

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KINGSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, QUAY HOUSE
AT 7.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY 10 APRIL 2018**

Present: Cllr Chris Povey (Chairman)
Cllr David Baisie
Cllr Anne Balkwill
Cllr Dena Bex
Cllr Philip Cole
Cllr Samantha Dennis
Cllr Martina Edmonds
Cllr Barrie Fishman
Cllr John Gall
Cllr Mike Jennings
Cllr Graham Price

In Attendance: County Cllr Julian Brazil
District Cllr Keith Wingate
Sam Acourt & Kristen Bounds, Kingsbridge & Salcombe Gazette
Three Members of Public
Martin Johnson, Town Clerk

17/187 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Robin Griffin & Irene Jeeninga, District Cllr Rufus Gilbert and Sgt David Green.

Public Open Forum

Members of public made the statements at Annex A.

Two members of public left the Chamber

**17/188 REPORTS FROM POLICE, DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL AND
SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

188.1 County Cllr Brazil reported that Devon County Council's (DCC) Cabinet would meet the following day with capital expenditure for the road network to be discussed; more monies had been received from central government for highways maintenance. Health and care integration for Devon had been recommended to be reviewed by the Scrutiny Committee and the Cabinet had been requested to delay any decision in order to safeguard rural communities.

Members then asked questions and Cllr Brazil replied:

- He would check with the Neighbourhood Highways Officer if/when further works were planned for road surfacing in West Alvington Hill and pavement repairs in Plymouth Road (between junctions Cookworthy Road to Fore Street).
- Slapton Line (A379) repairs had been scheduled for the end of 2018.

188.2 District Cllr Wingate reported that having met with South Hams District Council (SHDC) officers and Cllr Dennis the unsatisfactory condition of bollards in and around the Town Square was moving forward in a better direction. Quay toilets would be given a deep clean in the next few days however, SHDC did not have a budget to refurbish. He wished to explore, alongside the Chamber of Commerce and Kingsbridge Town Council (KTC), ways to attract more people into the area and how to extol the virtues of the South Hams. Finally, there was much work on the horizon at SHDC.

Members then asked questions and Cllr Wingate replied:

- The proposals to alter car parking charges would require consultation but was likely to be received by SHDC's Executive in June for a decision.
- He noted that the Information Centre did not wish to advertise the sale of weekly car parking permits if they were to be withdrawn.

County Cllr Brazil, District Cllr Wingate and one member of the press left the Council Chamber

17/189 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

17/190 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

17/191 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

17/192 PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and adopt the Resolutions in the minutes of the Planning Committees held on 20 March 2018 and 3 April 2018.

Further to item 113.3, Cllr Povey had spoken to Peter Betteridge's family who supported the suggestion for a new development/road or similar to be named in remembrance of him. Members offered further suggestions including a cycle path or boardwalk. It was **RESOLVED** to support a commemoration for Peter Betteridge; noting it may take time for an appropriate subject to be sourced.

17/193 PROPERTY COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and adopt the Recommendations in the minutes of the Property Committee held on 27 March 2018.

It was further **RESOLVED** to consider estimates for public realm painting in Embankment Road and Fore Street to be received at May's council meeting i.e. bollards, railings, festoon light posts, tree grids and street lamps.

17/194 COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Members had noted a statement received during the Public Open Forum. Potential locations for a community fridge included: Library, red telephone box, Community Garden, Recreation Ground, a church in Fore Street, Tesco, petrol station and 'on-the-street'. After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to feedback to Juliet Bill that KTC supported the initiative for a Community Fridge and for a task group to be formed.

17/195 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

195.1 Kingsbridge Neighbourhood Plan – Steering Group participation. Cllr Balkwill agreed to represent KTC at the next meeting to take place at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 16 April in Quay House.

195.2 Health & Lifestyle Fair – request for Quay House facilities. Members supported Gill White's (Norton Brook Patient Participation Group) concept for a Fair to be held on the Bandstand and Quay House grounds during spring/summer 2019.

195.3 Kingsbridge and Saltstone Caring – thank you letter. Acknowledgement of the free tenancy of Room 9 for financial year 2018/19 (in lieu of Grant Aid).

195.4 Art Installation in Quay House grounds. Members discussed the 'eggloo' and agreed for the artist to be requested to complete the installation as soon as possible, for signage to be displayed to 'show & tell' and for it to remain in situ until 11 May.

195.5 Social Prescribing Scheme for Kingsbridge. Dr James Mottram (Norton Brook Medical Centre) invited Members to a meeting at 6.30 p.m. on Friday 20 April in the Crabshell Inn.

195.6 Cage Football. SHDC had approved a cage football event from 12.00 noon to 5.00 p.m. on Saturday 28 April in the Town Square. Invitations had been placed in Members' in-trays.

195.7 Dedicating a Centenary Field. Members supported the Recreation Ground to be proposed for the programme which sought to safeguard the future of the UK's World War 1 Memorial parks and playing fields.

195.8 Planning 'Permission in Principle'. An alternative way of obtaining planning permission would be introduced on 1 June. SHDC had arranged a training session at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday 25 April and Cllr Griffin had agreed to attend on behalf of KTC and feedback to the Planning Committee.

195.9 Our Community Matters. Further to a statement received during the Public Open Forum, KTC had been invited to take part in the event. Members noted that they would be present at the Annual Town Meeting in the Town Square on Saturday 21 April and there was not a sufficient Staff resource to take part therefore unfortunately KTC would have to provide apologies.

17/196

REPORTS ON MEETINGS OF OUTSIDE BODIES AND AUTHORITIES

196.1 Town Centre Task Force meetings 14 March & 3 April. Cllrs Dennis and Povey reported that the installation of banners in Fore Street was progressing and street furniture/public seating needed to be further researched.

196.2 KTC/SHDC Town Square public realm meeting 28 March. Cllr Dennis reported that new bollards and railings had been earmarked by SHDC for the south-east corner of the Bus Station to be incorporated into the ongoing refit. Current bollards in and around the Town Square had been viewed and SHDC acknowledged that a house-style would be better suited than the various models in situ; the project to be worked up alongside KTC. Quay toilets would be closed and given a deep clean on Friday 13 April and Members agreed to request SHDC to supply the income from the same for financial year 2017-18.

196.3 Feedback on the 5,000th adoption of the BT red telephone box in Fore Street. Cllrs Cole and Povey reported that BT wished to carry out 'nightclub' conversion works by mid-May. Communications were ongoing.

196.4 Car charging points. Cllr Baisie reported that a scheme was being researched and he intended to liaise with District Cllr Wingate when he had more information.

196.5 Bus station refit. Cllr Fishman reported that the marked pedestrian/disabled walkway to the new bus island was scheduled for later in the week. Old noticeboards had been removed from the bus shelter and new information would be provided. New bus shelters for the new island and new raised stop were scheduled.

196.6 Salcombe Dairy Ice Cream. Cllr Bex reported that tables and chairs were positioned near the kiosk and that it remained in situ for the whole year in Quay Car Park. It was agreed to request planning permission information from SHDC.

196.7 Coastal Community Team. Cllrs Balkwill and Povey reported that funding bids had to be for a minimum of £50k and needed to evidence job creation and business profitability. Therefore the set-up of a Community Land Trust did not fit.

17/197 FINANCE – PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Members received a schedule of payments due to date 31 March 2018. It was **RESOLVED** that the payments amounting to £4,140.36 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

17/198 BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN

None.

17/199 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

None.

17/200 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 public and press left the Chamber

17/201 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders to extend the meeting time over 2.5 hours (SO para 3w) and to provide a secret ballot for the election of the Deputy Town Mayor/Vice Chairman (SO para 3r).

17/202 LAND AT DERBY ROAD

Members had received an offer to purchase KTC owned land off Derby Road at February's council meeting where it had been agreed to consider the offer in due course. Members noted that the Property Committee (agenda item 17/193) had identified potential noise issues from the adjacent industrial site which could affect any proposals for residential, commercial or office developments however, other options could include amongst others: car parking, boat/caravan storage and a youth/community hut. Members further noted:

- a professional valuation for the parcel of land had been gained in June 2017 given an affordable housing development on site, and
- it was KTC's fiduciary duty to make the best use of its assets in the interests of the local tax payer.

After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to decline the offer.

17/203

KINGSBRIDGE COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS 2018

Members received nominations and it was **RESOLVED** to select 5 local people as Kingsbridge Community Champions for 2018.

It was further agreed for:

- framed certificates and book tokens to be awarded,
- a photoshoot to be arranged with Champions at Quay House,
- a press release to be produced on completion, and
- investigation into any role the Champions could take within Fair Week.

17/204

ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMAN FOR MAYORAL YEAR 2018/19

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Jennings as Deputy Town Mayor/Vice Chairman for mayoral year 2018/19 and for him to take office at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 8 May 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

..... Presiding Chairman Date

Annex:

A. Public Open Forum.

Public Open Forum

1. Juliet Bill stated that she wished to champion the provision of a Community Fridge for Kingsbridge to provide access to fresh food and to reduce waste. Lots of food was thrown out which could be eaten while 4m people in the UK lived in food poverty. Evidence from elsewhere identified that abuse/vandalism did not occur and it encouraged trust and sharing. Likewise, Health & Safety issues were unlikely to be an issue as individuals were sensible and provided food fit for consumption. Indeed, the best management was to provide as few rules as possible. She had personal experience of community fridges in Bristol and London and a Kingsbridge fridge would fit in well with the local Food Bank.

Members asked several questions and Juliet replied:

- Size and location of the fridge to be explored however, central locations with high visibility and footfall were best. Preliminary discussions had been held with the Creeks End, Harbour House and Tesco.
- Sponsorship or ex-display fridges could be researched.
- The only running cost was the electricity supply.
- Overseeing/management to be determined but it was likely that a local volunteer group could be formed.

District Cllr Wingate provided his support and noted that next to no vandalism had taken place to Kingsbridge In Bloom assets and public defibrillators around town; it appeared to be another investment in the community. Cllr Jennings noted that local supermarkets had staff fridges with food available at 1p per item.

Cllr Povey thanked Juliet for her statement and the proposal would be discussed as an agenda item.

2. Lawrence Townsend stated that he had arranged “Our Community Matters” at the Market Hall 26-28 April from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. each day. The event would allow voluntary community groups to promote their role in the community and to enable networking with likeminded organisations in town. Groups could take part for just one day or all 3 days. It would be advertised extensively including a central banner across Fore Street.

Cllr Povey thanked Lawrence for his statement.