



**Minutes of the MEETING OF ILFRACOMBE TOWN COUNCIL
held on 12th July 2021**

This meeting was held at the Lantern Centre – Start at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs: K Leck (Mayor), B Gear, J Williams, S Wilson, G Fowler, T Elliott, R Donovan, G Coulter, L Aston, G Schofield, V Gates, P Yabsley, N Pearson, Cllr F Pearson, Cllr P Coates, Cllr D Turton, Cllr P Crabb.

In attendance: Pastor Hills, The Programme Manager, The Proper Officer and a member of the public.

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

5568. To receive apologies and reasons for absence: None

5569. To receive declarations of interest and consider members' submitted dispensation requests

Declarations of interest noted: Members were reminded of the requirement to note their declarations of interest as required under the code of conduct (revised 10/12/18). None Declared

5570. Notification of items for information to be raised at Chair's discretion

See minute: **5587**

5571. Public participation – A period not exceeding 15 minutes to be allocated allowing members of the public to speak for up to 3 minutes.

Norman Bryant – Addressed the meeting regarding his concerns for Wildersmouth Beach. The speaker was reminded that the Beach was no longer designated bathing area.

5572. To Approve and Adopt the minutes of the Full Council Meeting – 14th June 2021

The minutes of the meeting could not be approved as these had not been correctly circulated.

5573. To Approve and Adopt the minutes of the Extraordinary Full council Meeting – 28th June 2021

Cllr Turton proposed that the minutes of the meeting were a true and correct record, Cllr B Gear and with all in favour they were adopted. Members who were not present at the meeting abstained from voting.

5574. Minutes of Planning Meeting (to note and approve recommendations) – 21st June 2021

Cllr Fowler presented the minutes of the meeting which were noted.

5575. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Meeting – 24th May 2021 (to note and approve recommendations)

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

The recommendations were proposed by Cllr R Donovan and seconded by Cllr Gear. All in favour.

5576. Minutes of the Staffing Committee (to note and approve recommendations) - 5th July 2021

Cllr V Gates presented the minutes of the staffing group minutes. There were no recommendations.

5577. NHS Bill 2021 – Update

Cllr N Pearson presented a verbal report regarding the potential impact of the bill on future of NHS services.

5578. Dotto Road Train Update

Cllr Donovan advised the meeting that further discussions had taken place with another experienced organisation provide the DOTTO service and that he was confident that DOTTO would be operational very shortly. He advised the meeting that a variation on “step on- step off” had been agreed with the providers by which passengers could purchase tickets to High Street.

5579. Marketing Report

Cllr Gates advised the meeting

5580. Proper Officers Report (to note report)

No report.

5581. Programme Manager Report; including One Ilfracombe. (to note and approve recommendations)

The report had been previously circulated, The Programme Manager was thanked for his comprehensive report.

5582. To Receive reports from County/District Councillors (written reports requested)

Cllr Crabb tabled his written report.

Cllr N. Pearson had previously circulated her report.

The meeting thanked Cllrs Crabb and Pearson for their reports.

5583. To Receive Reports from Working Groups and Councillor Champions (written Reports requested)

Reports were received from Cllrs Elliot and Pearson

Stalled Sites Group - Cllr Donovan said that a 215 notice has now been placed on the Glen Tor Hotel in Torrs Park requiring the owner to tidy and make safe.

See also Chairs discretion.

5584. To Receive Health and Safety Report

No issues reported

5585. To Receive Correspondence/Licenses/Notices

It was acknowledged that the necessary documentation had not been received by Councillors and therefore could not be considered. It was agreed, if necessary, to bring these to a future meeting.

5586. To Pass Invoices for Payment as at 30th June 2021

A list of invoices for payment had previously been prepared. Payment was proposed by Cllr R Donovan, seconded by Cllr Ashton and agreed for payment by all members.

5587. Chairs Discretion

Cllr Faye outlined a possible future proposal for Council to support a general tidy up. The idea is to appeal to the whole town to tidy up an area, anything from your own doorstep right up to a known problem area. The idea is to get active members from several groups like Rotary, Compass, 41 Club, Round Table, Lions etc. The idea was well received by Councillors. **Action: It was agreed that individual Councillors should email Cllr Fay with their views/suggestions. And that Cllr Fay would prepare a proposal to a future meeting.**

Cllr Elliott advised the meeting that lives were being put at risk from illegal parking. This had been particularly evident at the Infant School. Concerns regarding lack of parking enforcement as a deterrent were once again reported. The Mayor said that he felt Devon County Council were not taking the Town's concerns seriously and that one day Council might be hearing of a serious injury to pedestrian. **Action: Cllr Crabb agreed to contact Devon County Council to reiterate Council's frustration that no action is being taken.**

Cllr N Pearson advised the meeting of the Nature Recovery Declaration and the option for Ilfracombe Town Council to sign up. **Action: It was agreed that this could be considered at the next Council meeting.**

Cllr Elliott spoke of the resident's annoyance that NDC had issued warnings of removal of bin collections services from residents leaving their bins on pavement. Cllr Coulter suggested that alternative waste containers might be considered for residents with a lack of storage space.

Ms. Rachel Collins read her resignation letter to Council. In this correspondence she said that she was leaving due to intimidation, bullying, and discrimination.

5588. To Propose:

that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for this item of business in view of the likely disclosure of confidential matters about information relating to an individual, and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, within the meaning of paragraph 1 and 8 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (see section 1 and part 1 of schedule 1 to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

Part B

The Mayor and Cllr Gates (Chair of Staffing) appraised Council of a number of HR concerns relating to the performance and behaviour of some ITC staff. Council reiterated that the Staffing Committee had the authority of the Council and thanked the Staffing Committee for their diligence in trying to bring the matter to a satisfactory conclusion for all parties.

Meeting closed at 21.52.

Note

It is normal practice for ITC Proper Officer to prepare minutes of Full Council meetings. However, a written record (notes) of the Full Council meeting held 12th July 2021 were requested but have not been received. As a consequence, these minutes have been prepared without Officer input and may be amended before being approved at the next meeting of Full Council Meeting due to be held on August 9th 2021.

Summary of Actions:

- ***It was agreed that individual Councillors should email Cllr Fay with their views/suggestions. And that Cllr Faye would prepare a proposal to a future meeting.***
- ***Cllr Crabb agreed to contact Devon County Council to reiterate Council's frustration that no action is being taken.***
- ***It was agreed that the Nature Recovery Declaration and the option for Ilfracombe Town Council to sign up could be considered at the next Council meeting.***



Kit Leck (Chair of the Council)

**Signed in absence of the Proper Officer
(13th July 2021)**