

Kingsbridge Town Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT & RESILIENCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE, AT 6.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY 16th JUNE 2026

Present: Cllr Alex McCormick
Cllr Graham Price
Cllr Julie Taylor
Cllr Paul Vann (Chairman)

In Attendance: Katharine Harrod (Town Clerk)
2 Members of public

26/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Cllr Cole

Open Forum:

A resident had raised concerns regarding the dangerous and restricted visibility when exiting Kahala Court onto the main road. The gentleman had been advised by Cllr Julian Brazil to contact Kingsbridge Town Council. Members noted that the junction is used frequently by elderly visitors attending the nearby care home and that the exit is considered hazardous.

The resident suggested that a traffic mirror could be installed on the pole opposite the junction and offered to fund the cost should permission be granted. Members agreed that the Town Council would contact Devon County Council Highways to request information on the feasibility, permissions and requirements for installing a mirror at this location.

Reference was also made to the potential use of Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS) as part of wider safety measures.

One member of public left the meeting.

26/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No declarations of interest were received.

26/03 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2026/27 PERIOD.

Councillor Paul Vann was elected as the Chairman for 2026/27, Proposed: Cllr Taylor, Seconded Cllr Price and approved unanimously.

26/04 COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE 2026/27 PERIOD.

The Committee Terms of Reference will be reviewed with alterations to Road/Snow/Emergency Wardens plus the addition of transport issues (taxi/bus) as well as the potential development of marine related matters (business, ecology and recreation). To be reviewed again at the next meeting.

26/05 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillors noted approval of the Environment, Transport & Resilience Committee minutes of 27th January 2026 by Full Council on 10th February 2026.

26/06 FLOODING, SEWAGE DISCHARGES & COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

1. Kingsbridge Partnership Update. No draft minutes have been received from the meeting on 15th May. The main focus of the meeting was in regard of the current culvert works being undertaken in Kingsbridge.

It was confirmed that a South West Water interim scheme to reduce flooding in the town is still due to take place in 2026 and that disruption would be kept to a minimum.

2. Councillors received details of Cornish Councils signing a collective letter to the Secretary of State demanding the removal of South West Water's management through a Special Administration Order.

Following discussion, it was **RECOMMENDED** to take this to Full Council for consideration.

Key aspects of the collective action include:

- Widespread Support: Over 30 Cornish local authorities, including Penzance Council, Newquay and St. Agnes, have officially declared a Vote of No Confidence in SWW.
- The Petition: The formal motion and letter highlight systemic failures, pollution impacts on public health, and concerns over prioritization of shareholder dividends over infrastructure upgrades.
- The Goal: The councils demand the government use available legislative powers (such as those under the Water Special Measures provisions) to replace current executives and bring water services into public ownership.

26/07 ENVIRONMENT

1. The following projects were discussed:
 - a. Cattlemarket Tree Park – request a meeting with South Hams District Council expertise re addition of trees to car parks. Establish their intention to assist and obtain costing indications from their Tree Warden. A plan has already been suggested by Kingsbridge Town Council. Would there be any reduction in spaces due to the brownfield site development?
 - b. Embankment Road Cemetery – rewilding areas have now been agreed, the Men's Shed will be providing signage for which funding has already been approved.
 - c. Allotments – we will be approaching the landowner to discuss options.
 - d. Wallingford Road grassed area – we have been informed of a hogweed issue here, details of which will be passed to South Hams District Council. The intention is to increase the number of trees in this area.

Further projects will be added once asset transfers from South Hams District Council have been realised.

26/08 TRANSPORT

1. It was noted there was a recent pedestrian incident on a pavement at Belle View Road which had been raised by a resident with Devon County Council. Devon County Council advised there are a number of locations in historic towns such as Kingsbridge where current standards for pedestrian provision cannot be met. In this location in particular, there is no practical scope to adjust the existing layout without significant alteration. Devon County Council relies on Police-recorded collision data when assessing road safety concerns, and incidents such as this are not captured within that dataset. The report will be retained in accordance with data protection requirements but does not provide sufficient evidence on its own to justify a scheme such as raising carriageway levels, lowering the footway, or introducing a virtual footway. Given the current constraints on resources and the evidence thresholds required, a scheme at this location is not being considered at present.

Councillors **RECOMMEND** requesting that Devon County Council and South Hams District Council start a log of all incidents including injury to ensure that patterns of injury locations can be identified.

2. With regard to the ongoing culvert works, no further recommendations were received to improve signage. A projected end date is not yet known.
3. We have been advised of parking issues regularly experienced on Redford Way. It was **AGREED** to visit the area with the Highways Officer with a view to requesting double yellow lines be added to the area – e.g. on one side of the road to ensure accessibility for emergency vehicles.
4. Councillors **RECOMMEND** the purchase of two speed indicator devices at a cost of £4,499 excluding VAT & Delivery.

26/08 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday 15th September

The meeting closed at 7.59 p.m.

Signed as a true record: _____

Print Name & Date: _____

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