IVYBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council of Ivybridge held in The Watermark, Ivybridge, on Monday 8 August 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr A Spencer (Deputy Mayor) Cllr T Munro

Cllr V Abbott
Cllr J Brown
Cllr L Rea
Cllr M Cade
Cllr A Khong
Cllr K Reville

Cllr T Lannin

In Attendance: Mr J Parsons (Town Clerk)

Mrs L Lane (Minute Secretary) 4 members of the public

The Deputy Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

An adjournment followed from 7.00pm to 7.15pm to allow for the presentations and any questions, reports or representations by the public, Police, County and District Councillors.

- 22/041 **APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from the Mayor, Cllr Hladkij and Cllrs Budd, Dredge and Pringle.
- 22/042 **INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED:** In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Members were invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests. No interests were declared.
- 22/043 **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 27th July 2022 (copy previously circulated) were received. Cllr Lannin confirmed and Cllr Cade seconded and the minutes were agreed to be accepted.
- 22/044 **PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2022 (copies previously circulated) were received. Cllr A Rea confirmed and Cllr Brown seconded and the minutes were agreed to be accepted.
- THE WATERMARK COMMITTEE: The Minutes of the meetings held on 27th June and 18th July 2022 (copy previously circulated) were received. Cllr Cade confirmed and Cllr A Rea seconded and the minutes were agreed to be accepted.

- 22/046 **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**: The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th June (copy previously circulated) were received. Cllr Lannin confirmed and Cllr Khong seconded and the minutes were agreed to be accepted.
- 22/047 **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 25th June (copy previously circulated) were received. Cllr A Rea confirmed and the Deputy Mayor seconded and the minutes were agreed to be accepted.
- 22/048 **PARKS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2022 (copy previously circulated) were received. The Deputy Mayor confirmed and Cllr Lannin seconded and the minutes were agreed to be accepted.
- TOWN MAYOR'S & DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S INTERESTS: The functions and activities attended by the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor for the period 22nd June to 1st August 2022 (previously circulated) were noted.
- 22/050 **CO-OPTION:** The co-option (copy previously circulated) was considered.

The Deputy Mayor asked members to vote on whether they wished to continue with the co-option. All voted in favour.

Cllr Cade noted that it was a shame that they could only co-opt one person as both would be a brilliant asset to the Town Council.

Members then voted on the two candidates and it was decided that Katie Reville be co-opted to fill the vacancy on Ivybridge West Ward.

It was **RESOLVED** to

- a) Continue with the co-option; and
- b) To co-opt Katie Reville onto the Council to fill the vacancy on lyybridge West Ward.

Cllr Reville then signed the Declaration of Office and joined the meeting.

22/051 **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:** The proposed public events (copy previously circulated) were considered.

The Deputy Mayor advised that this would be setting the way for the next Council from 2023. The suggested dates were 10 September in the morning and 15 September in the afternoon and early evening.

The Town Clerk advised that it's not just attending on the day, any support members could provide in designing how the sessions would go would be helpful. The information would need to be collated by the end of October when budgets are being set so it can be used to inform the committees.

Cllr Reville asked whether there would be an online element for those residents who are not able to attend.

The Deputy Mayor advised that this was to be decided but it is a good idea.

Cllr Lannin confirmed that she would be available on those dates and agreed that sessions for people to attend and an online option would be good.

Cllr A Rea commented that it is a big ask for the community to come up with what they want, it is much easier to complain about what they don't want. He suggested a professional facilitator may help. He added that he is on holiday on both of these dates.

The Town Clerk advised that the SHDC Economic Development Team are interested in coming along so he could ask whether they would like to be involved and help to facilitate.

Cllr L Rea felt that it would be a good idea to have SHDC on board, good to think about what is possible in the timeframe, to see who is responsible for what and SHDC are well placed to help with these decisions. With regard to facilitation, she thought it could be useful but the sessions are more of a drop in where people can share their opinions and access information. She advised that she is free on those dates around work and happy to help.

Cllr Munro confirmed that he is available on both dates and suggested involving the Community Connector.

The Town Clerk agreed this would be a good idea and advised he was hoping to involve Skate South Devon.

Cllr Reville advised that she is available on both dates.

Cllr Abbott advised that he is available on both dates and volunteered to be part of a working group for the events. He went on to suggest that we could put up a list of ideas and ask residents to comment on these.

The Deputy Mayor asked whether members were happy to support these events and to get involved.

Cllr A Rea proposed and Cllr L Rea seconded and all were in agreement.

It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with the proposed events on 10 September in the morning and 15 September in the afternoon and early evening.

22/052

CHRISTMAS DAY: The Town Clerk provided a verbal update. Cllr Wilson had indicated that he is happy to cook on Christmas Day and District Cllr Jones is keen to help with the front of house and organisation. Council Officers are happy to take bookings and help to organise the day. Previously Gribbles had donated the meat so will need to find another supplier, may also need to look at the budget if meat needs to be purchased. Some funds could be taken from reserves in order to meet higher costs. He went on to explain that this event did not take place last year as people were concerned about Covid, hopefully they will be more enthusiastic this year.

Cllr Abbott asked how people find out about this event.

The Town Clerk explained that we liaise with Ivybridge Caring and will speak to other local care providers, Home Instead, So Social and an advert goes in the Imag.

Cllr L Rea asked whether the event is 100% funded or whether people have to buy tickets.

The Town Clerk advised that it is 100% funded although we do ask for donations which go to the Mayor's Charity. It is for people of all ages who would be lonely at Christmas.

All were in favour of going ahead with the Christmas Day Lunch with an increased budget of £400 if needed.

It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with organising the Christmas Day Lunch with an increase in the budget to £400 if required.

22/053 **ACTIVE TRAVEL:** The update on Active Travel and the request for a full travel masterplan (copy previously circulated) was considered. Cllr A Rea advised that it was a very informative meeting. Graham Wilson is going to comment to SHDC on behalf of PL21.

> The Town Clerk advised the aim of this is to request that SHDC and DCC come up with a travel masterplan for the town.

Cllr Lannin commented that it would be good to include this in the Community Consultation.

Cllr Abbott commented that the problem with having DCC leading is that they are against putting in a southern relief road for the town between the A38 flyover and the recycling centre. He suggested that this is something to fight for, it would broaden the town to the south. The land he is talking about is not on the flood area. He encouraged members to think about this.

Cllr Lannin commented that there are other things to consider such as encouraging those from the Eastern end into the Town Centre, preferably using active travel rather than driving.

Cllr Brown advised that there is a real need to promote sustainable travel and cycling, need to alleviate the danger of cycling along Western Road.

Cllr Parsons asked if it would be possible to request the names of District and County Councillors involved so we could have an informal discussion with them.

The Town Clerk advised that members need to agree for him to write to SHDC and DCC to request a travel masterplan before the detail is discussed.

The Deputy Mayor proposed, Cllr Lannin seconded and all were in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** to support the request for a full travel masterplan.

22/054 **UPDATES AND INFORMATION:** Updates on Councillor, Officer and Community activity (copy previously circulated) were considered.

The Town Clerk advised that DALC don't have many live courses over the summer. He asked members to let him know if they would like any training and agreed to circulate the current list of training available from DALC.

Christmas Festival

The Town Clerk advised that the meeting involved Officers, Councillors, traders and the Rotary Club. It included a discussion about what else we could do, Ukrainian Christmas, Christmas trees in holders on the shops and Christmas lighting. SHDC have agreed the use of the Glanvilles Mill car park on the night.

Climate and Ecological Emergency Working Group

The Town Clerk advised that he was hoping to call a meeting soon.

Butterpark

The Town Clerk advised that he is working on a couple of points then hopefully it will be ready to advertise.

Erme Court

The Town Clerk advised that we will need to ensure that people are aware that the first 2 hours are free but charges will be 24/7 and via an app – the machines will be removed. The SHDC car park is still free after 6pm.Concern that people attending The Watermark may not realise this has changed. This will be happening from 24 August.

Cllr L Rea suggested we need to publicise it on facebook, website, posters in The Watermark.

Cllr Brown asked whether we had received any assurances that people won't get caught if they drive in and straight out.

The Town Clerk advised that there is 2 hours free so hopefully this will not be a problem.

Verges

The Town Clerk is still awaiting quotes to deliver wildflower verge improvements.

Beacon Medical

Cllr T Rea advised that his visit to Beacon Medical was very interesting. Calls are answered by a team in Plympton. If other members are interested he could arrange for them to also visit.

Cllr Reville was shocked to hear that there are 15 people answering the phones as it still takes a long time to get through.

Cllr L Rea asked whether there is any information on wait times and peak times.

Cllr A Rea advised peak times are publicised on websites, Monday mornings are especially busy.

Cllr Munro asked whether it would be possible to obtain a report on how many dropped calls there are.

Cllr Brown added that it would also be useful to see the percentage of dropped calls.

Cllr A Rea advised he would ask for this data.

Cllr Abbott requested that Dementia Friendly Town be added to the Update and Information section for the next meeting.

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

The meeting closed at 8.06pm.		
Signed:	Date:	19 September 2022

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Report of the discussions during the adjournment of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 8th August 2022

POLICE

The Police were unable to attend the meeting but provided the following report which was circulated prior to the meeting:

In all there were 106 calls for service via 101 / 999 which included:

8 reports of ASB and alcohol related logs.

2 reports of Criminal damage.

13 domestic related logs

3 reports of unexpected death where we attend on behalf of HM Coroner to record details.

5 reports of Missing Person, 3 of which were graded as 'High Risk' which means there is the potential for the person to come to significant harm / death.

We also received contact from the Metropolitan Police via Op Shout, a 24hr national mental help support line. As a result we were able to implement some help for an individual.

As you will be aware, there was also a report of a serious sexual assault on a female in the Godwell Lane area. Significant resources were brought into lybridge to assist with the initial investigation and House to House enquiries. The investigation is now being managed by lybridge CID.

As not all calls for service result in a crime, we only saw 35 crimes recorded for the entire month. This may sound high but to put it into perspective, many are very low level and in some cases, may simply be a falling out on Facebook! Other crimes were self-generated, for instance, 3 crimes were for Drink Drivers following vehicles being stopped by Police.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

COUNCILLOR ABBOTT

Cllr Abbott had provided the following report which was circulated prior to the meeting:

Ukraine

There are a number of placements breaking down and Ukrainians moving in or out of the area. As of last Friday there are 12 'urgent active cases' including three families placed in temporary accommodation. SHDC are currently trying to identify rematch hosts for the others. They are also following up a further 11

'movers' where guests have moved to another placement and then we've been notified once they've arrived – so are having to quickly take steps to go and undertake the relevant checks.

They have currently 67 hosts registered to offer rematch placements in South Hams (and a further 49 in West Devon). Teams from Housing, Environmental Health, and Localities are busily carrying out assessments of those that look most suitable based on the initial information provided. They are interviewing for a further two full time case workers.

From July ...

120 Ukrainians here in the South Hams in over 50 properties.

Ukrainian children may now be placed with UK families without a Ukrainian adult. There are significant safeguarding implications.

Recycling & Waste Collection

The recycling and waste collections, and the brown bin collections will be taken back in-house from October with a six month handover.

Housing

Community Land Trusts are making a significant entry to deliver affordable housing. The most relevant for UPC is South Dartmoor Community Energy's application for 30 affordable homes. See https://www.sdce.org.uk/community-housing.html

Plymouth Freeport

There is an interim CEO. Various changes to the planning constraints have been made.

My Place, My Views

An online pilot-scheme to support receiving residents' views has been commenced. It aims to address:

- Their local facilities, services and open spaces
- The types of places they like most and why
- Using online services.
- The places they would like to see change in the next five to ten years.

The link is https://pshwd.commonplace.is/

Planning

The Development Management team have launched a helpline for Town & Parish Councils and Councillors to provide fast tracked responses to planning-related queries.

Citizens Advice

... have released an impact report and a newsletter

Leisure Centres

We have agreed a scheme to install PV panels on our leisure centres to reduce heating costs and keep the centres viable.

The Woodland Trust

... are making trees available to communities and schools with the application deadline being 26th August 2022. Applications open again from the 1st September for planting in Spring 2023.

Integrated transport

PL21 have been successful in getting grant funding from SHDC to pay for the lvybridge/ Bittaford cycleway feasibility study.

I joined in talks with ITC regarding the safety aspects of the new road layout around the Bloor development.

Cllr Abbott added that he had heard that Devon County Council have a Growing Communities Fund offering grants from £300 to £3,000 for not for profit organisations, schools etc.

Cllr Munro commented that with regard to My Place My Views we need to be including disabled access.

Cllr Abbott agreed, we should be saying what we want for our town.

GENERAL

Cllr Abbott advised that he had received an email from a resident asking about when the Glanvilles Mill footbridge is going to be finished off and also querying what is going to happen with the footings for the lower bridge which has been removed.

The Town Clerk advised that he had been in touch with London and Cambridge Properties who have advised that they are hoping to finish the fencing and trim by the new footbridge by the end of August. He had also mentioned spoken to them regarding the footings for the lower bridge, suggesting they put in a low section of wall and a bench. They seemed open to this idea.

The public participation session closed at 7.15pm.