

KINGSTEIGNTON TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS 2017/2018

Kingsteignton Town Council promotes working together for the benefit of the community. Work is carried out through committees which consist of eight councillors plus the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Precept for 2017/18 was made up of £183,621 plus a Council Tax Support Grant of £17,580 totalling £201,201 this payment was received from Teignbridge District Council in two instalments.

The Mayor, Cllr Ron Peart and Deputy Mayor, Cllr Beryl Austen, sit on all Committees. Work carried out by the Committees during 2017/18 is as follows:-

Community Hall Committee

- Rydon Primary School held "Make a Difference" week 6-10 November, 2016. The children carried out some gardening work for the Council
- New tables were purchased for the Mary Hall Suite/Council Chamber and the chairs were recovered
- The Outdoor Carol Service was held in the Community Hall grounds and was well attended
- Community Hall charges were reviewed in October 2017 with a reduction made for the evening charges for the Main Hall and the Rydon Room
- The Mayor's Civic Carol Service was held in the Main Hall and was well attended
- The Main Hall flooring was replaced
- Expenses and an Honorarium for the Town Crier were approved
- A Defibrillator was installed outside the Community Hall

Recreation/Footpaths/Fountain Committee

Kingsteignton Garden, Craft and Hobby Fayre was held on Saturday 29 July 2017 at Oakford Lawn and was well supported

- Work on the Sub Station area of Oakford Lawn, the History Garden, was completed with the help of funding from Tesco Bags of Help. Work is ongoing to install CCTV and lights
- The diseased Turkey Oak tree was felled at Oakford Lawn and tree work carried out on the Horse Chestnut tree
- A new group of volunteers were set up to walk paths within Kingsteignton following a briefing from the DCC P3 Pathways Coordinator
- Two new trees were planted at Oakford Lawn
- Three new tree guards were purchased through sponsorship from local companies, for Oakford Lawn and installed, together with plaques

The **Works & Services/Planning Committee** This committee are consultees on planning applications received from Teignbridge District Council and Devon County Council, including the Local Plan from TDC. Councillors continue to tackle the litter problem throughout the Town and contribute £2,000 annually to the District Council towards maintenance of the toilets at The Fountain, to ensure they remain open.

During 2017/2018 the Town Council made observations on 94 Planning Applications received from Teignbridge District Council and Devon County Council. We also receive relevant road closure notices and these are passed on to councillors for their information and placed on our website.

Also dealt with by the committee was:

- Two new Bus Shelters were installed by Devon County Council in Rydon Road, opposite Paddons Coombe and Brook Way
- The Council reviewed the Emergency Plan and amendments were made
- The Leat that runs from the back of the Community Hall, along Rydon Road and Crossley Moor Road is being reviewed for tidying up

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Consultations presented to the Town Council:

- DCC Minerals Plan Safeguarding Plan
- Devon Somerset Fire & Rescue Service – Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2018-2022
- TDC Locally listed buildings consultation
- TDC Consultation – Draft Solar PV Development Supplementary Planning Document
- TDC Consultation Draft Teignbridge Design Guide
- Consultation: New National Planning Policy Framework

The **Finance Committee**

- Defibrillators were installed outside the Community Hall, Kingsteignton Swimming Pool and Boots the Chemist at Kingsteignton Retail Park
- As Custodian Trustees of Kingsteignton Swimming Pool the Town Council presented the Pool with a grant of £12,000 towards running costs
- Elector Fund applications were received and presented to:
 - KingsCare
 - Kingsteignton Swimming Pool
 - Friends of Kingsteignton Library
 - Kingsteignton Youth Centre
 - Kingsteignton Athletic Football Club
 - Kings' Boxing Academy

In March, 2018 grants were approved to locally based organisations and were awarded at the Annual Town meeting held on Monday 10 April, 2018:

- Kingsteignton Youth Centre - £480
- Kingsteignton Bowling Club - £800
- 1st Newton Abbot Sea Scouts (Kingsteignton) - £500
- Watts Blake Bearne Judo Club - £300
- KingsCare - £800
- South Devon Aspergers Group - £500
- Newton Abbot Community Transport Association - £1100
- Kingsteignton-Orbec-La Vespriere Twinning Association - £500
- Royal British Legion - £100
- Kingsteignton Allotment & Leisure Gardening Association - £250
- Kingsteignton Athletic Football Club - £1420
- Kingsteignton Tennis Club - £250
- Friends of Kingsteignton Library - £350
- Veteran Support Group - £600
- Strokes Ahead - £350
- Teignbridge Homeless Action Group - £500
- Rydon Primary School - £300
- Rackerhayes Pre School - £400
- Kings' Teignton Ram Roast Fair - £500

Thanks are given to County Councillor Ron Peart, District Councillors Beryl Austen, Ron Peart, Dave Rollason and Bill Thorne for attending meetings throughout the year and giving reports; Rev'd Mark Smith, Rev'd Sandra Gill, Rev David Goddard and Rev'd P Nevard for saying a prayer at the start of the Full Council meeting; PCSO Vanessa Pike and PC Graham Derbyshire for their monthly Police reports and support; residents for drawing matters to the council's attention and all Town Councillors for working tirelessly in a voluntary capacity for the good of the community.

Thanks are also given to Mr Turner and Mr Hedges for the work they carry out around the Town and the Community Hall and to Mrs Shirley Simmons, Mrs Caroline Lowe and Mr John Stacey for all their help and support in the office.

Carol Lakin, Town Clerk