



## Kingsteignton Town Council

### MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2020 VIA ZOOM AT 7 PM

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Rollason

Deputy Mayor: Councillor Austen

Councillors: Bovey, Brotherton, Dempster, Jones, Khan, Laws, Peart, Plummer, Ripping, Rollason, Scagell,

Town Clerk: Mrs C Lakin

#### **Presentation from Jane Haden and Shevaugn Tait, Newton Abbot Community Mutual Aid**

Cllr Rollason welcomed Jane Haden and Shevaugn Tait from Newton Abbot Community Mutual Aid to our meeting.

Shevaugn Tait explained how the Mutual Aid group was formed at the beginning of Lockdown in March 2020 and said that within 10 days they had 250 volunteers who were able to do leafleting. Since March 2020 across Kingsteignton and Newton Abbot they have answered over 2000 requests for help including access to food, prescription collections and “comfort” calls.

Their main area of provision has been access to food, this is either through the provision of weekly packs at £20, which is slightly under cost, or the provision of free packs, or shopping depending on the need of the resident. Their food packs are made up of chicken breasts, mincemeat and fresh fruit and vegetables. They have sources where they can obtain fresh and healthy eating food i.e. Riverford Organic and R D Johns etc. They also have links with the Food Banks HITS and THAT.

Most requests for the Kingsteignton area have been for prescription collections.

During April, May, and June they provided approximately 30% of their packs at no cost, this is compared to October when 60% of their packs are going to those who are unable to afford essential food. Over the past month there has been an increase in calls for food to be provided at no cost, particularly at weekends, or where the foodbanks are no longer able to support the family.

They also offer a comfort call service, where they have picked up on help that is needed, and in some cases, they have been able to provide the help or details have been passed on to the appropriate organisation.

Support has been provided to a wide age range from young families to very elderly residents. Kingsteignton is their second busiest area after Newton Abbot, which includes all areas such as Buckland, Bradley, Highweek etc

Councillors were invited to ask questions.



Cllr Rollason thanked both Jane and Shevaughn for attending the meeting and providing us with the above information. He also thanked them for their hard work throughout the community in these difficult times.

## **Police Report**

PCSO Pike is on annual leave so please accept her apologies for not being able to attend the next meeting.

### **Police report provided by PC Gilbrook:**

We have seen an increase in drug related activity surrounding the public toilets at The Fountain. Due to this, we have increased our visible foot patrol presence in the area and have managed to build our intelligence picture around the individuals involved. This has led us onto several pro-active stop checks in the area. We are hoping that the message is now being sent through to these individuals that this sort of behaviour is not going to be tolerated.

We have managed to remove a male who had been persistently begging outside of Tesco Express. This male has not been seen in the area for some time now. We believe he may have moved on to another town.

During October, we will be running a speeding operation in Kingsteignton involving the Neighbourhood Team and several Special Constables who volunteer their time to help the community. We have recently completed similar successful speeding operations in other parts of Newton Abbot and Kingsteignton is next on our list. We will update you with our results when we have them.

The Police are currently working alongside Kingsteignton Town Council to try and obtain funding for the new CCTV cameras covering The Fountain and down towards the main Tesco. In South Devon we run an application process and panel for the distribution of funds received through the Proceeds of Crime Act. Community groups whose work or projects improve the life in the local community, make people safer or help to cut crime and anti-social behaviour could benefit from an injection of funding. An application has been made and the panel meet every few months, so watch this space.

## **Public Participation**

There was no Public Participation

## **County Councillor R Peart's Report**

Kerbside recycling rates across Devon increased during lockdown according to the latest figures. This week is the 16th Annual Recycle Week (21-27 September 2020 and the figures show a 12% increase between April and June 2020). Figures show that 1,000 tonnes more glass bottles and jars were separated out and put in kerbside collection bins, 1,300 tonnes more cardboard and 670 tonnes more food waste, more recycle goods diverted from the rubbish bin compared to the same period in 2019. Devon has a 56% recycling rate which



is one of the highest in the country. The latest laboratory confirmed Coronavirus in South West Peninsula, 23-29 September were 134 confirmed cases in Devon East Devon 10, Exeter 78, Mid Devon 7, North Devon 10, South Hams 9, Teignbridge 13, Torrridge 3, West Devon 4, Torbay 29, Plymouth 36, Cornwall 137. England 31,000 confirmed cases per 100,000, Devon 16.7, Torbay 21.3, Plymouth 13.7, Cornwall 24, England 54.8. 31 January-29 September there has been 1,722 confirmed cases in Devon and 218 deaths Torbay 366 cases and 58 deaths Plymouth 938 cases and 89 deaths Cornwall 1,383 cases and 208 deaths up to September 18th Please note that all deaths are not necessarily by Coronavirus just that the person tested positive at some stage.

## **District Councillors' Reports**

### **Councillor D Rollason**

I attended the following meetings.

#### **Teignbridge District Council Adjourned Annual Council meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020**

- Cllr Connet elected to be leader of the Council
- Overview and Scrutiny Cttee split into 2 Overview and Scrutiny Cttees
- Merged Licencing Cttee and Regulatory Cttee, it is now the Licencing and Regulatory Committee

#### **Licencing and Regulatory Training (All Day) 14<sup>th</sup> October**

#### **Licensing and Regulatory Cttee meeting 17<sup>th</sup> October**

#### **Teignbridge District Council Overview and Scrutiny Cttee 1 on 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

- Discussed the taking forward of Councillor Jeffries Notice of Motion agreed at the Full Council 3<sup>rd</sup> September "The motion, states that it is important that the Council recognised the contributions of individuals from BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) communities in society, business, and infrastructure across Teignbridge both now and historically and that it should seek to remove barriers, tackle prejudice and address inequality".

#### **Teignbridge District Council Full Council 30<sup>th</sup> October**

- Declared an 'Ecological Emergency' alongside the Climate Emergency. All governments (national, regional, and local) have a duty to limit the negative impacts of Climate and Ecological Breakdown, and local governments that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies. It is important for Teignbridge District Council and other Councils to commit a carbon neutrality and address the ecological emergency as quickly as possible.
- Approved the Realignment of revenue budget 2020/21 due to the impact of CV19

#### **Other Notices, Information can be found on Teignbridge District Council website and newsletters but are worth pointing out**

- Preparing for new EU trading arrangements The Heart of South West Growth Hub and Better Business for All have prepared a number of UK Transition Business resources



on a dedicated web page to support companies and organisations prepare for the new trading arrangements with the EU which will come into effect in January.

<https://www.heartofswgrowthhub.co.uk/start-grow-business/transition/>

- Local Restrictions Support Grants: The Government has produced guidance in relation to Local Restrictions Support Grant which will provide grants of up to £1,500 per business property.
- Test and trace support payments for residents on lower incomes required by law to self-isolate if they test positive or are contacted by NHS Test and Trace. Residents may be eligible for a £500 Test and Trace Support Payment if they cannot work from home. The Government says these payments will be in place by 12 October and those who were told self-isolate from 28 September will receive backdated payments, if they are eligible, once the scheme is set up in their council area

### **Cllr B Austen**

I have attended zoom meetings of the District Council over the last month.

At our recent Full Council, we had a proposal with reference to the Diversity and Inclusion policies of the Council. There was much discussion and the Council took on board the principles of the recommendations, including questions such as, do the Council reflect the talent pool in the market, are BAME and women being promoted at the same rate as white residents, do we have pay equality, do all employees feel they are treated equally? These national concerns are being taken on locally.

Changes have been made to combine the regulation and licensing committees and there is now one Licensing and Regulations team dealing with licenses for taxis, tree preservation orders etc., and the licensing of all eating places, outdoor musical events, and those bodies needing licenses for public events. I am Vice Chairman of the committee which will be a busy but interesting task.

Planning permission has been given for a new Premier Inn Hotel in Teignmouth which is expected to be fully functional at the end of 2021. The branded chain proposes to offer affordable and high-quality accommodation.

A directive says that all Council meetings will be held virtually until the end of the year, when the position will be reviewed.

### **Councillor R Peart**

Teignbridge Council has provided a rural attended skip service at various locations across the district for the disposal and recycling of bulky house old waste. The Executive Committee at TDC will be looking at two Recommendations ( 1 ) Agree to the Discontinue the service or Recommendations ( 2 ) to provide support to Town and Parish Councils with their own arrangements where requested, The cost for 2019/2020 was £57,358 plus additional disposal cost of £1,343 the Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday 6 October to make a decision.



**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL, RYDON ROAD, KINGSTEIGNTON ON WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2020 AT 7.42 pm**

**PART 1**

**VM136/2020 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Thorne

**VM137/2020 To receive any declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest

**VM138/2020 To receive the Mayor's Report**

Civic duties remain on hold.

**VM139/2020 To receive and approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 2 September 2020**

The Mayor presented the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 2 September 2020.

**Resolved:** Minutes adopted

**VM140/2020 To receive the Clerk's Report**

- **CCTV** - this matter was passed to the Works Services and Planning committee for discussion and ratification at the Full Council meeting. Detailed quote information for this work was provided and together with the original costings passed to councillors for their consideration. Information was also received from Tom Hirst about possible contributions from local businesses.
- **Land at the Junction of Hackney Lane/Greenhill Way** - I have contacted Mark Payne for information on the transfer of this land as requested at the September Full Council meeting
- **Litter Picking event, 27 September 2020** – TDC are unable to provide litter picking kits due to Coronavirus, but
- **Consultations:** Comments for the White Paper – Changes to the Current Planning System were distributed to councillors by email and submitted on 16 September 2020
- **Pay Award and Working from Home Allowances** - As agreed Payroll at TDC were informed that the pay award of 2.75% should be made to all members of staff (back dated to 1 April 2020) and that a pro rata working from home allowance should be paid to members of staff working from home (back dated 1 April 2020)



- **Air Quality Action Plan** – Colin Bignall was invited to join a Zoom meeting with Councillors to talk about this. Date to be confirmed.
- **Newton Abbot Mutual Aid** - Grant of £500 paid to group. Newton Abbot Mutual Aid invited to attend October Full Council meeting to talk to the council about what their organisation does and what they do for Kingsteignton
- A QR Code has been downloaded for the Community Hall so that visitors can scan this to help stop the spread of Coronavirus. Posters to be displayed around the hall.
- **Chapter 8 Training** - Unfortunately on the way to attend the Chapter 8 Training at Bodmin, Rob May witnessed a motorbike accident and had to give a statement. He telephoned the Course providers and was told by the time he received he would have missed too much of the course. The Course providers have confirmed that Rob May will be placed on the next course but are unsure at present when that will be held.
- **Consultations** - As discussed at the Works, Services and Planning Committee, the comments have been forwarded on the following consultations:
  - Public Consultation of the Updated Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Devon
  - Draft review of the Statement of Licensing Policy
- **CCTV Installation** - I have worked with PC Jo Gilbrook to provide information to complete and apply for funding towards the installation of CCTV along Newton Road. She has applied for a sum of £5000. PC Gilbrook is not sure when the committee meets to discuss these grants but will let us know how the application has progressed when she hears anything. I have chased Tom Hirst for an update on contributions to the installation of CCTV but have had no response so far.
- **DALC** have responded to the announcement of new national restrictions and have stressed how important it is that new restrictions are abided by.
  - Users of the Community Hall should wear masks – notices to this effect have been placed around the hall
  - NHS QR code posters have been displayed around the hall

It is expected that new restrictions will be in place until March. Staff are being asked to return/or remain working from home where possible and we are still being encouraged to continue to hold council meetings remotely.

Over the weekend of 26/27 September 2020 youths started a fire by the picnic bench at Oakford Lawn. Sound and Visual were asked to download footage from the CCTV, which has been shown to the Police and an investigation will be launched as the images were good and clear and the youths obviously came prepared to cause a fire with liquid etc, to cause



damage, which is of great concern because the police don't know what else they may attempt to set fire to.

This has been logged as an incident and log number provided.

- On Monday, 5 October 2020 I received a call from a resident concerning the state of the road from the new development on Vicarage Hill. He said that there was a lot of mud on the road from the wheels of lorries leaving the site and was an accident waiting to happen. I contacted Tegan Faulkner, Devon Highways who visited the site and reported back that she had looked at the site and there was quite a bit of mud on the road, but not enough to meet their intervention levels. That said as this is only likely to get worse with more wet weather she has spoken to her Development Control Office and asked him to get in touch with the developer to remind them of their responsibilities to keep the highway clean. She hopes this will spur them on to undertake some sweeping.
- **Clifford Park** We have contacted Mants Leisure to come and look at the Fitness Equipment installed in the park to see what parts need replacing, as mentioned in the RoSPA report.
- Mrs Lewis-Clarke is chasing the installation of the Solar Panels on the Community Hall roof as it was hoped that these would be installed at the end of September
- Mrs Lewis-Clarke is also chasing the company regarding the installation of the Christmas lights at The Fountain and Community Hall.

#### **VM123/2020 To receive the Minutes of the following Committees:**

**Finance Committee:** Cllr Dempster presented the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2020. **Approved**

**Community Hall/Recreation Committee** – Cllr Scagell presented the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2020. **Approved**

**Works, Services & Planning Committee** – Cllr Peart presented the minutes of the meetings held on 2 & 16 September 2020. **Approved.**

**EO Full Council meeting** – Cllr Rollason presented the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2020. **Approved.**

#### **VM124/2020 Representative Reports**

**Climate Emergency** – Cllr Khan provided the following report

#### **20 is Plenty campaign**

The campaign was launched on Friday 2nd October.



Purely coincidentally, on this same day there was a pedestrian knocked down by a van at the entrance to Lidl. Tragically, the following day it was announced that the 91-year-old pedestrian died of his injuries.

All 4 schools have agreed to display the large banners. These have been delivered to all 4 schools. Schools comments of support have been updated on the '[Support from Schools](#)' page of the '[Kingsteignton 20's Plenty for Us](#)' web-site.

- Rydon Primary School have already displayed theirs facing Rydon Lane.
- St Michaels School have publicised the campaign to all parents in their Monthly Newsletter.

Cllr Alex Khan and Cllr Stephen Plummer worked together to distribute signage around the town.

- Approx. 50 stickers were attached to Telecoms Boxes around the town where there was a suitable prominent position facing oncoming traffic.
- Approx. 12 signs were displayed on KTC-managed verges in prominent positions. Please see attached photos.
- Also, residents of Broadway Road have placed 4 signs in their front gardens facing oncoming traffic.

In the following days we noticed that several the stickers have been removed. These could have been removed by residents or by the street-cleaner/parish-sweeper. Before we replace these stickers, please could the Town Clerk contact Teignbridge District Council Street Cleaner/Parish Sweeper to advise them of the initiative and ask if they removed the stickers. If they had removed these it would be helpful to know and for the to ask for the '20 is Plenty' stickers to be left in place. If the stickers are being removed by residents we will persevere and replace them to see if they remain in place any longer.

**Resolved:** that the Town Clerk will contact Teignbridge District Council regarding the removal of the 20's Plenty stickers.

Supporting communications were published on the Town Council Web Site page on 30 September 2020.

If KTC Councillors are aware of any other locations where signs would be helpful and prominent, please let it be known.

Next Steps:

- Engage with the regional '20 is Plenty - Devon' group to share best practice.
- Monitor the website to canvas for opinion and respond to questions in this 'review period'
- Report back to the '20 is Plenty' National Organisation with the updates and experiences



- Notify Devon Highways of the scheme to see if they have any benchmarking to measure against

**Rydon Primary School** Cllr Ripping received the following report from the Head Teacher, Mr Banwell:

“The children returned at the start of September and it was good to have them all back.

Over the past weeks we have all been getting used to the new systems that are in place around the school – staggered starts, playtimes in ‘bubbles’, sanitiser, use of different entrances etc. The children, overall, are very happy to be back in school. With changing or unclear guidance, it has been a challenge. In addition to this, schools are struggling with settling children back after such a long period away and the mental health issues that this has caused. There are a lot of family issues to deal with – loss of jobs, marital breakup etc which has a great effect on the children. We have amended our plans for home learning in accordance with the guidance and should we have to send a group of children home to isolate, we are ready with a system that parents should find supportive and effective.

So far, our attendance has been relatively stable but there is a lot of tension and uncertainty amongst parents around the symptoms. We currently have three children off with Covid symptoms.

I have put the 20’s plenty banner on the fence outside the school.”

**Stover Canal Trust** Cllr Ripping provided the following report from Stover Canal Trust:

“As you would expect, we were not able to have a Stover Canal Open Day this year. However, we did a very low-key, Covid-compliant, celebration at Ventiford Basin of the 200th anniversary of the construction of the Haytor Granite Tramway that ran from the granite quarries at Haytor to Ventiford Basin.

On the weekend of 19th-20th September several items associated with the Tramway were on display at Ventiford Basin. The massive oak base of the old crane that was used to transfer granite blocks from Tramway wagon to barge has recently been lifted out of its 10-foot deep pit. This was on display together with some of the wrought iron mechanism that enabled the crane to revolve. Some scaffolding was erected on the old crane base to give an impression of the size and shape of the crane. The construction of a replica crane is in progress but was not available for this event.

Two replica Tramway wagons, one on each side of the Basin, gave an impression of the use of wagons to transport granite and other materials through Ventiford. For one of the wagons this was its first 'outing' since the completion of its construction by Trust volunteers.

There was a small stall at which artefacts, made from the wood of old barge hulks that were excavated, were on sale, together with copies of Stuart Drabble's recent book 'Haytor Granite'.

For those passers-by who were interested to know what the celebration was about there were single-use leaflets that they could pick up.



We hoped to have at least some water in the Basin over the weekend, but leakage continues to be a problem.

This celebration was for the benefit only of walkers and cyclists passing by and was not advertised, to minimise the possibility of large numbers of people gathering and because there is no car parking at Ventiford. A risk assessment was carried out and people were reminded to socially distance from others, observing the Rule of 6, and hand sanitisers were available. There were no more than six Trust volunteers present during each day.

We hope the celebration gained some useful publicity for the Trust after the event. Unfortunately, the event that Dartmoor National Park Authority planned to hold at Haytor had to be cancelled because it could not be Covid compliant.”

#### **VM143/2020 Newton Abbot Community Mutual Aid – to discuss further grant to be awarded following presentation from Jane Haden and Shevaugn Tait**

**Resolved:** that the remainder of the Grant discussed at the Annual meeting on 29 July 2020 of £1000 be awarded to Newton Abbot Community Mutual Aid with a covering letter thanking them for the excellent work they are doing and invite them to come back to the Town Council if they have any problems as the situation develops.

#### **VM144/2020 To set up Working Party to discuss AQAP and additional areas the Town Council would like to see monitored in Kingsteignton**

**Resolved:** that Cllrs: Rollason, Peart, Khan, Dempster and Bovey form a Working Party to provide a report for the Town Council to approve at the November Full Council Meeting for sending to Colin Bignall, Teignbridge District Council. **After minute:** Working Party to meet on Tuesday 27 October 2020 at 10.30 am via Zoom.

**Resolved:** that the Town Clerk contact Teignbridge District Council to ask where the S106 payment of £8150 received from Planning Application 14/03324 can be spent. Are there restrictions on what area of Kingsteignton this money can be allocated?

#### **VM145/2020 KingsCare to discuss inviting KingsCare to a meeting to talk about their organisation**

**Resolved:** that an invite should be extended to KingsCare inviting them to our Full Council Meeting on 4 November 2020 to talk about their organisation and what they are doing in Kingsteignton.

#### **VM146/2020 Land at the corner of Hackney Lane/Greenhill Way**

Discussion took place and Cllr Rollason said that he would talk to Cllr Jackie Hook about this piece of land asking for clarification as to whether TDC would be happy to work with the Town Council in making this area a Wild Flower meadow.

#### **VM147/2020 Correspondence**



- Thank you letter received from Kingsteignton swimming Pool for their Grant Award
- Thank you letter received from Newton Mutual Aid for the grant of £500
- Letter received from KingsCare thanking the Town Council not only for their financial support, but in particular, for the Feed in Need project and their belief in KingsCare's ability to do what they could to help many of the residents of this town to get safely through the pandemic. They also said that we have all met some tough challenges along the way, but we rose to them and have got through to the other side.
- Email received from Kingsteignton WI concerning their display of poppies at The Fountain for Remembrance Day. The WI will be displaying poppies at The Fountain which have been made by themselves and the Church Mothers Union. They will not be using nails, any damaging fixings or hanging on the walls. Wreaths will be attached to some of the bollards using zip lock cable ties; poppies on sticks will be placed inside troughs; garlands will be wrapped around the lap posts and the tree protector. Square pillows of poppies will be attached to the metal ends of the benches and a Lest We Forget Wording across the back of some of the benches. A tribute to the animals lost will rest at the bottom of the fountain and a temporary cover of poppies placed over the mosaic and poppies decorating the Fountain. Small wreaths will be put in the telephone box. The display will be put up on 6 November and removed on 13 November 2020. It was agreed that Mr Turner would help the ladies, maybe with a ladder,

The meeting closed at 8.24 pm

Signed: ..... Dated:.....