

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF KINGSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, QUAY HOUSE AT 6.00 p.m. ON TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2012

Present: Cllr Irene Jeeninga (Chairman)
Cllr Anne Balkwill
Cllr John Binns
Cllr Rufus Gilbert
Cllr Wayne Grills
Cllr Steve Sidney
Cllr Keith Wingate

In Attendance: County Cllr Julian Brazil
Ian Gibson, Salcombe Harbour Master
Martin Johnson, Town Clerk

12/85 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Julie Barnettt, Bob Freeman, Robin Griffin, Mark Thompson and Beryl Washington and Philip Yates.

Public Open Forum

There were no members of public present.

12/86 URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr Jeeninga proposed one item of Urgent Business to be taken at agenda item 12/89: "Burger Van – Lower Union Road Car Park".

12/87 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Grills declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 12/89.

12/88 KINGSBRIDGE – FUTURE BERTHING OPTIONS

Cllr Jeeninga invited Ian Gibson, Salcombe Harbour Master, to report on progress regarding future berthing options in Kingsbridge. The Harbour Master reported that a public consultation on 3 options had closed on 21 September 2012. Feedback had been received and considered from 42 respondents: one had proposed the estuary be returned to nature, 4 had supported Option 1 (retention of current arrangements for 130 berths), 2 supported Option 2 (124 berths), 20 supported Option 3 (148 berths), and 15 supported change but had proposed alternative arrangements. Kingsbridge Town Council (KTC) and Kingsbridge Estuary Boat Club (KEBC) fell into the latter category and a Harbour Board Working Group held on 11 October 2012, which had included Cllr Binns, had determined that such large groups could not be ignored. Therefore a revised proposal had been produced, which addressed most issues raised in the public consultation, to retain at the top of the estuary: access for the Kingsbridge-Salcombe passenger ferry, an area of water free from boats, and a good view facing south. The proposal would remove the existing residents' pontoon, remove wall moorings/ladders, and replace with a 132 berth pontoon with improved

access via bridge and greater security. Visitor berthing would be increased from 25m to 75m; the existing visitors' pontoon could either be removed or retained for recreational activity. Eleven hardwood piles would be required. KEBC had already sighted the proposal and supported it. If KTC also supported the proposal then it would be received by Salcombe Harbour Board on 12 November 2012 for approval (meeting to be held in Quay House). If supported by the Harbour Board it was intended to gain a contract subject to planning; it was acknowledged that minor changes may be required during the planning process. Members agreed that the proposal incorporated KTC's findings from the public consultation and considered it to be 'a Kingsbridge solution' for current issues. It was **RESOLVED** to support a revised proposal for 132 pontoon berths, with additional visitor berths, to provide improvements to berthing arrangements in the Kingsbridge Basin.

Members further considered that new facilities would bring up the standard of some boats which were currently unsatisfactory; notwithstanding that they were probably seaworthy. The Harbour Master reported that a maintenance regime would be operated e.g. power washing of pontoons.

**12/89 BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN:
BURGER VAN – LOWER UNION ROAD CAR PARK**

SHDC had received an application from a caterer wishing to use 2 bays in Lower Union Road Car Park to trade from on a Saturday evening. A licence would be required via a full application process. District Councillors wished to glean the considerations of KTC before progressing any further. Members considered that a burger bar:

- may affect current takeaway food outlets in Mill Street,
- would prove a negative impact for local residents i.e. noise and litter,
- would conduct the majority of its business in the early hours of the morning as patrons were leaving Coast nightclub (which had its own food bar),
- would encourage club patrons to hang around rather than early dispersal,
- may encourage taxis to congregate with engines running, and
- overall would not be of any significant benefit for the local community.

It was **RESOLVED** to not support a proposal to locate a catering van in Lower Union Road Car Park.

County Cllr Brazil entered the Chamber and was appraised of business.

12/90 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

There were no questions for the Chairman.

The meeting closed at 6.40 p.m.

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