



**KINGSTEIGNTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4
NOVEMBER 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 Maggie Bonnell, Manager KingsCare

Cllr Rollason welcomed Mrs Bonnell to the meeting and asked her to tell the council about the work KingsCare carried out in Kingsteignton.

Mrs Bonnell talked about the work carried out during the first Lockdown and how this was easier than the current Lockdown as everything was shut down. She said now they are not sure what they should be doing and are awaiting advice.

KingsCare have purchased a London Taxi to transport people to appointments with funds granted by NFU and the Rotary Club. This is safer because the driver is screened from passengers. They are presently looking for younger people to drive this. The KingsCare shop has been closed again.

Mrs Bonnell updated the Town Council on their new application for Lottery funding, the number of staff they have working for them and the services that are offered. These services include among others:

- Helping people overcome problems effectively
- Help when being discharged from hospital
- Benefit knowledge and assistance with completing forms
- Dementia Memory Loss Café
- Mental Health support
- Lunch Club once a month held at the Royal British Legion
- Singing at the Senior Citizens Club every Monday
- Tai Chi on a Monday and Friday
- Shopping for people, befriending service, driving people to appointments, or taking them out on day trips.

KingsCare have helped set up a similar service in Kingskerswell called Kerswella Care and are working on a project to set up a Community Hub in Newton Abbot.

Councillors asked questions.

- If any lessons were learnt from the COVID Lockdown the first-time round?
A) That there were good people in the community that were willing to help.
- Do you refer people that you visit onto other organisations if necessary?
A) If we are unable to assist them then they will be referred to CAB etc.



- What is your resilience over the next few months financially or otherwise?
A) KingsCare are comfortable at present
- When working with the public do you think there is more you need to do, are you spreading yourselves too thin and do you have sufficient staff?
A) This depends on funding as we would not be able to do anything without this and without the Manager and Staff to help. We realise that we need to work with other agencies.
- How much time do you save the Doctors Surgeries?
A) We save the Doctor having to see people repeatedly and see them less often
- Do Doctors themselves help with funding for KingsCare?
A) They save us money by providing free accommodation, use of telephones and postage etc. We would be in a state if we had to fund this ourselves.

Police Report

PCSO Pike provided the following report for the meeting:

- Further reports of drugs being dealt in Oakford Lawn have been received and the police are monitoring.
- Speed checks were carried out on 15 October 2020 by the Ten Tors which resulted in 7 vehicles being stopped - top speed 43mph in a 30.
- Criminal Damage in Ley Lane - several wing mirrors were reported damaged. Three young males are helping us with our enquiries.

Reported Crimes

- Criminal Damage - 7
- Possession/ Drugs - 6
- Theft - 2.

Inspector Johnson has now moved on and is being replaced by Sector Inspector 15892 David Hammond.

Please be aware..... Around the Newton Abbot area, we have seen a rise in theft from Churches.

Public Participation

There was no Public Participation

County Councillor R Peart's Report

Devon is one of the largest local authorities in the country and at the start of this crisis we recognised that there would need to be very local solutions. So, we have worked in close cooperation with our eight district councils as Team Devon throughout the pandemic. Devon County Council shared £1 million of funding between the districts alongside a further £700,000 from the Government. This is currently supporting grants to people and families suffering hardships across Devon. Around £600,000 of this is still available and I would urge anyone who needs help providing food for their children to apply for this extra assistance



through their District Council helpline 01626 215512. John Hart, Leader of Devon County Council also instructed that the council holds a further £100,000 in reserve for additional hardship funding this winter. I am now writing to Government to outline that due to our financial position we are limited in our ability to provide this support beyond the spring. We therefore urgently call on the Government to properly fund support in Devon affected by the financial impact of the pandemic.

I have some Funding News the Co-Op have donated £1.5m from the money raised over the summer through purchases from the Co-Op Picnic Range. They have given this to the UK Community Foundations Fund, which will be open on 26 October and close on 13 November. Who can apply - Charities, Parish/Town Councils, Parents/Teachers Associations, The Church, and other groups who give out food in the community, contact number 02077139326. The average amount given out is between £2,000 and £10,000. This is something the Town Council could apply for as well as other groups in the Town.

District Councillors' Reports

Councillor D Rollason

I attended the following meetings:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee One 19th October

This was to review the Executive decision to cease the provision of rural skips to outlying parishes.

Teignbridge District Council was the only District Council in Devon and probably the country still providing a service. Now due to CV19 economic pressures it was reluctantly decided to end the service. The vote was 7 for and 2 abstentions.

It is worth noting that the meeting represented a good example of the O&S Cttee holding the Executive to account for its decisions.

Audit Scrutiny Committee 21st October

- Recommended the External Auditors Statement of Accounts for approval by the Full Council
- Noted the Internal Auditors report and approved the new Internal Audit Charter
- Noted the Local Government Ombudsman Annual Report - 5 investigations were undertaken; no complaints were upheld.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee 4th October

- to approve the revised Licensing Statement, this must be reviewed every 5 years and in the main changes reflect changes in legislation and regulation.

May I also draw your attention to the Newsletters and briefings in circulation by Teignbridge District Council, DCC on the current CV19 situation and the local and national response. These also appear on the Town Council website.



Cllr B Austen

Teignbridge has been awarded a grant for a further four years from the fund Turning Corners, which is a partnership to reduce the risk of young people in Devon becoming involved in violence, antisocial behaviour and crime through early intervention and prevention. Since we are seeing in these difficult times an increase in youth problems this is a very welcome grant of almost £1m.

Teignbridge will be running a six-week public consultation on a proposed change to Council Tax Reduction to be introduced on 1 April 2021.

Councillors voted in September unanimously to declare an Ecological Emergency and to accelerate the pace of work the Council is doing to protect the environment.

Kingsteignton WI, of which I am a member, has been making poppies over the last few months and they will be decorating The Fountain from 4 November to 13 November 2020 to celebrate their 50th anniversary as a community organisation in Kingsteignton. This is most welcome as there will be no parades or Church services this year.

The Planning Committee held training this week on the granting of Tree Preservation Orders. Information on this important subject can be found on Devon County Council's website, Highway Land or if the land is owned by Teignbridge District Council on their site. You can search by address to find out if a tree is protected.

I continue to attend virtual meetings of the Council relevant to my committee places and Full Council meetings. Meetings are not as frequent as in the past but keep Councillors in touch and allow decisions to be made.

Councillor R Peart

Planning issues at Higher Sandygate, East Ward, Little Haven 20/01018/FUL – I have been in touch with Eve Somerville, the Officer responsible for this application, and am able to provide this up-date. There are several outstanding issues such as ecology, clarification on use and items to be stored. Ecology work is required to be carried out between April to October and the agent responded on 29 October 2020 and sent in their ecological reports, which have been sent to Eve Somerville for their Ecologist and Natural England for their comments. I did mention that gravel was being put on site before any planning decision is made and this is an agricultural site. Enforcement action is being discussed on Friday 30 November 2020 and I will keep you informed when I have more information.

Councillor B Thorne

I have attended various meetings and committee meetings during the past month, which was beginning to give an "air of normality" despite all being virtual. Now things must



refocus on the immediate and resident welfare throughout this current Lockdown. Recent meetings included:

Audit Scrutiny - where the report from the then continuing audit of the final 2019/2020 accounts was considered. Of course, COVID featured largely in considerations and the effect it has had and will have in the future on the financial positions, which was noted. No significant changes to the accounts published on the website were announced at the meeting and thanks were given to the TDC Financial team and the Auditors for maintaining their activities throughout the difficulties.

The Internal Audit Charter was considered and accepted, and it was noted that TDC has not suffered any upheld complaints against it during the year – quite an achievement.

Following the main meeting the Diversity and Equal Opportunities sub-committee met to discuss the Jeffries Notice of Motion. Suggestions were made as to the direction the committee would take to satisfy the points allocated to Audit Scrutiny to work on. Further meetings are planned.

Overview and Scrutiny 1 – Consideration of the call in of the Executive decision to stop Rural skip provision to various areas. There was quite extensive discussion leading to deciding to offer a deferment of four weeks to allow the affected councils time to gather quotes to replace and pay for the service themselves if they chose to. There was a second proposal to offer money to assist the councils affected in the first year. This was not carried.

Training on Tree Preservation Orders I attended.

As a District Councillor I have been involved with Teigngrace residents being upset with the added dangers of their access roads being used for “rat-runs” and confusing alterations to byroad rules during the closure of the A382 – try to avoid using the roads if possible as there has been one serious accident already.

Western Power Distribution consultation - Business planning for the next five years from 2023 an inclusive process and one with many interesting facets. Probably up to 100 people of diverse responsibilities in Devon and Cornwall were giving feedback on the content of WPD draft plan – considering many aspects including environmental, service requirements and what will the demand be for power in the future etc. Very interesting and useful to try to put a stronger environmental protection side to it along with provision of greater future supply involving greater financial demands on them in the future to meet this rising demand.

Chairman’s Presentations

Cllr Rollason made two presentations.

Cllr Beryl Austen - Cllr Rollason made a virtual presentation to Cllr Austen with a Kingsteignton Town Council Lifetime Citizenship Award, inscribed with “Presented to Councillor Beryl Austen, by Mayor David Rollason on the occasion of her 90th birthday, in appreciation of her long and valued service” and said that she is a highly regarded long standing Town and District Council, who has reached her outstanding milestone birthday whilst still serving her constituents. Cllr Austen was also presented with a Hybrid Tea Rose,



Velvet Fragrance to mark her 90th birthday. Cllr Austen joined the Town Council (then a Parish Council) in 1993 and became a District Councillor in 1995.

Mrs Carol Lakin – Cllr Rollason made a virtual presentation to Mrs Lakin to celebrate her 25th Anniversary of working for Kingsteignton Town Council (formerly Parish Council) with a traditional brass Carriage Clock inscribed with the words “Presented to Carol Lakin, Town Clerk, by Kingsteignton Town Council, in grateful recognition for twenty five years of loyal service, October 23 2020”. Mrs Lakin was congratulated on serving 25 years of public service and steering her ship through various challenges.

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL, RYDON ROAD, KINGSTEIGNTON ON WEDNESDAY 4 November 2020 AT 8.00 pm

PART 1

VM149/2020 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Khan and Dempster.

VM150/2020 To receive any declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

VM151/2020 To receive the Mayor’s Report

Civic duties remain on hold. I will lay our Wreath at the War Memorial in Sandpath Road on Sunday morning on behalf of the Town Council.

VM152/2020 To receive and approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 7 October 2020

The Mayor presented the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 7 October 2020.

Resolved: Minutes adopted

VM153/2020 To receive the Clerk’s Report

Clerk’s Report – 4 November 2020

- **CCTV** - The cameras at The Fountain and the two retail parks have been fitted and tested on a temporary power supply. We are now waiting for them to be powered up by SSEC. Sound and Visual are yet to have a date for this. The work on the Church tower has been completed and the links from the camera positions to the tower have been tested. Hopefully, they will be fitting the links from the tower to the control room and fitting the master recording equipment this week.



- **Air Quality Monitoring** - I have written to TDC asking for information as to the conditions attached to the S106 funds totalling £9,503.09 (Planning Application: 14/01575 Premier Inn). I have asked what the conditions are for spending; is there a specific area of Kingsteignton where they can be spent and what is the deadline for the spending of these funds.
- **Second Lockdown** - As we are all aware we are entering a second Lockdown and as such all bookings, apart from the Pre-School again have had to be cancelled for November. All hirers have been informed. Staff are to continue working from home and all meetings are to be held virtually. Clifford Park play area is to remain open, but all outside fitness equipment is to be closed and skate ramps. I have arranged for the skate ramp and fitness equipment to be heavily signposted advising that they should not be used. The Remembrance Parade on Sunday 8 November 2020 has been cancelled. The WI are decorating the Fountain area with knitted poppies as agreed and this will be carried out on Wednesday 4 November 2020 with Mr Turner and Mr Hedges assisting the WI. Mr Turner and Mr May will arrange for the display to be taken down on or around 13 November 2020 with all the display being taken back to the Community Hall and collected following the lockdown.
- **Kingsteignton Bowling Club** - An email has been received from the Bowling Club concerning their yearly charge. Unfortunately, I have overlooked sending a request out for this payment and they have asked if the council would consider waiving this charge for this year in view of the pandemic. This will be passed to the Finance Committee for discussion at the meeting next week.
- **Solar Panels** – The solar panels have now been installed on the Community Hall roof. **Resolved:** that an article should be placed in the Mid Devon Advertiser publicising that the Community Hall now has Solar Panels together with a photo of the Panels with Cllr Khan.
- **Telephone Box from Coombeshead Road** - Mr Turner has nearly completed the renovation work on the telephone box owned by the Council situated at the end of Coombeshead Road. He has got to get a few replacement pieces of glass and is waiting for the signage to go at the top of the kiosk. Once this is completed Hull Landscapes will transport the kiosk from the Community Hall back to its position at the junction of Coombesend Road/Longford Lane. This will be used as a Noticeboard.
- **New Town Council Website** - The new website is now up and running and meets with all new guidelines.

VM154/2020 To receive the Minutes of the following Committees:

Finance Committee: Cllr Thorne presented the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2020. **Approved**



Community Hall/Recreation Committee – Cllr Scagell presented the minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2020. **Approved**

Works, Services & Planning Committee – Cllr Peart presented the minutes of the meetings held on 7 & 21 October 2020. **Approved.**

VM155/2020 Representative Reports

Ball Clay Heritage - Cllr Thorne said that he took the opportunity to visit the Ball Clay Heritage Museum display at Newton's Place, which had a good display of the Clay Industry over the years.

Climate Emergency - Cllr Khan reported:

Trees: 400 assorted trees, tree-stakes and tree-guards have been delivered. 300 of these are intended for Clifford Park. Given the current lockdown announcement these are no longer likely to be planted as a community event in November 2020. Planting scheme and schedule has not been drafted at this stage. 100 of these trees are available for other purposes. Suggestions for these are welcome.

20 is Plenty: all 75 stickers and 25 signs have now been displayed in strategic places in the town. Initially, some stickers and signs were removed however, these have mostly been replaced and are being left alone.

Two community groups have embraced the scheme and asked for more stickers and signs to display themselves. There are Greenhill Road/Elmfield Road and Broadway Road.

There have been three emails asking for further information. One of these was a complaint. Another one following an email exchange, resulted in the resident asking for his own signs to display (Old Chapel, Exeter Road). Suggest there is a period of review while we: assess the usefulness of the scheme, assess public appetite, and identify best practice with similar campaigns in the region.

Viridor - Cllr Thorne has requested that the meetings of the Liaison Group continue virtually following the fire at the site and to keep track of the type and quantities of waste being dumped. Although an email report was produced by the new manager no meetings yet, despite six months passing.

PCC Councillor Advocate - Cllr Thorne said that he had been able to send out recent consultations as they crop up including Road Safety and now one about the PCC budget proposals for next year.

<https://www.devonandcornwall-pcc.gov.uk/news-and-blog/multimedia-hub/take-a-moment-to-help-shape-the-future-of-policing/>

This link takes you to the OPCC web site and this consultation, amongst others, as they crop up. It is very important to have your voice heard as funds will obviously be tight in the future with further COVID related service demands and the need for additional officers all



needing to be paid for through the police budget and the precept collected through our Council Tax.

During the last few months Kingsteignton has been benefiting from the leadership of James Johnson the local Neighbourhood Inspector who chose to develop a weekly virtual meeting of the Newton Abbot and Kingsteignton Councillor Advocates. Although James has now moved on and we await his replacement Sgt. John Dingle is continuing the weekly meetings. Although Newton Abbot suffers much more unrest and drug related problems than ourselves I have the opportunity to bring anything directly to the attention of the Police for their possible involvement and to try to get updates and results on past/current Policing activities. To this end I would like to hear of issues and problems and to recommend residents report directly to the Police any incidents because they cannot act on Facebook details!

Emergency reporting should always be through - 999

Non - emergency reporting could be through - 101 or online through <https://services.devon-cornwall.police.uk/crimereporting/> Which has the opportunity to complete a simple email to the 101 service including your name and contacts with as much detail as possible about the incident which helps the Police to prioritise and decide what action to take over it.

Recently the crime reports are down on previous periods with most crimes reported being about Domestic Violence and drugs. No doubt the PCSO report might deal with this. It was good to hear that the extensive car damage from the summer went to court finally and a significant compensation order has been made. Various speed checking operations have been carried out in Kingsteignton by the local Specials team with resulting tickets and education. Details of what is going on locally with your Police team can be researched at this link.

<https://www.police.uk/your-area/devon-and-cornwall-police/kingsteignton/?yourlocalpolicingteam=policingpriorities>

As a result of the A382 closure over the next 2 weeks it would be sensible to avoid Teigngrace completely as it is being used as a "rat-run" with a serious accident on the first day!

Cllr Brotherton said that he has not reported anything on **Hackney Marshes** yet but is hoping to do so soon.

VM156/2020 AQAP Report from Working Party

Prior to the meeting members were circulated a copy of the Report from the Working Party on Air Quality.

Resolved: that a copy of the Report should be sent to Mr Colin Bignall, Teignbridge District Council as the beginning of an Action Plan and that Mr Bignall should be invited back to a future Council meeting.

VM157/2020 Land at the corner of Hackney Lane/Greenhill Way

Cllr Rollason has spoken with Teignbridge District Cllr Hook concerning this piece of land to see if she could help move this matter along. He sent Cllr Hook a copy of the plan drawn



up by Cllr Khan, re: planting etc., and she was very impressed with this and will help take this forward. Cllr Hook was keen to show this plan to Newton Abbot Town Council and this was agreed.

VM158/2020 Precept for information and referral to Finance committee

Resolved: that the Setting of Precept will be placed on the Finance Agenda for the meeting on Wednesday 11 November 2020 for initial discussion. Members will be provided with full financial status and latest figures.

VM159/2020 CCTV Code of Conduct and Signage

Members had been provided with the CCTV Policy already in place for CCTV in Kingsteignton.

Resolved: that the Clerk will contact NAST to ask for a copy of their policy and Risk Assessment for CCTV and that a Working Party should be set up to discuss the procedures the Town Council have in place. Working Party to consist of Mrs Lakin, Cllrs Peart and Thorne.

VM160/2020 Free School Meals during the Christmas Period

Resolved:

- that:

Cllr Scagell contact Kingsteignton School
Cllr Peart contact St Michaels Primary School and Teign School
Cllr Ripping contact Rydon Primary School

to speak to them about free school meals for pupils during the Christmas period and report back to the December Full Council meeting.

- that Mrs Lakin enquires if the Town Council can contribute towards the provision of free school meals for children during the Christmas period.

VM161/2020 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

The meeting closed at 9 pm

Signed: Dated:.....