



ILFRACOMBE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held on 12 August 2019

This meeting was held in the Ilfracombe Centre, High Street, Ilfracombe and started at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs: V Gates (Mayor), K Leck (Deputy Mayor), G Fowler, G Coulter, G Schofield, P Coates, J Williams, T Elliott, F Pearson, N Pearson, R Donovan, S Wilson, P Yabsley, B Gear, P Crabb (arr. 7.10).
In attendance: Pastor Hills, the Proper Officer, Programme Manager, 28 members of the public and a dog.

Pastor Hills opened with Prayers.

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

4959. To receive apologies and reasons for absence; Cllrs: D Turton (holiday), L Aston (family commitments), S Trebble (unwell).

4960. 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).

4961. Notification of items for information to be raised at Chair's discretion; See item 4980

4962. 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 raised concerns of a dramatically reduced Fire Service if current proposals are agreed and ask this Council to contact TDK/Pall to make representations.

A member of the public noted concerns with full time cover at Barnstaple fire station and asked this council to make a representation that the number one pump must be available in Ilfracombe and staff available to cover it.

A member of the public raised concerns with jet-skis being launched from Hele Beach with reports of several incidents over the years. Cllr P Crabb noted that the beach is not subject to any regulations and therefore could be a long and complicated process. Cllr G Fowler will take to the District Harbour Board to investigate.

4963. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting – 8th July 2019.

Cllr V Gates 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.

Cllr R Donovan noted that the Vision Centre AGM was held on 31st July with Cllr P Coates joining the committee and Cllr L Aston remaining as Chairman.

4964. Minutes of Planning Committee meeting (to note & approve recommendations) – 15th July 2019

Cllr P Yabsley presented the minutes of the meeting which were noted.

4965. Minutes of the Finance & General Purpose Meeting (to note & approve recommendations) – 22nd July 2019

Cllr R Donovan presented the minutes of the meeting which were noted.

The following recommendations made at the meeting were agreed; (proposed by Cllr R Donovan, seconded by Cllr B Gear)

- To purchase a stencil (£25) and paint to go around drains.
- To continue the IT Provision at the Ilfracombe Centre with North Devon Council.
- To purchase 20 Freeman/Freewoman medals.

4966. Minutes of Staffing Committee meeting (to note and approve recommendations) – 5th August 2019

Cllr K Leck presented the minutes of the meeting which were noted.

The following recommendations made at the meeting were agreed;

- to increase the Cleaner's hours to 25 hours per week (proposed by Cllr K Leck, seconded by B Gear, 11 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention, motion carried)

Cllr N Pearson queried the increased in hours and it was agreed that the Committee would produce a report detailing the increased workload resulting from NDC cutbacks which results in the need for more labour to cover both inside and outside.

- to adopt amended policies (proposed by Cllr K Leck, seconded by Cllr R Donovan, all agreed, motion carried)
- ITC to agree that One Ilfracombe delivers its current social prescribing model, the Community Connector Service, across the North Devon Primary Care Network with the caveat that ITC is not exposed to any financial risk (proposed by Cllr K Leck, seconded by Cllr P Crabb, all agreed, motion carried)

4967. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr P Yabsley noted that the working group had a meeting with the NDC Policy Planning Officers and that they are teasing out issues. The working group plan to meet in the second week of September.

4968. Safer Together Programme update & to agree to a public meeting.

Cllr V Gates noted that there may yet be a public consultation organised for Ilfracombe so plans for a public meeting have been put on hold for the time being.

4969. Proposed fire Service Cuts in North Devon – ITC 396 refers, Cllr T Elliott.

Cllr T Elliott presented her report which had been circulated to all members, and proposed the recommendation within the report. Cllr P Crabb proposed an amendment to the wording, Cllr T Elliott accepted and proposed that Ilfracombe Town Council calls upon DSFRS authority members to revisit options in the consultation as they are believed to be unclear and unworkable. Cllr N Pearson seconded and all members were in favour.

The Programme Manager noted that his team is currently working on a promotional video to help DSFRS with recruitment.

4970. Public Toilets – Cllr T Elliott

Cllr T Elliott raised concerns about the lack of public toilets in between the pier toilets and the toilets at the other end of the Town.

Cllr G Coulter suggested that it would make the town more tourist friendly if establishments offered their toilets to non-paying customers in exchange for a donation to a charity.

Cllr V Gates asked if the Marketing Group and the Ilfracombe Traders could take this forward to their next meetings. Cllr G Fowler will also take to the next Harbour Board meeting.

With regard to the toilets at the Landmark theatre and the cleanliness of the pier toilets, Cllr B Gear proposed to allocate up to £300 to improve the provision of public toilets, Cllr G Schofield seconded and with all members were in favour and 1 abstention the motion was carried.

4971. ITC to declare a Climate and Ecological Emergency and commit to producing an action plan to achieve net-zero carbon and that ITC sign the Devon Climate Declaration – ITC 397 refers, Cllrs: N Pearson, T Elliott, S Wilson

Cllr N Pearson presented report ITC 397 which had been circulated to all members and proposed the recommendation within the report. Cllr P Crabb proposed an amendment to the wording, Cllr N Pearson accepted and proposed that Ilfracombe Town Council declare a climate and ecological emergency; and that Ilfracombe Town Council intend to sign the Devon Climate Declaration should resources be agreed to produce the action plan. Cllr T Elliott seconded and with all members in favour and 1 abstention, the motion was carried.

Cllr N Pearson noted that progress should be reported back at every Full Council meeting.

4972. Dotto Train update

Cllr R Donovan noted that due to a 4-week turnaround by NDC to confirm the contract, it is now too late to run the Dotto Train this year and options are being looked into running it next year. The Dotto Train may be used for some private events for the remainder of this year.

27 members of public and a dog left the meeting after this item.

4973. Reports from County/District Councillors (written reports requested).

Cllr P Crabb tabled his County report which was noted.

Cllr N Pearson noted that North Devon Council have declared a climate emergency. Cllr N Pearson also noted that North Devon Council have launch a public consultation on their new corporate plan which has been drafted and whether the public agree with the priorities.

4974. Social Prescribing Delivery Report

See item 4966.

4975. Report from the Programme Manager (to include One Ilfracombe Update).

Report ITC 393 had been circulated to all members and was noted.

4976. Reports from Working Groups and Councillor Champions (written reports requested).

Cllr G Fowler noted there were 2 successful candidates from interviews to stand on the Harbour Board, one of which is Cllr B Gear.

4977. Health and Safety.

A health and safety report which was circulated to all members was noted.

4978. Correspondence/Licenses/Notices –

- Letter received from Lieutenancy Office regarding Queens Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS) – members agreed to nominate a local community group.
- Letter received from NDC regarding proposed removal of a BT telephone box located on Slade Valley Road – members agreed to adopt the telephone box at a cost of £1.
- Letter Received from 3 residents of Fore Street asking this Council to consider a complaint about noise and general disturbances – noted.

4979. Finance

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

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

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

4980. Chairs Discretion

No requests this evening.

The meeting finished at 21.10



Miss Rachel Collins
Proper Officer

13th August 2019