

# BUCKFASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held in the Room 3 at the Town Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 6.30 pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: Andy Stokes (Chair), Janet Jones, Pam Barrett, Huw Cox, Ron Fox, Greg Porter, Dan Simpson and Judith Hart (Town Clerk).

**In attendance:** 3 members of the public including two representatives of the Buckfastleigh Christmas Fair Committee.

**Press:** No Press in attendance

## **Part I (Open to the Public)**

**18/66. Apologies:** Cllrs Simon Rines and John Nutley (District)

Cllrs Mark Maish, Pamela Forbes and Neil Smith did not attend.

**18/67. Councillors invited to declare any interests:** None

**18/68. To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018:**

Signed and approved by Councillor Andy Stokes

**18/69. Questions and comments from the public:** None

**18/70. Reports from the Police, County and District Councillors:**

No police report was available for June.

**18/71. Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018:** Noted

**18/72. Proposal to fund a Christmas Fair Ice Rink:**

The total cost to host the annual Christmas Fair is £1,400 which is met from grants and donations including a grant from the Town Council. This year the organisers would like to arrange a seasonal auction at the fair run by a professional auctioneer with lots donated in kind from local businesses and organisations rather than cash. The raffle does not generate enough income, so the Christmas Fair Committee are exploring other options to raise funds.

A second proposal is to install a 9 x 8 metre ice rink with a snow machine in the Globe car park at a total cost of £2,700 (incl VAT). The charge will be £3 per person for 10 minutes with 25 people using it at a time. The organisers are requesting a joint venture with the Town Council with the suggestion for the Council to make a donation and to underwrite the cost with a refund from ticket sales. The ice rink will be staffed by the company. The committee is waiting for permission from Teignbridge District Council (TDC) for use of the car park.

**Decision:** Cllr Dan Simpson proposed in principle that the Town Council underwrites the whole cost, makes the booking and pays the invoice subject to recouping part of the cost from ticket sales and appropriate permission from TDC. All Members agreed to this proposal. It was agreed that the organisers will chase a response from TDC and liaise with the Clerk.

**18/73. Proposal to adopt, insure and maintain a community defibrillator funded and installed by the Buckfastleigh Women's Institute:**

Members agreed that the new defibrillator would need to be listed as an asset and insured by the Town Council. It will require regular maintenance checks and replacement parts although the actual cost and who will carry out the maintenance is not known as yet. The defibrillator will be installed on the wall adjacent to the Town Council notice board on Chapel Street opposite the Co-op. The location will need to be advertised.

**Decision:** Members unanimously agreed to adopt the community defibrillator following installation by the W.I.

Meeting closed at 6.53 pm.