

FULL COUNCIL

26 JULY 2022

Present:

Councillors Austen, Bradford, Bullivant, Clarence (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), Colclough, Connett, Cook, D Cox, H Cox, Daws, Dewhirst, Eden, Evans, Foden, Goodman-Bradbury, Gribble, Hayes, Hocking, J Hook, Jeffery, Jeffries, Keeling, Kerswell, MacGregor, Morgan, Mullone, Nutley, Parker, Patch, J Petherick, L Petherick, Phipps, Purser, Rollason, Russell, Taylor, Thorne, Tume and Wrigley

Apologies:

Councillors Haines, G Hook, Jenks, Khan, Nuttall, Peart and Swain

Officers in Attendance:

Neil Blaney, Head of Place & Commercial Services
David Eaton, Environmental Protection Manager
William Elliott, Climate Change Officer
Martin Flitcroft, Chief Finance Officer & Head of Corporate Services
Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer
Fergus Pate, Principal Delivery Officer
Cathy Ruelens, Electoral Services Manager
Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer
Phil Shears, Managing Director
Graeme Smith, Coastal Officer
Beth Tipton, Administrative Assistant
Paul Woodhead, Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer to the Council

47. CHAIR OF THE MEEITNG

As the Chair had given his apologies Cllr Clarence the Deputy Chair took the Chair.

48. MINUTES

It was proposed by the Leader, seconded by the Executive Member for Recycling, Household Waste and Environmental Health that the minutes be approved.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 24 May 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Deputy Chair.

49. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced the opening of the children's play area at the Den in Teignmouth following a six week makeover and that the refurbishments works were underway at Broadmeadow Sports Centre. He advised he had attended a number of civic events on behalf of the Chair of Council.

The Leader commented that in reply to his letter regarding enabling local authorities to conduct remote and hybrid meetings the Government stated that it would consider its response to the Call for Evidence shortly. He confirmed that the Cost of Living Crisis had been added to the Portfolio for the Executive Member for Homes and Communities.

50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chair reminded members to consider any interests they may have. If they wish to discuss with the Monitoring Officer the meeting could be adjourned.

Cllr Daws declared an interest in respect of minute no.58 as a founding member of community benefit society registered by financial conduct authority called Alexandria Theatre Newton Abbot.

Cllr Bullivant declared an interest in respect of minute no.51 - Shared Prosperity Fund – as a Trustee of the Community Transport Association.

51. SHARED PROSPERITY FUND

The Executive Member for Economy and Jobs presented the report for the approval for a submission of an Investment Plan for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and subsequent implementation of that Plan.

The Executive Member for Economy and Jobs proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by the Executive Member for Homes and Communities and carried.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) The interventions identified at Section 3 of this report for investment through Teignbridge's allocation of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund be approved;
- (2) Delegated authority be given to the Head of Place and Commercial Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy and Jobs and the Executive Member for Communities and IT, to submit a UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan to the Government that reflects the interventions identified at Section 3 of this report; and
- (3) Delegated authority be given to the Head of Place and Commercial Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy and Jobs

and the Executive Member for Communities and IT, to implement the Investment Plan upon it being approved by Government.

52. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS FOR OGWELL, COFFINSWELL AND IDEFORD PARISHES

The Leader proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by Cllr Colclough and carried.

RESOLVED that:-:

- (1) The change of the position of the current boundary between Ogwell and Newton Abbot parishes be approved; and
- (2) The number of members on Coffinswell and Ideford Parish Councils be increased by one each.

53. CARBON ACTION PLAN

The Executive Member for Climate Change, Coastal Protection and Flooding presented the Carbon Action Plan , thanked the Climate Change Officer for all their hard work putting together the Carbon Action Plan and encouraged Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review the plan as it progressed.

The Executive Member for Climate Change, Coastal Protection and Flooding proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by Cllr Macgregor and carried.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) The Carbon Action Plan be approved; and
- (2) The implementation of the Carbon Action Plan be approved.

54. REVISION TO PARAGRAPH 4.26 OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Executive Member for Corporate Services proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by the Leader and carried.

RESOLVED that the proposed changes be approved.

55. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS

The Executive Member for Corporate Services proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by Executive Member for Recycling, Household Waste and Environmental Health and carried.

RESOLVED that the Council appoint Ian Brooking and Ted Butt to serve as Independent Persons for an interim period of no more than six months.

56. RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE 31 MAY 2022 - NOTICE OF MOTION ON BUS ROUTES AND SERVICES

The Executive Member for Homes and Communities presented the recommendation from Executive.

Cllr Foden spoke in support and proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by the Executive Member for Homes and Communities.

The Leader asked that Members email him with details of the bus routes they have concerns around and he would include in his correspondence which he would also copy to the local Members of Parliament.

RESOLVED that Full Council:-

Thank Devon County Council and Stagecoach for the notice in change in bus services, which various routes throughout Teignbridge, serving Dawlish, Dawlish Warren, Starcross, Exminster, Chudleigh, Newton Abbot, Kingsteignton, Bovey Tracey, and Teignmouth. We ask Devon County Council to urgently explore options for a transport for Devon organisation to improve public transport and ticketing and reduce costs.

Please can there be reassurance that at the first opportunity:-

- (1) That every effort be made to increase the frequency of services from Exeter to Newton Abbot via Exminster, Dawlish, and Teignmouth, including every 20 minutes or adding express routes during peak times.
- (2) To increase the frequency of services between Dawlish Warren and Teignmouth during the holiday season.
- (3) Where Stagecoach have taken over from Country Bus on bus routes, eg. in Ide, Dunchideock and Teign Valley, that the bus fares remain consistent with the pricing structure for other Stagecoach bus routes and every opportunity be taken to improve frequency of rural bus routes.
- (4) At this time of climate crisis, and petrol price increases, and increasing house-building (therefore increasing population and increasing car use) in the Parishes of Exminster, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Kingsteignton, Newton Abbot, Chudleigh, Bovey Tracey, and other villages in Teignbridge; the Council request the efforts of Devon County Council and Stagecoach for improved public transport and increased frequency of bus services in order to cut carbon emissions by reducing private car use and thereby easing traffic congestions, and to help people cut their individual carbon footprints; and

The Council ask that the Leader of this Council write to Devon County Council and Stagecoach Devon to declare this Notice of Motion.

The vote was unanimous.

57. RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE 4 JULY 2022 - NOTICE OF MOTION - OCEAN AND COASTAL RECOVERY DECLARATION

The Executive Member for Climate Change, Coastal Protection and Flooding proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by Executive Member for Recycling, Household Waste and Environmental Health.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) A report be brought to Full Council within 6 months on the actions and projects that will begin an ocean recovery in Teignbridge;
- (2) Embed ocean recovery in all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to decisions by the Council (particularly in planning, regeneration, skills and economic policy), aligning with climate and ecological emergency plans;
- (3) Ensure that the Local Plan supports ocean recovery, and the health of our coastal environments both naturally and socio-economically;
- (4) Work with partners locally and nationally to deliver increased sustainability in local marine industries and support investment in the development of a sustainable and equitable blue economy, including the local fishing industry and the vital work of 3 relevant partners, including Devon & Severn IFCA, the Environment Agency and Marine Management Organisation;
- (5) Create an online portal of the Council website to update on ocean recovery progress, signpost to ocean literacy development opportunities, and marine citizenship pledges;
- (6) Write to South West Water to request details of their urgent and revised plans to eradicate the practice of sewage discharges to rivers and coastal waters around Teignbridge;
- (7) Work where possible with South West Water, the Environment Agency, Catchment and Coastal Partnerships, developers and other agencies to combat threats to the quality of water being discharged into the rivers and coastal waters around Teignbridge;
- (8) Call on government to:
 - A. Set meaningful targets and deadlines for water companies to end sewage discharges and introduce a Sewage Tax on water companies' profits to fund the clean-up of waterways.
 - B. Reduce the number of licences given to water companies permitting them to discharge sewage into rivers.
 - C. Strengthen Ofwat's powers to monitor the annual financial plans and reports of the water companies in order to compel them to

achieve a fair and transparent balance between consumer prices, shareholder dividend, staff remuneration and ongoing long-term investment in storm water infrastructure.

- D. Add local environmental groups onto water companies' boards.
- E. Promote a public benefit company model for water companies, so that particular economic and environmental policy objectives must be considered explicitly in the running of the companies.
- F. Work with local authorities to ensure water companies protect our rivers and seas by:
 - i. Water companies being required to invest upfront in sewerage infrastructure to reflect environmental objectives in Local Plans and planning applications.
 - ii. Identify powers of local authorities under the statutory duty to promote wellbeing of the area and provide councils with the funding to meet this duty.
 - iii. Cease making cuts to Environment Agency funding and ensure that it has enough staff to significantly improve its monitoring of the threats of inadequate storm-water infrastructure and pollution from sewage and agricultural nitrates;

(9) Further call on the Government to put the ocean into net recovery by 2030 by:

- A. Ensuring Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities have the resources they need to effectively research and monitor our growing number of marine protected areas, and to set and enforce appropriate fishing levels that support local economies and deliver environmental sustainability.
- B. Incorporating social scientific evidence and lived experience to improve community co- production of policy and develop more effective and equitable solutions.
- C. Listening to marine scientific advice to update the Marine Policy Statement and produce a national Ocean Recovery Strategy which will:
 - i. Enable the recovery of marine ecosystems rather than managing degraded or altered habitats in their reduced state.
 - ii. Consider levelling up, marine conservation, energy, industrial growth, flood and coastal erosion risk management, climate adaptation and fisheries policy holistically rather than as competing interests.
 - iii. Develop a smarter approach to managing the health of the entire ocean that moves beyond Marine Protected Areas and enables links to be made across sectors towards sustainability.
 - iv. Establish improved processes for understanding the benefits from ocean management, leaving no doubt the links between this and human lives, livelihoods, and wellbeing.
- D. Recognising the value of, and contribute resourcing towards, multi-agency Integrated Coastal Management Partnerships which operate at the local geographic level and are able to respond to

issues and opportunities which effect the local maritime environment and adjacent communities.

The vote was unanimous.

58. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Daws left the meeting before consideration of this item.

The Leader presented his Notice of Motion to review of the affordability of the agreed Future High Street Fund projects and the options for the Alexandra Cinema/Theatre building.

The Leader proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by the Executive Member for Recycling, Household Waste and Environmental Health.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr Patch that the following be added to the end of recommendation 6 *'with particular consideration of the Jeremy Newcombe Plan and the retention of the wall'*, and remove *"The cost-of-living crisis and the expected national economic situation are such that Council believes these establish a compelling case for review as set out above"*. This was seconded by Cllr Bradford put to the vote and lost.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and it was:-

RESOLVED that Council instructs officers to:

1. Commission such external professional advice as is necessary to provide a detailed report to the next Council meeting on the costs of the Future High Street Fund projects and projections over the period to planned delivery.
2. Continue discussions with the Government (including the Member of Parliament for Newton Abbot) to extend the period in which the £9.2m Future High Street Funds can be used and to;
3. Negotiate with Government for a variation in the approved Future High Street programme, which allows the council to respond more flexibly to local needs and minimises exposure to potentially rising construction costs.

And also to:

4. Review proposals for the existing Market Hall in order to improve the market offer to draw in new traders and more customers.
5. Commission a season of 'street performances' to help draw more people into town.
6. To consider afresh options for the Alexandra Cinema/Theatre building.

59. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Members questions and responses attached to the agenda.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 2.47 pm.

Chair