

**CAMBORNE TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL 13TH OCTOBER 2016**

MINUTES of the meeting of Camborne Town Council held in Room GW03 (Ground Floor West 03), Cornwall Council One Stop Shop, Dolcoath Avenue, Camborne on Thursday 13th October 2016 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT Councillor V Dalley Chairman
Councillor C Godolphin Vice Chairman
Councillor D Atherfold
Councillor M Brown
Councillor T Chalker
Councillor M Champion
Councillor J Collins
Councillor T Dalley
Councillor Ms Z Fox
Councillor J E Gillingham
Councillor Ms J Merrick until point mentioned
Councillor S Odgers
Councillor Ms J Robinson
Councillor R Webber
Councillor G Winter from point mentioned

In Attendance: Amanda Mugford, Town Clerk; Melanie Negus, Administrative Assistant, four members of the public, two members of Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service, and a member of the press.

The Chairman explained the safety procedures to all present.

C.3741 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

C.3741.2 RESOLVED: that the apologies from Councillors Krey, Teixeira and Winter for non-attendance at the meeting of the Full Council held on 13th October 2016 were received

Proposed by Councillor Odgers
Seconded by Councillor Champion

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

There were no apologies submitted from Councillor Sanders

C.3742 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events attended by the Mayor representing the Council were as follows:

- 14th September Wreath laying at Battle of Britain Commemoration Service at Illogan Church.
- 18th September Civic Service at Camborne Church.
- 23rd September Open Day at Deaf Centre.
- 25th September Falmouth Mayor's Civic Service.
- 30th September Dave Summers' Retirement Presentation.

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The Mayor informed members that her Civic Service had been very successful, and thanked all who had attended.

The Town Clerk informed members that the next meeting of the Public Estates and Devolution Working Party had been re-scheduled to the 27th October at 10.30am.

Councillor Winter entered the meeting at 6.36pm.

The Deputy Mayor expressed his disappointment that not more Councillors had attended the Camborne Mayor's Civic Service.

C.3743 MEMBERS TO DECLARE DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON REGISTERABLE INTERESTS (INCLUDING THE DETAILS THEREOF) IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA INCLUDING ANY GIFTS OR HOSPITALITY EXCEEDING £25

Councillor Odgers informed members that as he was Vice President of Camborne Rugby Club and there was an agenda item relating to the Rugby Ground, he had contacted Simon Mansell the Monitoring Officer for advice. Simon Mansell informed him that his interest in the Rugby Club was not pecuniary or non-registerable therefore he was entitled to speak and vote.

C.3744 TO APPROVE WRITTEN REQUEST(S) FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensation requests.

C.3745 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SUBJECT TO STANDING ORDER 90 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE PERMITTED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS AND GIVE EVIDENCE IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF FIFTEEN MINUTES)

A member of Camborne RFC informed members that he had recently been appointed Club President and had not been privy to previous discussions. Attendance numbers at the ground were at the highest for 20 years and the club was doing well. No major works had been done on the ground for 30 years and 3 years ago the maintenance of the ground had reverted back to the club. The cost to maintain the ground over the next 15 years was estimated at £100,000.

Whilst the Club's preferred option would be that the Town Council acquired the freehold of the ground; a long term lease would allow the club to apply for various grants to help with the upkeep. With less than 20 years remaining on the lease acquiring grant funding was difficult.

The Town Clerk informed members of the five yearly rent increases at market rental value applicable to the present lease agreement.

A member of the public questioned why Cornwall Council had allowed permissions for two sports stadiums in Truro but seemed intent on taking Camborne's away.

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He also referred to item 22 on the agenda stating his disapproval at the proposed motion by Councillor Atherfold that members do not stand when speaking at Full Council meetings. He felt that Councillors standing when speaking enabled the members of the public to hear better and to identify the speaker; furthermore as a quality Council it was respectful to all present to stand when addressing the room.

C.3746 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON THE 8TH SEPTEMBER 2016 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

C.3746.2 RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on the 8th September 2016 with minor typo amendments, were received, approved and signed by the Chairman

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Dalley
Seconded by Councillor Godolphin

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a Majority.

C.3747 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

i) Planning & Development Committee 20th September 2016

C.3747.2 RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee held on the 20th September 2016 were received

Proposed by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Councillor Chalker

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

ii) Finance and General Purpose Committee 22nd September 2016

C.3747.3 RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee held on the 22nd September 2016 were received

Proposed by Councillor Webber
Seconded by Councillor Odgers

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a Majority.

iii) Staffing Committee 2nd September 2016

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C.3747.4 RESOLVED: **that the minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on the 2nd September 2016 were received**

Proposed by Councillor Odgers
Seconded by Councillor Godolphin

On a vote being taken matter was approved unanimously.

iv) Staffing Committee 21st September 2016

C.3747.5 RESOLVED: **that the minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on the 21st September 2016 were received**

Proposed by Councillor Odgers
Seconded by Councillor Godolphin

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a Majority.

v) Public Estates and Devolution Working Party 10th October 2016

C.3747.6 RESOLVED: **that the minutes of the meeting of the Public Estates and Devolution Working Party held on the 10th October 2016 were received**

Proposed by Councillor Webber
Seconded by Councillor Mrs Dalley

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.3748 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF

i) Camborne Regeneration Forum 4th July 2016

C.3748.2 RESOLVED: **that the minutes of the meeting of the Camborne Regeneration Forum held on the 4th July 2016 were noted**

Proposed by Councillor Godolphin
Seconded by Councillor Odgers

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

ii) Camborne Regeneration Forum 5th September 2016

C.3748.3 RESOLVED: **that the minutes of the meeting of the Camborne Regeneration Forum held on the 5th September 2016 were noted**

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Proposed by Councillor Godolphin
Seconded by Councillor Odgers

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

iii) Camborne Partner Meeting 8th September 2016

C.3748.4 RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Camborne Partner Meeting held on the 8th September 2016 were noted

Proposed by Councillor Odgers
Seconded by Councillor Winter

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.3749 MATTERS ARISING, FOR INFORMATION ONLY, WHERE NOT INCLUDED BELOW

There were no matters arising.

C.3750 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF WHICH PRIOR NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

There were no questions from members.

C.3751 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CORNWALL FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

C.3751.2 RESOLVED: to defer this agenda item until later in the meeting to allow for the arrival of the Fire and Rescue Service

Proposed by Councillor Webber
Seconded by Councillor Mrs Dalley

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.3752 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT 2017/18, CONSULTATION ON THE EXTENSION OF REFERENDUM PRINCIPLES TO LOCAL COUNCILS AND AGREE ANY ACTION

The Town Clerk informed members of the importance of the Local Government Finance Settlement Consultation Paper. The intention to extend the referendum thresholds would be extremely detrimental to the Town Council in light of the devolution of services by Cornwall Council. The expenditure resulting from taking over assets from Cornwall Council could be considerably more in the second year than the first. The implementation of a referendum on precept increases over 2% could result in the Town Council not being able to improve services as was its aim.

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Town and Parish Councils did not receive funding from Central Government and Camborne Town Council was not entitled to a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL); the Town Council's main income was the precept.

Councillor Webber was concerned that extending referendum principles could result in devolution costs being exaggerated and the precept being increased by more than necessary. Councillor Ms Robinson emphasised that Town and Parish Councillors lived and worked in close proximity to their communities and were, therefore, more directly accountable. The proposals appeared to be the opposite of Localism.

- C.3752.2 RESOLVED:** **that the Town Council's response to question 4 in the Local Government Finance Settlement 2017/18, consultation on the extension of referendum principles to local councils 'Do you agree that the referendum principles should be extended to larger, higher-spending town and parish Councils in 2017/18 as set out in paragraphs 3.3.3 to 3.3.4?' was; NO**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Dalley
Seconded by Councillor Ms Fox

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

- C.3752.3 RESOLVED:** **that the Town Council's response to question 5 in the Local Government Finance Settlement 2017/18, consultation on the extension of referendum principles to local councils 'Do you agree with the proposed approach to take account of the transfer of responsibilities to town and parish councils as outlined in in paragraph 3.3.5?' was; NO**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Dalley
Seconded by Councillor Ms Robinson

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

- C.3752.4 RESOLVED:** **that the Town Council's response to question 6 in the Local Government Finance Settlement 2017/18, consultation on the extension of referendum principles to local councils 'Do you agree with the suggestion that the referendum principles may be extended to all local precepting**

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authorities as set out in paragraph
3.3.6?' was; NO**

Proposed by Councillor Ms Fox
Seconded by Councillor Odgers

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

- C.3752.5 RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response to question 7 in the Local Government Finance Settlement 2017/18, consultation on the extension of referendum principles to local councils 'Do you have views on the practical implications of a possible extension of referendum principles to all local precepting authorities as set out in paragraphs 3.3.7?' was; that the Town Clerk draft a letter with members views, for approval of the Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Proposed by Councillor Odgers
Seconded by Councillor Ms Robinson

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.3753 TO APPROVE A CAMBORNE TOWN COUNCIL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- C.3753.2 RESOLVED: that the Camborne Town Council Investment Strategy was approved**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Dalley
Seconded by Councillor Godolphin

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.3754 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL REGARDING:

- i) THE DEVOLUTION OF GREEN SPACES AND CAMBORNE RECREATION GROUND**
- ii) THE DEVOLUTION OF GREEN SPACES – INVASIVE SPECIES**

- C.3754.2 RESOLVED: that correspondence from Cornwall Council regarding the devolution of green spaces and Camborne Recreation Ground was received**

Proposed by Councillor Godolphin
Seconded by Councillor Ms Fox

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On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

- C.3754.3 RESOLVED:** **that correspondence from Cornwall Council regarding the devolution of green spaces – invasive species was received**

Proposed by Councillor Ms Fox
Seconded by Councillor Odgers

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

- C.3755 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ESTATES AND DEVOLUTION WORKING PARTY REGARDING THE GREEN SPACES DEVOLUTION PACKAGE**

- C.3755.2 RESOLVED:** **that the recommendation of the Public Estates and Devolution Working Party PEDWP.63.2 'that Camborne Town Council takes on the land at the Meneth Road (UPRN13462 and UPRN13618) subject to being on one title with the adjoining land and sight of the existing lease with the Scouts'; was approved**

Proposed by Councillor Ms Fox
Seconded by Councillor Webber

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a Majority.

Two members of the Fire and Rescue Service entered the meeting at 7.30pm.

Members discussed the Town Council's position regarding the Recreation Ground at length, the issues discussed were:

- The freehold of all green spaces as a package.
- The implications of accepting a 99 year lease.
- Registering the Recreation Ground as a Field in Trust.
- The work put in to the petition to try to secure the freehold.
- The past gifting of the land to the people of Camborne.
- The discussions at a meeting held between CC Portfolio Holder, Cornwall Councillors and the Rugby Club representatives.
- Cornwall Council separating the rugby pitch from the Recreation Ground.
- Cornwall Council's previous offer of shared ownership.
- The problems still to be resolved regarding all but one of the other green spaces in the devolution package, knotweed etc.
- The future security of the land and 99 year lease, should Cornwall Council sell the land in the future.

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- C.3755.3 RESOLVED:** **that the recommendation of the Public Estates and Devolution Working Party PEDWP.64.2 'that Camborne Town Council moves as soon as possible to secure the green spaces devolution package, accepts the freehold transfer of the park section and 99 year leasehold of the rugby pitch section of Camborne Recreation Ground and continues to pursue, in the future, the freehold transfer of the rugby section'; was approved**

Proposed by Councillor Ms Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Ms Merrick

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a Majority.

Councillor Godolphin asked for a recorded vote.
Councillors FOR the motion were: Atherfold, Brown, Collins, Dalley, Mrs Dalley, Ms Fox, Gillingham, Ms Merrick, Odgers, Ms Robinson, Webber and Winter.
Councillors AGAINST the motion were: Chalker, Champion and Godolphin.

Councillor Merrick and three members of the public left the meeting at 7.51pm.

- C.3755.4 RESOLVED:** **that the recommendation of the Public Estates and Devolution Working Party PEDWP.64.3 'that the use of Section 106 funding and management of any projects for green spaces in the Camborne parish should be led by Camborne Town Council post devolution'; was approved**

Proposed by Councillor Webber
Seconded by Councillor Ms Fox

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

- C.3755.5 RESOLVED:** **that the recommendation of the Public Estates and Devolution Working Party PEDWP.64.4 'that Camborne Town Council requests that Cornwall Council dedicates the rugby pitch section of Camborne Recreation Ground as a Field in Trust for the term of the 99 year lease'; was approved**

Proposed by Councillor Odgers
Seconded by Councillor Godolphin

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On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.3756 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PUBLIC ESTATES AND DEVOLUTION WORKING PARTY REGARDING THE PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY BUILDING AND LIBRARY SERVICE IN CAMBORNE

- C.3756.2 RESOLVED:** **that the recommendation of the Public Estates and Devolution Working Party PEDWP.64.4 'that Camborne Town Council should aspire to provide a changing places facility at Camborne library and works with the architects for the achievement of this aim'; was approved**

Proposed by Councillor Ms Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Odgers

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

The member of the press left the meeting at 7.54pm.
Councillor Dalley left the room at 7.56 and re-entered at 8pm.

C.3757 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CORNWALL FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

The Fire Officer reported that there had been 160 calls to the centre in the last three months of which 57 were for the Camborne area; 23 were fires, 28 false alarms, 5 special service calls, and 1 malicious call. They had attended twenty six community events to deliver fire safety advice and had carried out a number of home safety checks visits.

- C.3757.2 RESOLVED:** **that a report from Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service was received**

Proposed by Councillor Godolphin
Seconded by Councillor Mrs Dalley

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.3758 TO AUTHORISE THE TOWN CLERK TO LIAISE WITH 3HW IN THE ASSESSMENT OF TENDERS FOR THE PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY BUILDING

- C.3758.2 RESOLVED:** **that the Town Clerk liaise with 3HW in the assessment of tenders for the Passmore Edwards Library building; was authorised**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Dalley
Seconded by Councillor Godolphin

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On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.3759 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE THAT THERE BE A FULL REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S STAFFING STRUCTURE TO INCLUDE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOLLOWING AGREEMENT OF BOTH THE LIBRARY DEVOLUTION AND GREEN SPACES DEVOLUTION PACKAGES (S.39.7)

- C.3759.2 RESOLVED:** that the recommendation of the Staffing Committee (S.39.7) 'that there be a full review of the Council's staffing structure to include roles and responsibilities following agreement of both the Library devolution and green spaces devolution packages'; was approved

Proposed by Councillor Odgers
Seconded by Councillor Ms Fox

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.3760 TO RECEIVE A PERFORMANCE REPORT FROM CORNWALL FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ON PUBLIC REALM CCTV IN CAMBORNE AND AGREE ANY ACTION

Members commented that the incidents recorded appeared quite high. The Town Clerk informed members that there were figures missing from the report as not all the towns in the scheme had CCTV monitoring up and running yet.

- C.3760.2 RESOLVED:** that a Performance Report from Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service on Public Realm CCTV in Camborne was received. The number of incidents recorded to be addressed by members at a future meeting of the Police Liaison Group to attempt to seek a solution

Proposed by Councillor Webber
Seconded by Councillor Odgers

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.3761 TO RECEIVE THE LAND REGISTRY COMPLETION OF REGISTRATION FOR LAND AT COMMERCIAL SQUARE, CAMBORNE (THE FOUNTAIN)

- C.3761.2 RESOLVED:** that the Land Registry completion of registration for Land at Commercial Square, Camborne (The Fountain), was received

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Proposed by Councillor Webber
Seconded by Councillor Mrs Dalley

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.3762 TO APPROVE A MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ATHERFOLD THAT:

'TO NO LONGER MAKE IT A REQUIREMENT WHEN COUNCILLORS WISH TO SPEAK AT COUNCIL TO STAND. THE REASONS ARE

- i) IT IS NO LONGER PRACTICAL FOR MANY COUNCIL MEMBERS DUE TO MEDICAL REASONS;**
- ii) IT STIFLES DEBATE AND PROLONGS MEETINGS**

(STANDING ORDER 49 'MEMBERS AND OFFICERS SHALL STAND WHEN SPEAKING UNLESS PERMITTED BY THE CHAIRMAN TO SIT, OR ON THE ACCOUNT OF INFIRMITY' ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING.)

The motion proposed by Councillor Atherfold, seconded by Councillor Chalker fell on the vote of, four FOR the motion, eleven AGAINST.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.....

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