4676. Minutes of Planning Committee meeting (to note & approve recommendations) – 18th June 2018

The observational notes were noted.

4677. Minutes of the Finance & General Purpose Meeting (to note & approve recommendations) – 25th June 2018

Cllr R Donovan proposed that the minutes of the meeting were a true and correct record. Cllr P Crabb 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 to invest £85k into a 6-month Fixed Term Deposit Account and to agree to work towards finding an effective alternative.

Cllr B Gear noted that bins owned by the Ship & Pilot are being stored by the flower boat at Ropery Road car park, Cllr P Crabb said he will contact Devon County Council as the bins are actually on their land and it will be reported at the Town Team meeting tomorrow morning.

Cllr S Trebble noted that the poppies the committee agreed to purchase will be sown in November ready for flowering in July.

Cllr B Gear noted that he and the Asset Manager had a meeting with Instavolt regarding a pod point at Ropery Road car park and that a report will be presented at the next F&GP Committee meeting.

4678. Minutes of Staffing Committee meeting (to note and approve recommendations) – 2nd July 2018

Due to the minutes not being distributed in time members were not able to note or approve any recommendations.

4679. Youth Budget: Request for funds from earmarked reserves – Cllr Netti Pearson

Cllr N Pearson proposed to use up to £500 out of the £5k Youth Budget for the Youth Council to make a film about Plastic Free Ilfracombe, members were happy to support this.

4680. Report from the Programme Manager (to include One Ilfracombe Update).

The Project Coordinator tabled the update report ITC 340 this evening which was noted. To summarise the main points;

- Currently working with North Devon Homes on a Big Lottery funding bid.
- Working with Lead Counsellor at NDDH to have Cancer Support services running once a month in Ilfracombe from September 2018.
- The plan for the Business Crime partnership (funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner) has now been agreed.
- The Town Team radio mast is being installed on Tuesday 10th July 2018.
- Stop Smoking Week: Raising awareness/holding events, activities W/C 15th October 2018.
- Ongoing publicising of the Plastic Free initiative.
- The new finger post signs are currently being installed, completion is expected by the end of July.

Report ITC 341 was also tabled this evening which was a result of an urgent funding meeting held on Monday 2nd July.

Cllr P Crabb proposed as per the report to allow 2 days a week each for 3 months for the Programme Manager and Project Coordinator to complete tasks in order to sustain the Community Connector role and core One Ilfracombe costs. Cllr N Pearson seconded with an amendment of 4 days per week for 3 months and that it's added to the Strategy meeting agenda to determine the prioritisation of tasks. All members were in favour.

4681. Reports from County/District Councillors (written reports requested).

Cllr M Edmunds noted that he'd been on the interview panel to replace Mike Kelly and they are hoping to have someone in post soon after reference checks. Cllr Edmunds also noted that there is a meeting with Devon County Council to discuss school provisions at the infant and Junior Schools in North Devon.

Cllr M Edmunds left the meeting at this point (8pm)

Cllr P Crabb noted that there may be an opportunity to sponsor a big wheel at the bottom of Capstone, there are a few issues to deal with first and he will bring a report to the next meeting. Cllr L Aston thanked Cllr P Crabb for his help on this item.

4682. Reports from Community Engagement, Working Groups and Councillor Champions (written reports requested).

Cllr N Pearson noted the 70th anniversary of the NHS and various celebrations had taken place including a successful event at the Tyrrell hospital on Saturday.

Cllr Pearson also noted that there had been an SOHS question time for which positive feedback had been received.

4683. Health and Safety.

Nothing to report this evening.

4684. Correspondence/Licenses/Notices –

- Letter to NDC Planning, copied to this council from Lee & Lincombe residents association regarding the deterioration and colonisation of Japanese Knotweed at the Lee Bay Hotel site. – Cllr V Gates will write a letter in support of LLRA to Environmental Health at North Devon Council and copy to Acorn Blue and LLRA.

4685. Finance

a) To adopt the Statement of accounts as at 30 June 2018 – 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 30 June 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 L Aston and agreed for payment by all.

4686. Chairs Discretion

- Cllr B Gear noted that the Gig Club are now storing a second boat in Ropery Road car park which is obscuring the pay machine for customers using the car park. Cllr Gear asked if a letter could be sent to the Gig Club to remind them they are only allowed to store one boat and the second must be removed and not returned.
- Cllr V Gates noted a Strategy Meeting will take place following the Planning Meeting on Monday 16th July and that official photographs will be taken of all councillors.
- Ilfracombe in Bloom judging taking place on Tuesday 10th July – Cllr V Gates noted that the teams working on the displays have done an amazing job and it looks stunning.
- The funeral of Mrs Sue Garwood is taking place on Thursday 19th July and members attending will be representing Ilfracombe Town Council.
- Cllr V Gates noted that this council supports the England football team in their efforts this Wednesday in the World Cup.



Miss Rachel Collins
Proper Officer & Centre Manager

The meeting finished at 20.30

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