

BUCKFASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held in Room 3 at the Town Hall on Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors: Andy Stokes (Chair), Pam Barrett, Sue Clarke, Huw Cox, Pamela Forbes, Darren Greep, David Patrick and Sylvee Phillips

In attendance: 1 member of the public

Press: No Press in attendance

19/29. Apologies: Cllrs John Bailey, Ron Fox, Gwena Harman, Kate Kayley and Judith Hart (Town Clerk)

19/30. Councillors invited to declare any interests: None

19/31. To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 24th April 2019:

Signed and approved by Councillor Andy Stokes

19/32. Questions and comments from the public:

- Has the Clerk clarified the position with Devon Highways regarding the re-painting of the bollards along Fore Street?
- A design was presented for the proposed replacement of the visitors sign at the entrance to the South Devon Railway.

Action: Cllrs Harman and Greep with Maureen Tuffnell to look at further designs and cost to present to the Buckfastleigh Matters meeting on 5th June 2019

19/33. An introduction to the Powers and Duties of a Town Council:

Cllr Stokes gave a presentation about the responsibilities of the Town Council which included details about the boundaries, statutory powers and how the different local authorities interact with each other. Presentation to be made available on the Town Council website.

Actions:

- To suggest locations for the installation of the electronic noticeboards to enhance communication with the community
- To look at completing the community information leaflet which details the responsibilities of each local authority

19/34. To discuss the Independent Auditor's Report and sign and minute the Accounting Statement of the Annual Return 2018/19:

In the absence of the Clerk this item is deferred to the next meeting.

19/35. Proposal to use the Community Infrastructure Levy on the regeneration of the Wildspace Garden as a wildlife habitat and public amenity:

The Chair explained that this is a payment from the developer to the planning authority (Teignbridge District Council) to provide funding for improvements to infrastructure which includes green spaces.

The proposal is for the Town Council to use the payment received to improve the Wildspace garden to the rear of the Town Hall.

Decision: Members agreed unanimously in principal to support the use of the CIL money to fund a plan to regenerate the garden as an area for wildlife subject to further information and approval of design.

19/36. Chair's Announcements: None

19/37. Councillor updates relevant to this meeting:

Devon Wildlife Trust is promoting a challenge during the month of June for people to do 30 'Random Acts of Wildness'.

Buckfastleigh Sports Club need a new lawnmower for the cricket pitch which would cost in the region of £8,000. The Council was asked if it could lend funds to clubs and organisations to assist with projects and the purchase of equipment?

19/38. Items requiring Urgent Attention: None

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.