



ILFRACOMBE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held on 8 April 2019

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

Present: Cllrs: V Gates (Chair), S Trebble, F Pearson, 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, 2 members of the public.

Pastor Hills opened with Prayers.

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

4860. To receive apologies and reasons for absence;

Cllrs: L Aston (work commitments), N Pearson (personal commitments), P Yabsley (family commitments).

4861. 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).

4862. Notification of items for information to be raised at Chair's discretion.

See item 4879

4863. 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 if the seafront lights could be fixed as they are not on in the evenings and the fairy lights are on all day long. Cllr V Gates will report this to North Devon Council.

4864. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting – 11th March 2019.

Cllr J Donovan 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. There were no matters arising.

Cllr R Donovan noted that there are 2-3 parties interested in taking on the Dotto Train now that there is a possibility of changing the route. It is unlikely though that the train will be operating in time for Easter.

4865. Minutes of Planning Committee meeting (to note & approve recommendations) – 18th March 2019

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

Members were reminded that the next planning committee meeting will take place on Tuesday 16th April, 7pm
Cllr R Donovan noted that he had chaired a Stalled Sites meeting with representatives from Lee and Lincombe Residents Association and Acorn Blue to discuss plans for the former Lee Bay Hotel, the application will go before NDC Planning Committee next week.

4866. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting – 21st March 2019

Cllr V Gates proposed that the minutes of the meeting were a true and correct record. Cllr J Donovan seconded and with all in favour they were adopted.

4867. Minutes of the Finance & General Purpose Meeting (to note & approve recommendations) – 25th March 2019

Cllr G Schofield 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;

- to agree to the tabled report noting exceeded budgets and accompanying comments.

4868. Minutes of Staffing Committee meeting (to note and approve recommendations) – 1st April 2019

Cllr V Gates presented the minutes of the meeting which were noted.

The following recommendations made at the meeting were agreed;

- to change the cleaner's temporary contract to permanent following a successful review.

4869. To confirm by resolution that Ilfracombe Town Council has all required criteria in place to apply for the Local Council Award Scheme at Foundation Level

Due to not yet meeting the required criteria, this item is deferred to the next meeting.

4870. To request a budget of up to £250 to match funding for the Pride in Ilfracombe Awards – Community Engagement Coordinator

Cllr G Squires proposed to allocate up to £250 for the Pride in Ilfracombe Awards, Cllr S Trebble seconded and all members were in favour. Cllr V Gates and Cllr K Leck declared a personal interest in this item.

4871. Golden Coast Site – an alternative proposal – Cllr Rod Donovan

Cllr R Donovan tabled report ITC 385 which had been previously circulated.

Cllr R Donovan proposed to submit this report to the District Council as a tentative proposal for the Golden Coast Site, car park and Museum and to stress to the District Council that we would like to see a comprehensive design of this area and that they should be realistic in agreeing the transfer of land required to achieve an acceptable development. Cllr B Gear seconded and all members were in favour.

The Chair of Trustees of the Museum asked this council for support with their own proposal for the museum, Cllr V Gates suggested that the Ilfracombe Regeneration Board looks at both proposals.

4872. To formulate a Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr M Edmunds noted that there had been a working group meeting and they had agreed to designate the whole of Ilfracombe for the Neighbourhood Plan. West Down Parish Council have agreed to be involved and residents and groups of Lee and Hele as well as large employers in the town will also be contacted. Working groups will be formed to look at different areas and formal proposals will be made to Full Council.

4873. Report from the Programme Manager (to include One Ilfracombe Update).

Report ITC 386 had been circulated to all members. The report was noted.

4874. Reports from County/District Councillors (written reports requested).

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

Cllr R Donovan noted that Lee and Lincombe Residents Association have asked for a 20mph speed limit on the road leading into Lee, Cllr P Crabb will formally contact Devon County Council.

Cllr G Fowler noted that he recently attended a consultation showcasing the plans for development of the TDK building which will be good for the town by improving working conditions and increasing space.

Cllr M Edmunds noted that he'd attended the funeral of former Mayor of Ilfracombe, Geoff Crowe and on behalf of the Council, he thanked Geoff for all the work he'd done for this council.

Cllr M Edmunds wished all members standing for election the very best of luck in taking ITC forward.

Cllr F Pearson left the meeting at this point.

4875. Reports from Working Groups and Councillor Champions (written reports requested).

Nothing to report this evening.

4876. Health and Safety.

Nothing to report this evening

4877. Correspondence/Licenses/Notices –

- Thank you card received from the Mayor of Tiverton following the Mayor's Civic Service & Reception – noted.
- Thank you letter received from Mayor of Bideford following the Mayor's Civic Service & Reception – noted.
- Premises licence application received for Lantern Café – Cllr P Crabb asked the Proper Officer to check URC terms regarding days of supply of alcohol.

4878. Finance

a) To adopt the Statement of accounts as at 31 March 2019 – 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 31 March 2019

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

Cllr R Donovan noted that One Ilfracombe had drawn down the £10k reserved for the Community Connector. Invoices for the Vision Community Centre 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 2019)

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

4879. Chairs Discretion

Cllr G Squires expressed concerns about the lack of police presence in Ilfracombe in the evenings due to a recent incident on the High Street. Cllr V Gates will write to Inspector Searle to express the concern of the Council once all the information regarding the incident has been received from Cllr G Squires.

Cllr V Gates thanked all members for a great year and wished those standing for election the very best of luck.

The meeting finished at 20.15



Miss Rachel Collins
Proper Officer

9th April 2019