

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KINGSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, QUAY HOUSE,
AT 7.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2019**

Present: Cllr Anne Balkwill (Chairman)
Cllr Philip Cole
Cllr Samantha Dennis
Cllr Martina Edmonds
Cllr Barrie Fishman
Cllr Robin Griffin
Cllr Mike Jennings
Cllr Chris Povey
Cllr Graham Price
Cllr Peter Ralph

In Attendance: County Cllr Julian Brazil
Sgt David Green
Sam A court, Kingsbridge & Salcombe Gazette
One Member of Public
Martin Johnson, Town Clerk

18/140 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Dena Bex, John Gall & Irene Jeeninga and District Cllrs Rufus Gilbert & Keith Wingate.

Public Open Forum

There were no statements from Members of Public.

**18/141 REPORTS FROM POLICE, DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL AND
SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

141.1 Sgt Green presented the Police report for January 2019. A total of 40 crimes had been committed; 21 crimes had been recorded during the same period in 2018 and 21 in 2017. Crimes had included: 3 minor injury assault, 3 non-injury assaults, 4 threatening behaviour/public order, 6 miscellaneous thefts, 4 shopliftings, 15 criminal damages, 4 possession of drugs and 1 dangerous dog.

Additional foot patrols had been provided in support of Operation Minuet, specifically targeting anti-social behaviour, young people drinking alcohol and using drugs in various locations around the town centre. The enhanced Police presence had been well received by the local community and no further problems had been reported in those areas targeted. The Neighbourhood Police Team had taken part in professional development training covering the future role under Project Genesis as community problem solvers, connectivity and challenges facing modern policing.

Sgt Green then answered Members' questions:

- Forty crimes did appear high however, 4 crimes related to damage at Quay toilets in 2018 and 10 crimes were committed by 2 people with mental health issues.
- As a result of stop and search 17 people had been investigated for a mix of drugs and alcohol related matters and one arrest warrant had been issued.
- He wished to place on public record the Police's deepest sympathies for the family and friends of Tyler Peck. There was an ongoing investigation but at this stage no information could be shared. As soon as this changed he would make a public statement. He wished to thank Jonny Richmond and the Kingsbridge Youth For Christ team for all their support and engagement with young people in the town.
- Extra funding for the Police would not result in extra foot patrols but no further cuts would be made at present.
- The re-opening of Quay public toilets in the evening would be a South Hams District Council (SHDC) decision. The outcome was likely to be dependent on whether there had been no further criminal damage due to closure or the recent Police operation.

Sgt Green left the Chamber

141.2 County Cllr Brazil reported on the Frogmore flood alleviation scheme which required the temporary suspension of bus services between 25 February and 8 March. There was some current confusion around a shuttle bus and taxi replacement service via Totnes Cross and clearer information had been requested. However, only emergency services would be allowed to transit the closure. The road closure would be signposted in Kingsbridge. He had requested information on Youth Officer provision and whether further resource could be afforded alongside current volunteers. Finally, he was due to attend a Community Safety Partnership shortly alongside Sgt Green.

County Cllr Brazil left the Chamber

18/142 URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr Balkwill agreed to take one item of urgent business at agenda item 18/151: Potential Traffic Regulation Order.

18/143 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

18/144 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the council meeting held on 15 January 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

A Members' site visit to the Cemetery to review the condition of Holm Oaks, given a recent risk assessment report, had yet to be actioned. Cllr Balkwill reported this was important as there had been a recent death in Dartington from a tree falling on to a car.

18/145 PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and adopt the Resolutions in the minutes of the Planning Committees held on 22 January 2019 and 5 February 2019.

18/146 POLICY COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and adopt the Recommendations in the minutes of the Policy Committee held on 29 January 2019.

18/147 PARKS & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and adopt the Recommendations in the minutes of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on 1 February 2019.

18/148 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

148.1 Local Council Elections. To take place on Thursday 2 May 2019; the Town Council (KTC) to promote to the local community.

148.2 Prospective District Councillors. The Town Clerk had been invited to a SHDC meeting on 30 January to provide a Town & Parish Council perspective to people considering standing to be a District Councillor in May i.e. the relationship between SHDC and local councils and the latter's expectations of District Cllrs.

148.3 Annual Town Meeting. It was mandatory for local councils to hold an Annual Town Meeting for their electors between March and June. The purpose of the meeting is to provide the opportunity for Kingsbridge residents to receive reports on local council business and to discuss community business; it is not a council meeting.

Members supported the meeting, as per previous years, to be held on the Town Square during a Farmers' Market as an informal drop-in session on Saturday 16 March to inform residents of: Local Council Elections May 2019, the agreed budget for financial year 2018/19 and to introduce the adopted Kingsbridge Public Realm Design Guidelines.

148.4 Communities Together Fund. The decision-making meeting scheduled for 7 February had been cancelled. All 4 Clusters had a designated budget and were only mildly oversubscribed therefore, all applications were awarded a grant. The Southern Cluster budget was £17,222 to be shared amongst 7 bids; it had been oversubscribed by £2,375.58 therefore all bids were reduced by 12.12%. KTC (West Alvington, Malborough & Salcombe) bid for £4,140 to contract Sustrans to produce a feasibility study for a Kingsbridge-Salcombe multi-use Trail had been awarded £3,638.16 i.e. £501.84 shortfall.

Members supported liaison with partner parishes to raise the above shortfall.

148.5 Thank You. Activities 115 (letter dated 21 January 2019) thanked KTC for the generous £600 donation presented at the Town Mayor's Christmas community reception. The funds had been raised from the red telephone box/World's Smallest Night Club.

18/149 REPORTS ON MEETINGS OF OUTSIDE BODIES AND AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES

149.1 Town Centres Strategy meeting 31 January 2019. Attended by Cllrs Dennis & Povey and Richard Benton, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Ivybridge was supported as the SHDC bid for the Future High Streets Fund. Further meetings would be scheduled with different towns to host.

149.2 Kingsbridge 800 meeting 8 February 2019. Attended by Cllrs Price & Ralph. Various activities were planned for the event on Saturday 14 September 2019. Funding was required but had not been identified to date; to be discussed at the next Finance Committee.

149.3 Neighbourhood Plan. Cllrs Edmonds & Griffin attended Steering Group meetings. The Royal Mail door-to-door service had not delivered the Survey to all addresses in town and the Steering Group was investigating. Upon analysis of feedback, Focus Groups would be formed.

149.4 Bus Station. Cllr Fishman reported that quotations for signage had been received and new information boards had been delivered to be erected in the seating area.

149.5 Red telephone box/world's smallest nightclub. Cllr Povey reported that that the dial-a-disc was working well and a new charity needed to be adopted. Members agreed a re-launch was required for summer 2019; to be a future agenda item.

149.6 Cllr Povey reported that he was disappointed with an article in the Kingsbridge Gazette which had lifted a jokey comment he had made on the Gazette's Facebook page and placed it in a newspaper article using his Councillor title. It was on the same page as a distressing story. He considered it to be bad journalism as he had not been asked if the comment could be used which he would have refused.

18/150 FINANCE – PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Members received a schedule of payments due to date 12 February 2019. It was **RESOLVED** that the payments amounting to £10,064.42 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

18/151 BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN: POTENTIAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

Members received a listing of requests from local residents and businesses at various locations in town for: extension of single and double yellow lines, a new disabled space, residents parking schemes, an extension of parking duration and a

