

## IVYBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council of Ivybridge  
held in The Watermark, Ivybridge on Monday 30 October 2017 at 7.00pm**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr A Khong (Town Mayor)	Cllr T Parsons
	Cllr P Dredge	Cllr A Rea
	Cllr S Fourte	Cllr S Rutley
	Cllr D Gray-Taylor	Cllr E Silsbury
	Cllr S Hladkij	Cllr A Spencer
	Cllr M Kennard	Cllr H Whiting
	Cllr A Laity	Cllr R Wilson

**In Attendance:** Cllr R Croad (County Councillor)  
Sgt A Woodward (Police Representative)  
1 Member of the Press  
1 Members of the Public  
Mrs L Hughes (Town Clerk)  
Mrs S Hocking (Minute Secretary)

***An adjournment followed from 7.00pm to 7.27pm to allow any questions, reports or representations by the Public, District and County Councillors.***

- 17/083      **APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Bowden and Pringle.
- 17/084      **INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED:** In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Members were invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests. There were no interests declared.
- 17/085      **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Town Council held on 18 September 2017 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.
- 17/086      **PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2017, 18 September 2017 and 2 October 2017 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.
- 17/087      **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2017 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.

17/088 **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2017 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.

17/089 **WATERMARK COMMITTEE:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2017 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.

17/090 **PARKS & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2017 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.

17/091 **TOWN MAYOR'S & DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S INTERESTS:**  
The functions and activities attended by the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor during the month of September 2017 were noted.

17/092 **COUNCILLOR VACANCY IN IVYBRIDGE WEST WARD:** As there was no request for an election following the resignation of Mrs Sharon Prowse – the panel who met to consider applications recommended that Mrs Karen Pringle be formally Co-opted to the Town Council when the next vacancy arose.

The Town Clerk expanded on the information and reported that Cllr Mrs Pringle was engaged on SHDC matters but would attend the meeting later this evening if possible.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the information.

17/093 **PARKS MEMBERSHIP:** Following the Co-option of Cllr Mrs Pringle, Members considered her request to fill the vacancy on the Parks Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Mrs Pringle serve on the Parks Committee.

17/094 **ANNUAL RETURN – YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017:** Members considered the letter, certification by the external auditor, other matters drawn to the attention of Ivybridge Town Council and confirmation of the publication of the notice of conclusion of audit (copies of information previously circulated).

Cllr Parsons congratulated all staff involved in this work.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the information

17/095 **IVYBRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:** Members were advised that the Ivybridge Neighbourhood Plan group supported the

recommended adjustments to the plan by the Examiner and following confirmation to South Hams District Council the date for the Referendum is set for Thursday 30 November and poll cards will be issued (background information previously circulated).

The Town Clerk expanded on the information provided and reported that any assistance Members could give to encourage people to come out and vote, preferably in favour, would be appreciated.

Poll cards will be issued and the usual polling stations across the town will be used.

It was **RESOLVED** to welcome the information and express the hope that the community of Ivybridge will vote in favour of the plan.

17/096

**BUTTERPARK:** Consideration was given to the sales particulars for Butterpark and to ratifying developments to deliver the project (report previously circulated).

The Town Clerk gave an update and advised that expressions of interest were already being received and there were some national companies coming forward.

She reported that the process for evaluating the bids was really important for the broader community and it is intended that professional assistance will be sought to obtain best value for the town.

The legalities were progressing and it was hoped that the purchase of the Butterpark site would be concluded from Devon County Council soon.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report and information provided.

17/097

**TAPS FUND:** Consideration was given to submitting an application for the 2017/2018 TAPS funding initiative and a proposal raised at the Policing matters meeting for a bigger Bridge Project vehicle (report previously circulated).

Councillor Wilson stated that the TAPS Funding maximum funding given is £10,000 and enquired where the difference would come from as there appeared to be a £5000 shortfall.

The Town Clerk reported that the Bridge Project are confident that they will be able to obtain further funding and suggested that if the

Town Council would consider this proposal for TAPS Funding that it will encourage the Bridge Project to apply for match funding.

Cllr Wilson proposed that the Council submits an application for TAPS Funding for the Bridge Project vehicle.

Cllr Rea referred to page two of the scheme information and highlighted that the Council needs to be aware of the criteria as there are restrictions for religious activities. It would need to ensure that funding would not be compromised due to the criteria.

Cllr Wilson stated that the Bridge Project is a youth service and not a Church. The Town Clerk reported that the Salvation Army vehicle used to have a shop in the town centre where people used to drop in and chat and that is another use planned. The Social Prescriber could also have involvement in this initiative.

It was **RESOLVED** to endorse the proposal for the bus as being the project for TAPS Funding, clarifying with Ivybridge YFC that all the criteria can be met.

17/098

**NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING:** Consideration was given to the letter sent from the Community Safety Partnership, following the listening event, to the Police and Crime Commissioner (copy previously circulated).

Further information had been circulated before the meeting via email from DALC drawing attention to the Devon and Cornwall Police Advocate Scheme. The Town Clerk reported that it seems timely to look into this now, as it is linked to the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Cllr Wilson suggested that Cllr Dredge may be the most appropriate Member to act as the link between the Council, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and local police team, due to his wider knowledge of current policing issues and his previous background.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- i) Councillor Dredge represent the Town Council for the Devon and Cornwall Police Advocate Scheme
- ii) the letter, email and information provided be noted.

17/099

**SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT – CLOSE PASS CAMPAIGN AND SUSTRANS UPGARDE TO NCN2:** Consideration was given to the information and invitation to a meeting on 23 November from

Graham Wilson, Committee member for Sustainable Travel, PL21 (email and extracts from Sustrans document previously circulated).

The Town Clerk reported that Graham Wilson is taking the lead and that a meeting is scheduled for 23 November in The Watermark. Mr Wilson is keen for people to attend.

Cllr Kennard confirmed that he will be away and, therefore unable to attend.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the invitation and information provided.

17/100

**HoSW DRAFT PRODUCTIVITY STRATEGY:** Consideration was given to the extracts of the draft strategy – weblink for full document <http://www.torbay.gov.uk/media/10207/heart-of-the-south-west-draft-productivity-strategy.pdf> was provided together with feedback (previously circulated) from an earlier DALC/SALC focus group.

It was noted that the Town Clerk will be attending a consultation event with Devon County Council to make the case for ensuring that the drive for productivity and employment is not just focussed on the Exeter area but spread more broadly around Devon.

The Town Clerk reported that if Members have any views that she would be happy to feed this information to the consultation event.

She highlighted that the key things to be concerned about are that there the bulk of any investment is in Exeter and from attendance at a recent event it seems that those in the North of the county believe the South have all the investment. She stated that both the rail network and the roads are insufficient for needs and that it all needs investigation and investment.

Cllr Dredge provided the example that Cornwall is looking into their rail network and that Bristol transport is key to growth, encouraging people to use public transport instead of their own vehicles.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the information.

17/101

**UPDATE AND INFORMATION:** A report outlining events and other information was received (copy previously circulated).

Councillor updates, conferences and events

The Town Mayor reported that there was poor attendance at the Ivybridge Community Association AGM and that it was disappointing that the Committee was made up of a Chairman and

Treasurer. He stated that the Association need to raise a lot of money to repair the roof. The suggestion of a cheaper rate to hiring the facilities of Chapel Place was provided.

Cllr Laity mentioned that the Ivybridge Community College Community and Partnership lunch was most enjoyable but emphasised that she hoped that matters discussed would be actioned. There will be a further meeting in a month's time.

Cllr Hladkij reported that at the CA AGM that the presentations gave an insight into those in deprivation and was particularly helpful. She stated that the CA need volunteers to continue.

Cllr Dredge expanded on the report of the meeting held of Travelwatch SW and that it was interesting that there is going to be a new combined Authority in the West of England. He had attended a conference some time ago in which it was discussed how to drastically improve rail services in Bristol and it was noted that costs at that time were £58 million and they are now in the region of £140 to £170 million and no longer commercially viable.

Cllr Silsbury referred to the tourism poster design competition and expanded on the information provided in the report. Cllr Dredge suggested that the poster should be displayed at other stations. He advised that he had attended an event previously whereby a presentation was given to the winner and it may be appropriate for this competition. Cllr Silsbury confirmed that this would be discussed at a meeting this coming Monday.

Cllr Silsbury reported that the Chamber of Trade was pleased that the Tesco Planning Application had been withdrawn. It was noted that there had been 50 objections from Members of the Public and that District Cllr Saltern had been involved.

Posters for the Christmas Festival are soon to be circulated and Cllrs were encouraged to volunteer to assist for the event on Friday 24 November.

Cllr Rea expanded on his attendance at the DALC AGM on 10 October and that it had been well attended. He referred to the presentation provided by the Town Clerk and Karen Highfield on the Social Prescribers initiative.

Cllr Rea provided information on the seminar on Community Energy at the DALC AGM and that it was similar to South Dartmoor Community Energy. He stated that in North Devon solar panels are being installed in small villages, and that the energy is being sold to

the National Grid and that the money is being used for those in poverty for energy requirements. He thanked the Town Council for allowing him to attend the AGM.

Cllr Dredge also referred to the DALC AGM and that he had attended a Finance Workshop. He stated that it was nice to see that the Council's Procurement Policy is in line and interesting to note that there is difficulty with the Contract Finder site. He stated that there is no definitive statement on Precept Referendum for Town and Parish Councils.

#### Future events and conferences

Cllr Rutley referred to the South Hams Children's Centre meeting on 14 November at Pathfields and that she is now resigning as one of the Cllr representatives due to the fact that she has to care for her husband who has a health condition. Cllr Hladkij and Cllr Rea were prepared to be the representatives.

In respect of the invitation to SHDC in respect of draft budget proposals for Devon County and SHDC respectively, it was noted that Cllrs Dredge and Rea confirmed that they would be happy to attend.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- i) Cllr Rea attend the South Hams Children's Centre meeting with Cllr Hladkij on 14 November 2017
- ii) Cllrs Dredge and Rea represent the Town Council at the SHDC event on 27 November 2017
- iii) the remainder of the report and information provided be noted.

*It was **RESOLVED** that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted that it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be invited to withdraw.*

\*Cllr Croad, Sgt Woodward, 1 Member of the Press and 1 Member of the Public left the meeting at 7.53pm.

#### IN COMMITTEE

17/102 **IVYBRIDGE COMMUNITY AWARDS:** Consideration was given to the list of nominations for the Citizen and Group of the Year 2017 (report previously circulated).

The Town Mayor referred to last year's Awards and suggested that there should be one winner per category as opposed to shared Awards.

A discussion took place relating to some of those nominated being in paid positions as opposed to volunteering. Reference was also made to one of the nominees having undertaken an enormous amount of work for the town in a volunteering capacity.

A vote was taken for the David Britton Citizen of the Year Award. Due to the fact that two of the nominations received six votes each, a further vote was undertaken.

A vote was then taken for the Nick Cummins Community Group of the Year Award.

It was **RESOLVED** to:

- i) award the David Britton Citizen of the Year 2017 to Mrs Kay Winstone
- ii) award the Nick Cummins Community Group of the Year to Ivybridge Foodbank

*Cllr Mrs Pringle arrived at 8pm.*

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed ..... Date 4 December 2017



## IVYBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

### Report of the discussions during the adjournment of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 30 October 2017

Sgt Woodward provided the crime statistics for the month of September 2017.

<b>Total crime for the town, September 2017:</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Same period 2016:</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Same period 2015:</b>	<b>27</b>

#### Breakdown of September 2017 crimes

##### Crime classifications:

- 6 of these crimes were domestic related incidents
- 1 armed robbery with knife
- 1 grievous bodily harm with intent – biting
- 3 common assaults
- 3 minor public order crimes
- 3 sex offences
- 1 non dwelling burglary – retail town centre shop
- 14 vehicle crimes – all but 1 from parked and insecure vehicles – petty cash the main object of the theft
- 6 shopliftings – all from Glanvilles Mill and Abbot Road Co-Operative Stores
- 6 criminal damage – 4 vehicle related
- 7 miscellaneous theft related crimes
- 7 malicious telecommunications crimes, eg. Malicious texts; Facebook, etc
- 1 low level dog crime not aggravated, ie. Injury to a person
- 1 fly tipping offence

##### Disposals:

- 2 crimes resulted in arrest
- 28 crimes filed without a suspect being identified
- 8 crimes remain under active investigation
- 4 crimes disposed of by way of community resolution – all shoplifting crimes from Glanvilles Mill and Abbot Road Co-Operative Stores – all young persons under 18 previously unknown to Police
- 1 crime of shoplifting (above) resulted in youth caution
- 2 crimes resulted in words of advice to the suspect at victim's request
- 1 crime disposed of by Pathfinder – drink related offence – offender signposted to partner agency with strict conditions to obtain support for his drinking

- 1 crime could not be proceeded with as prosecution time limit had expired despite an offender being identified
- A further 7 crimes not proceeded with due to victim not being supportive in 3 of those crimes and due to evidential difficulties in respect of the other 4 crimes

Incidents/crimes of note:

- Small series of shopliftings during summer school recess resulting in 7 year 7/8 boys being dealt with
- Duke of Cornwall Public House, GBH biting – currently under investigation – suspect identified – to be interviewed
- Armed robbery with knife – McColls – remains under investigation
- 2 crimes at the new Recycling Centre – on both occasions batteries stolen
- 2 crimes at SHDC depot on Ermington Road – fuel syphoned from vehicles – trailer stolen – used in 2<sup>nd</sup> offence above
- The travellers have moved on to Roborough in Plymouth.

**COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Croad

Cllr Croad reported that the travellers had moved from the railway station car park prior to the Baliffs attending site. A caravan and a truck had been left at tax payers expense to remove them.

Cllr Croad thanked SHDC for the prompt clean up of the site. He emphasised that the message is that the travellers should not be given any work in the town and referred to the drives they offer to tarmac at cost.

Cllr Parsons congratulated Devon County Council for removing the travellers from the town prior to the Fireworks event at the Ivybridge Rugby Club when the car park at the railway station is used.

Cllr Hladkij had been to the railway station car park and congratulated those who had cleaned the area. The Town Mayor stated that when the clear up is undertaken that no one says thank you to those undertaking the work. He reported that it was a good job done.

Cllr Dredge referred to an incident whereby a large van had come over the Ivy Bridge and drove into the main road. There could have potentially been an accident. Cllr Dredge had since spoken to the driver of the van who had stated that there is a bush in the vicinity causing obstruction to views. Cllr Croad offered to speak with SHDC with the intention to cutting back the shrub area.

Cllr Hladkji highlighted concerns about the hedges and bushes growing out over the pavements from residential properties along Cornwood Road and leading to

Abbot Road. It was noted that if the hedges and bushes were coming from residential properties that the County Council would send letters to them with a timeline to cut back the hedges and bushes and if this work was not undertaken that they would do the work and invoice the properties concerned. It was further noted that specific measurements are used for this purpose. Cllr Hladkij was asked to email Cllr Croad with specific information and he would look into the matter.

Cllr Rutley made reference to a hedge whereby it goes over the pavement and that the householder had advised that it was acceptable. Cllr Rutley was asked to email Cllr Croad who would look into this matter.

Cllr Wilson provided information on the Keaton Road car park and it was confirmed that the Masonic Lodge are not doing the town any favours with their parking facilities. It had been noted several times that visitors had said that with the issues surrounding the car park that they would not be returning to the town. The Town Clerk reported that SHDC had tried liaising with the Masonic Lodge about matters but had not received any reply.

*It was noted that all District Cllrs were in attendance at a meeting relating to One Council this evening and had given apologies.*

## GENERAL

Cllr Parsons enquired if there is any particular reason why crimes had increased in the town. Sgt Woodward was unable to provide any particular reasons, however he reported that since last year's amendments and refined crime reporting that this is a reason where it is possible. Cllr Parsons suggested that everyone should state that Ivybridge continues to be one of the safest places to live in the Country.

Toby Leigh, Press representative reported that he would be starting a new job next week and was, therefore leaving the Ivybridge and South Brent Gazette. He thanked the Town Council for answering all the questions he had raised during his time as the reported. The Town Mayor then presented a gift to Mr Leigh.

Cllr Wilson advised that following the hosting of our visitor friends from Bedford, Virginia, USA that they had been delighted with the hospitality provided to them. He displayed a presentation plaque which had been provided from them and read out the Resolution of Commendation and Gratitude. Cllr Wilson then presented the presentation plaque to the Town Mayor for Council safekeeping.

The public participation session closed at 7.27pm.