

BUCKFASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at Victoria Park, Plymouth Road, Buckfastleigh on Wednesday 28th July 2021 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors: Erin Kohler-Ockmore (Deputy Chair), Ron Fox, Kate Kayley, David Patrick, Sylvee Phillips, Andy Stokes and Judith Hart (Town Clerk).

In attendance: Mark Jeffreys of the Network of Wellbeing (Share Shed)

Press: None

21/92. Apologies: Councillors Sue Clarke, Huw Cox, John Bailey (for the first part of the meeting) and John Nutley (District)

No apologies received from Cllrs Darren Greep and Bryony Tilsley

21/93. Councillors invited to declare any interests: None

21/94. To approve and sign the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on 23rd June 2021 and review actions from this meeting:

Minutes signed by Cllr Kohler-Ockmore.

Actions from the Town Council Meeting:

- 21/83. The Clerk confirmed that the Town Council response to the Dartmoor National Park Local Plan Review Proposed Modifications Consultation had been submitted.

21/95. Questions and comments from the public: None

Agenda Item No. 9 – Larger Grant Applications was brought forward by the Chair.

21/96. William Pengelly Cave Studies Trust Larger Grant Application update and to consider a Larger Grant Application:

- i) Network of Wellbeing - Share Shed (A Library of Things) application for £900 to support the continuation of this service in Buckfastleigh. Proposed by Cllr Stokes, seconded by Cllr Patrick with all in agreement.
- ii) William Pengelly Cave Studies Trust update and costs provided to support the second instalment of £1,000. Cllr Stokes proposed, seconded by Cllr Fox with all Members in agreement.

21/97. Questions to District and County Councillors and comments on reports relevant to this meeting:

No County or District Councillors present.

21/98. Budget Analysis Report 01.06.21 – 30.06.21: Approved

21/99. Bank Payments Report and Bank Statement 01.06.21 – 30.06.21: Approved

21/100. Multi-Pay Card Statements April 2021 to June 2021: Approved

21/101. Quarterly Bank Reconciliation April 2021 to June 2021: Approved

21/102. Annual Review Town Council Standing Orders: Approved

Cllr Phillips joined the meeting at 7.17 pm

21/103. To discuss a response to the draft Teignbridge Local Plan (Part 2) 2020-2040: Creating Quality Places-Site Options Consultation:

Cllr Stokes will shortly circulate a draft, leaving councillors time to give feedback.

21/104. To discuss funding for the Creative Community Consultation Proposal for Buckfastleigh (deferred from the meeting held on 23rd June):

It was agreed to support the Be Buckfastleigh consultation at the last meeting, but full agreement by the Town Council should be sought regarding any financial contribution. The Town Council is carrying out its own consultation in early autumn which should complement the Be Buckfastleigh project.

Cllr Stokes proposed some financial support to Be Buckfastleigh (BB).

Cllr Phillips suggested a grant application should be completed.

Cllr Patrick: BB is ideally placed and has the necessary skills to carry out a community consultation. The projects that may result from this could then be divided between organisations as appropriate.

It was noted that the Bungalow Youth Project will also be conducting its own consultation and there was concern that there be too many for the community which may discourage participation.

Cllr Kayley agreed to give some financial contribution.

Cllr Fox: BB are well placed to carry out a consultation. The Town Council is asking BB to share the results but stressed that BB would be undertaking this consultation with or without the support of the Town Council.

Decision: Members agreed to endorse Be Buckfastleigh's consultation and make a financial contribution of £250 to assist with the administrative costs on the proviso that they share the results with the Town Council. Proposed by Cllr Patrick who stressed his impartiality in this decision, seconded by Cllr Stokes with all Members in agreement except Cllr Phillips who abstained.

Cllr Bailey arrived at 7.37 pm.

21/105. To approve the original design for the refurbishment of the Teignbridge District Council-owned Furlong Close Play Park, Buckfast:

Members were pleased to note that progress had been made and that TDC had chosen a contractor who is known to the Town Council for their innovative design and use of sustainable materials.

Decision: Cllr Stokes proposed to approve the design. Seconded by Cllr Kohler-Ockmore with all in agreement.

21/106. Chair's Announcements: None

21/107. Councillor updates regarding matters relevant to this meeting:

Cllr Bailey: The new Town Clock fund is underway.

Cllr Patrick: The floodwater river gauge and camera have been repaired.

Cllr Kohler-Ockmore: Complaint that the buses are not turning off their engines whilst waiting by the bus shelter in Woodholme car park. The air quality in this area is already poor due to the A38 which is exacerbated by the fumes from the buses. There is concern regarding the levels of increased chronic illness and lung related diseases within the parish.

Action: Inga to raise with the bus company.

Cllr Kohler-Ockmore offered to follow up use of grant funding – agreed.

21/108 Items requiring Urgent Attention:

Cllr Kohler-Ockmore expressed concern about the continuation of holding outdoor meetings and suggested it was time to return to the Town Hall. The Clerk explained that the Council may need to look at an alternative day to meet due to existing bookings in the Town Hall.

Cllr Bailey offered the use of the meeting room in the football club for a temporary period and it was agreed to use this venue for the August meeting.

21/109. Summary of Key Messages:

- 2 grant awards
- Refurbishment of playpark at Furlong Close, Buckfast
- Be Buckfastleigh consultation support
- TDC Local Plan – Council reviewing it; invite public to comment and include a link

Cllr Phillips left the meeting due to her personal interest in the next item.

The Chair moved the meeting into a Part II session to discuss one item of confidential business.

21/110. Part II (private session)

The meeting returned to Part I and closed at 8.07 pm.