



ILFRACOMBE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held on 11 March 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, F Pearson, P Yabsley, G Squires, P Crabb, B Gear, R Courtnadge, G Fowler, K Leck, M Edmunds, D Turton, J Donovan, R Donovan, G Coulter, G Schofield.

In attendance: Pastor Hills, the Proper Officer, the Programme Manager and 5 members of the public.

Pastor Hills opened with Prayers.

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

4840. To receive apologies and reasons for absence;

Cllrs: V Gates (holiday).

4841. 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).

4842. Notification of items for information to be raised at Chair's discretion.

See item 4859

4843. Public participation – A period not exceeding 15 minutes to be allocated allowing members of the public to speak for up to 3 minutes.

A member of the public asked for this Council's support in opposing a proposed PSPO order for Ilfracombe Harbour area. Members invited the member of the public to attend a meeting at District level on Wednesday 13th March in which the order could be discussed with the Harbour Master.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding Ilfracombe infant school. It is felt by parents that their concerns are not being addressed. A meeting to be chaired by the local MP is being arranged and it is requested that as many members of this Council attend as possible.

Members were happy for the following item to be brought forward

4844. Concerns around issues at Ilfracombe Infant School – Cllr G Squires

The Ofsted reports were shown on the screen for Ilfracombe Infant School for the years 2008, 2011 & 2017. Taking into account the concerns of parents of children who attend the school, Cllr M Edmunds proposed that a letter is sent to the MP to expressing an interest in attending the meeting chaired by him and that a letter is sent to the Local Education Authority to express this Council's concern, Cllr F Pearson seconded and all members were in favour.

4845. To receive a report from the police representative.

No police representative in attendance.

4846. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting – 11th February 2019.

Cllr P Yabsley 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. There were no matters arising.

4847. Minutes of Planning Committee meeting (to note & approve recommendations) – 18th February 2019

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

4848. Minutes of the Finance & General Purpose Meeting (to note & approve recommendations) – 25th February 2019

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;

- to agree the proposed risk assessment
- to remove the eucalyptus tree from the Lantern garden at a cost of £1,100.
- to agree to Premier Park printing and installing 2 large banners at Ropery Road car park.
- to agree the Memorandum of Understanding for the barrier deployment procedure at Cheyne Beach car park.
- to purchase a replacement air conditioning unit for the Ilfracombe Centre server room at a cost of £1,098 + £79 per annum thereafter

4849. Minutes of Staffing Committee meeting (to note and approve recommendations) – 4th March 2019

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

It was also noted that interviews are taking place this week for the Customer Service Advisor role.

The following recommendations made at the meeting were agreed;

- a Council member attends a Climate and Environmental Conference for Local Authorities to share ideas for effective action and that this Council contributes £60 towards travel expenses
- a 2% pay increase for ITC staff from 1st April 2019 and the staff who are paid the Living Wage equivalent rate to receive an increase to £9 per hour from 1st April 2019
- that secondments are offered internally to staff and that any resulting vacancies are advertised as temporary roles

4850. To formulate a Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr M Edmunds noted that there will be a working group meeting prior to the next Planning Committee meeting on Monday 18th March starting at 6pm.

4851. The future of the Dotto Train – ITC 384, Cllr R Donovan

Cllr R Donovan tabled report ITC 384 which had been circulated to all members and proposed that this Council takes a positive position on the future of the Dotto Train and asks NDC to take no further action until a business plan has been completed.

4852. Support for the diabetic drop-in facility – ITC 381, Cllr R Donovan

Cllr R Donovan tabled report ITC 381 which had been circulated to all members and proposed an amendment to the original motion within the report to grant up to £150 to the diabetic drop-in facility under the General Power of Competence, Cllr P Yabsley seconded and all members were in favour.

4853. Report from the Programme Manager (to include One Ilfracombe Update).

The Programme Manager tabled the update report ITC 382 this evening. The report was noted. The Spring Clean will take place on Sunday 24th March – all are welcome to attend and help out.

4854. Reports from County/District Councillors (written reports requested).

Cllr P Crabb will circulate his County Councillor report after the meeting.

Cllr G Fowler noted that there is a District Full Council meeting being held on Wednesday 13th March at 6pm which will include a discussion on the proposed PSPO at Ilfracombe Harbour.

4855. Reports from Working Groups and Councillor Champions (written reports requested).

Cllr L Aston noted a traders meeting is taking place at the Ilfracombe Centre on Thursday 14th March, the Tourist Information Centre will be showcasing its new website.

Cllr G Fowler noted an Ilfracombe Regeneration meeting taking place at the Ilfracombe Centre on Friday 15th March, a resilience meeting will take place on the same day.

Cllr R Donovan noted that the District Council had received an enquiry for the development of the former Golden Coast Amusement site and that the Lee & Lincombe Residents Association are anticipating having a meeting with the developers of the former Lee Bay Hotel.

4856. Health and Safety.

Nothing to report this evening

4857. Correspondence/Licenses/Notices –

- Email received from Lee Village Hall Committee asking for a contribution to a replacement playpark – the Proper Officer will advise that the grants budget for 2019/20 has been allocated and refer them to other agencies for funding.
- Premises license application for The Queens Hotel, Ilfracombe – members can make any comments/representations to North Devon Council by Tuesday 2nd April 2019. Members asked for this to be delegated to the F&GP Committee on Monday 25th March 2019.

4858. Finance

a) To adopt the Statement of accounts as at 28 February 2019 – 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 28 February 2019

All invoices as tabled were proposed by Cllr R Donovan, seconded by Cllr G Schofield and agreed for payment by all. Cllr L Aston abstained from voting on invoices for payment. Cllr P Crabb declared a pecuniary interest in this item and did not take part in discussions or voting.

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

4859. Chairs Discretion

Cllr G Squires noted that former Mayor G Crowe had passed away last week, his funeral will take place on Tuesday 19th March at 11am.

The meeting finished at 21.00

15th March 2019

Miss Rachel Collins
Proper Officer

