

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KINGSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, QUAY HOUSE  
AT 7.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2018**

**Present:** Cllr Chris Povey (Chairman)  
Cllr David Baisie  
Cllr Anne Balkwill  
Cllr Dena Bex  
Cllr Philip Cole  
Cllr Barrie Fishman  
Cllr Irene Jeeninga  
Cllr Mike Jennings  
Cllr Graham Price

**In Attendance:** District Cllr Rufus Gilbert  
District Cllr Keith Wingate  
Sam Acourt, Kingsbridge & Salcombe Gazette  
Two Members of Public  
Martin Johnson, Town Clerk

**17/152 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

John Gall had been selected for co-option following interviews the previous week; his declaration would be received at the next council meeting.

**17/153 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Samantha Dennis, Martina Edmonds & Robin Griffin, Cllr (desig) John Gall and Sgt David Green.

**Public Open Forum**

There were no statements from members of public.

**17/154 REPORTS FROM POLICE, DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL AND SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

**154.1** Cllr Povey read out a report received from Sgt Green for January 2018. A total of 22 crimes had been committed; 21 crimes had been recorded during the same period in 2017 and 26 in 2016. Crimes had included: 4 assaults (2 minor injury & 2 non-injury), 1 shed burglary (nil dwelling burglary), 4 online or telephone threats/public order, 1 rape (historic), 3 miscellaneous thefts, 2 shoplifting, 4 criminal damages, 1 fraud, 1 arson (toilet paper in public toilets) and 1 poisoning (unproven allegation of a drink being spiked).

**154.2** District Cllr Wingate reported that he was South Hams District Council's (SHDC) representative on the Police & Crime Commissioner's Scrutiny Panel. The Police precept had been increased by circa £1 per month for a Band D council tax payer. SHDC and Kingsbridge Town Council (KTC) had both lobbied for the retention of Police Community Support Officers to be retained at their current

complement in rural areas and the PCC and Chief Constable had been made aware of concerns. Crime was on the increase e.g. cyber bullying and on-line offences. There was much ongoing business at SHDC.

Cllr Povey asked if there was any feedback, following the Executive meeting on 19 October 2017, to prioritise Quayside Areas 3 and 4 for development. Cllr Wingate replied that it was a matter of what was feasible and desirable; Cllr Gilbert and himself shared KTC's wishes to progress matters.

**154.3** District Cllr Gilbert reported an agreed refit for Quayside Leisure Centre had been delayed and would now take place in the autumn. He was pleased to hear that KTC continued to receive many expressions of interest when vacancies occurred which highlighted that the authority was functioning well. He noted that allocated development site K5 (off West Alvington Hill) was back on the scene following a recent enquiry from a developer about the location of affordable housing; outline planning permission had expired in summer 2017. The Bus Station improvements were underway. Information boards had been erected to showcase the estuary wall repairs to commence in autumn. An alleged SHDC 20% budget overspend reported in the media was wrong and the authority was achieving budgetary targets for the current financial year. Discussions regarding food waste collection were ongoing; there was potential for a change in routines and a charge for new bins to be introduced. Pay-to-use toilets would be rolled-out at several locations across the district in financial year 2019/20 to effectively cover all visitor destinations. SHDC was trying to retain all its public toilets which cost £750k per annum and therefore further income was required.

Cllr Balkwill reported on the Town And Parish (TAP) Fund meeting held on 1 February. KTC had been awarded £3,500 from its bid for £4,950 for stainless steel litter bins in the parks. All 4 cluster areas had been oversubscribed with applications, for the available funding, and therefore the decision making process was challenging and open for criticism. Cllrs Gilbert and Wingate agreed that the criteria for bids may require tightening, the bulk of the funding was provided by Devon County Council and KTC's thoughts would be feedback. Members noted that bids could be made to the Invest In Devon fund to top-up TAP Fund monies.

Cllr Cole reported that the Town Centre Task Force working group had noted the Quay public toilets were dirty. Cllr Gilbert replied that they were cleaned 3 times every day however, it would be helpful if checks could take place for a whole week and requested a summary report with evidence to be sent to him. Members considered this to a good suggestion and KTC would action.

*District Cllrs Gilbert & Wingate left the Council Chamber*

**17/155**

**URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

**17/156**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Balkwill declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 17/158; sub-agenda item 17/98.3.

Cllr Jennings declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 17/158; sub-agenda item 96.4.

**17/157**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**17/158**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and adopt the Resolutions in the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6 February 2018.

Further to the meeting, SHDC had informed KTC that the final date for its recommendation on planning application 4257/17/OPA (outline application for 18 dwellings at Selworthy House) was 12 March. However, the AONB Unit's findings may not be available by such time. After discussion, it was further **RESOLVED** for Members to make a site visit at Selworthy House with an extraordinary council meeting to follow to consider and agree feedback on planning application 4257/17/OPA (date/time to be confirmed for both).

**17/159**

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and adopt the Recommendations in the minutes of the Policy Committee held on 23 January 2018.

**17/160**

**PARKS & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and adopt the Recommendations in the minutes of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on 26 January 2018.

**17/161**

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

**161.1 Tesco community litter pick.** To take place at 9.30 a.m. Wednesday 14 February from the Town Square.

**161.2 AONB Survey.** Questionnaires had been distributed to Members' in-trays; to be returned on completion to Reception.

**161.3 Internal Audit.** Kevin Rose, Internal Auditor, had visited the previous day and a report would be forwarded shortly.

**161.4 Vehicle activated sign.** The VAS sign had been received to detect and warn motorists of speeding. To be circulated around 5 sites in town.

**161.5 Plastic free.** Members had received a recent email from a local resident with her ideas to prevent the impacts of disposable plastic; a meeting was being arranged with Cllr Sam Dennis.

**17/162                      REPORTS ON MEETINGS OF OUTSIDE BODIES AND AUTHORITIES**

**162.1** Cllr Fishman reported that the Bus Station works had commenced. One island had been removed and works would re-commence week beginning Monday 19 February. Members noted SHDC's preferred option for 2 bus shelters was a combination of rear panelling and polycarbonate glazing. After discussion, Members agreed to lobby for full glazing and to request a meeting with the SHDC lead officer on site.

**162.2** Cllr Povey reported that the Town Centre Task Force working group had met the previous day. Teething issues with the cross-street promotional banners, i.e. fixings and colour saturation, identified that they needed to be taken down and options researched before re-commissioning. Power washer hirer versus purchase to be researched. A recent walkabout with DCC's highways neighbourhood officer had explored the potential for new street furniture/seating in Fore Street to be worked up. Finally, the next meeting on 27 February would include a stocktake of Christmas light displays.

**17/163                      FINANCE – PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Members received a schedule of payments due to date 13 February 2018. It was **RESOLVED** that the payments amounting to £22,544.38 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**17/164                      BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN**

None.

**17/165                      QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN**

None.

**17/166                      EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

It was **RESOLVED** that in view of the nature of the business about to be take place that it was advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded.

*Members of the press and public left the Chamber*

**17/167                      LAND AT DERBY ROAD**

Members received an offer to purchase KTC owned land off Derby Road. It was **RESOLVED** to reply that the offer would be considered in due course.

*The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.*

..... Presiding Chairman .....Date