

Meeting Minutes

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MINUTES:

of the meeting of Camborne Town Council held in The Council Chamber, The Passmore Edwards Building, The Cross, Cross Street, Camborne, TR14 8HA on Thursday 9th January 2020 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor D Wilkins	Chairman
Councillor Mrs V Dalley	Vice-Chairman
Councillor D Atherfold	
Councillor JP Collins	
Councillor T Dalley	
Councillor Ms Z Fox	
Councillor C Godolphin	
Councillor R Goodman	
Councillor V Kelynack	
Councillor L Lemon	
Councillor J Morgan	
Councillor Ms M Pearce	
Councillor S Weedon	
Councillor M Williams	
Councillor G Winter	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sarah Mason, Cornwall Association of Local Councils, (Clerk of the Meeting); Samantha Hughes, Acting Deputy Town Clerk; Janet Ritchie, Committee Support Officer; Rose Hitchens-Todd, Engagement Officer; one member of the public.

The Chairman explained the safety procedures to all present.

C.4767 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

C.4767.2 RESOLVED: that the apologies from Councillor Herd for non-attendance at the meeting of the Full Council held on 9th January 2020 were received

Proposed by Councillor Winter
Seconded by Councillor Atherfold

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.4768

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Events attended by the Mayor representing the Town Council were:
13th December : Carol Service, St Petroc's Society, Truro Cathedral.
- Events attended by the Deputy Mayor representing the Town Council were:
7th December : Sponsors' Lunch at Camborne RFC;
13th December : Carol Service, St Petroc's Society, Truro Cathedral.
- The Chairman informed members that a Friends of Trevithick Day group was being launched and that commemorative pins would be available for supporters.

C.4769

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

There were no declarations of interest.

C.4770

TO APPROVE WRITTEN REQUEST(S) FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no written requests.

C.4771

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON 5TH DECEMBER 2019 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

C.4771.2

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 5th December 2019 were received, approved and signed by the Chairman

Proposed by Councillor Wilkins
Seconded by Councillor Mrs V Dalley

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.4772

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

i) Planning & Development Committee 3rd December 2019;

C.4772.2

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Planning & Development Committee meeting held on 3rd December 2019 were received

Proposed by Councillor Ms Fox
Seconded by Councillor Godolphin

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

ii) Finance & General Purpose Committee 28th November 2019;

C.4772.3

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Finance & General Purpose Committee meeting held on 28th November 2019 were received

Proposed by Councillor Winter
Seconded by Councillor Wilkins

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

iii) Staffing Committee 18th December 2019;

C.4772.4

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 18th December 2019 were received

Proposed by Councillor Mrs V Dalley
Seconded by Councillor Wilkins

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

iv) Staffing Committee (redacted) 18th December 2019;

C.4772.5

RESOLVED: that the redacted minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 18th December 2019 were received

Proposed by Councillor Mrs V Dalley
Seconded by Councillor Wilkins

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

v) Finance & General Purpose Committee 18th December 2019;

C.4772.6

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Finance & General Purpose Committee meeting held on 18th December 2019 were received

Proposed by Councillor Winter
Seconded by Councillor Atherfold

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

The Chairman took agenda items 8(i) – 8(iii) en bloc.

C.4773 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF

- i) Camborne, Pool, Illogan and Redruth Community Network Meeting, 12th November 2019;
- ii) Mineral Trails Forum Meeting, 4th December 2019;
- iii) Neighbourhood Plan Meeting 10th December 2019;

C.4773.2 RESOLVED: that the minutes of (i) the Camborne, Pool, Illogan and Redruth Community Network meeting held on 12th November 2019, (ii) the Mineral Trails Forum Meeting held on 4th December 2019 and (iii) the Neighbourhood Plan Meeting held on 10th December 2019 were noted

Proposed by Councillor Wilkins
Seconded by Councillor Mrs V Dalley

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.4774 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES, FOR INFORMATION ONLY, WHERE NOT INCLUDED BELOW

Councillor Williams commented on the amount of paper required to print the minutes of outside organisations, which would be negated when all members had their iPADS.

Councillor Winter informed members that the minutes of the first Climate Change CPIR Network Meeting would be available imminently and that he would be attending the group's second meeting.

C.4775 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)

There were no comments from the public.

C.4776 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY TOWN CLERK REGARDING THE REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2020/2021 AND THREE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN

The Acting Deputy Town Clerk advised that allowance had been made in the budget for capital purchases, to preserve this Council's Earmarked Reserves. All committees had made their recommendations, which represented an 8.6% overall increase in the Precept.

The Acting Deputy Town Clerk commended the Revenue Budget and three-year financial plan to the Council for approval and invited members' comments.

Concern was expressed that this Council could experience long-term vulnerability if it continued to take on assets from Cornwall Council, requiring significant financial input.

Mrs Hughes informed members that this Council was negotiating an agreement with Cornwall Council for new green spaces, to include a lump sum towards their ongoing maintenance.

Councillor Winter commended the Finance & Administration Officer on her report and recommended that this Council approved the budget for 2020/2021.

C.4776.2 RESOLVED: that a report from the Acting Deputy Town Clerk regarding the revenue budget for 2020/2021 and three year financial plan was received

Proposed by Councillor Winter
Seconded by Councillor T Dalley

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

The Chairman brought forward agenda item 13.

C.4777 TO SET THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/21

The budget was set as recommended, as it had been approved by all committees.

C.4777.2 RESOLVED: that the budget was set as £1,246,308.00 for the Fiscal Year 2020/21

Proposed by Councillor Mrs V Dalley
Seconded by Councillor Wilkins

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.4778 TO RECEIVE THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS AND REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2020/2021 FROM THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AND TO SET A PRECEPT TO CORNWALL COUNCIL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021

C.4778.2 RESOLVED: that the budget recommendations and revenue budget for 2020/2021 from the Finance & General Purposes Committee were received and that the Precept was set at £1,234.869.00

Proposed by Councillor Winter
Seconded by Councillor Collins

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.4779 **TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL REGARDING THE AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF LIBRARY SERVICE DEED OF VARIATION AND AGREE ACTION**

The Acting Deputy Town Clerk advised that this Deed of Variation allowed for a small change in Library hours, which this Council was already providing.

C.4779.2 **RESOLVED: that correspondence from Cornwall Council regarding the agreement for the provision of Library Service Deed of Variation was received and approved**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs V Dalley
Seconded by Councillor Winter

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.4780 **TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REGARDING CORNWALL COUNCIL'S WASTE COLLECTION AND CLEANSING CONTRACT AND DEVOLVED SITES, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE**

A short discussion took place on the provision of Waste Collection and Cleansing Services to this Council.

C.4780.2 **RESOLVED: that correspondence from Cornwall Council Environmental Services regarding Cornwall Council's Waste Collection and Cleansing Contract and devolved sites was received and that (i) Cornwall Council was asked to continue providing waste and cleansing services from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 and (ii) this Council obtained quotations from potential contractors to provide these services for the period 1st April 2021 onwards**

Proposed by Councillor Winter
Seconded by Councillor Lemon

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.4781 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATED BANKING & INVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR DECEMBER 2019 – MARCH 2021 AND AGREE ACTION**

The Acting Deputy Town Clerk informed members that the document had been updated to provide the cover that was required for audit purposes and to supply additional information necessary to comply with Freedom of Information requirements.

C.4781.2 RESOLVED: that an updated Banking & Investment Strategy for December 2019 – March 2021 was received and approved

Proposed by Councillor Goodman
Seconded by Councillor Williams

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.4782 TO RECEIVE A LONG TERM PLAN UPDATE 3RD DECEMBER 2019 FROM CORNWALL AND ISLES OF SCILLY HEALTH & CARE PARTNERSHIP AND AGREE ACTION

C.4782.2 RESOLVED: that a Long Term Plan Update 3rd December 2019 from Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Health & Care Partnership was received and noted

Proposed by Councillor Ms Fox
Seconded by Councillor Collins

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.4783 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM JEN ANDREWS OF NEWQUAY ORCHARD REGARDING GROW WORKS COURSES, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE

Newquay Orchard's Grow Works Scheme was an initiative set up to help those currently not in work to learn basic growing skills, which would be useful in seeking employment. The six-week courses were scheduled to run until December 2020 and required venues with outdoor areas, an example being the Library courtyard.

Discussion took place on the practicalities of using this space to host the scheme and although members welcomed the initiative, concern was expressed that the courtyard area was too small for the purpose and might exclude this Council's own library and community events being held there as well.

Suggestions were considered regarding alternative venues.

C.4783.2 RESOLVED: that correspondence from Jen Andrews of Newquay Orchard regarding Grow Works courses was received and supported but due to lack of space at the

Passmore Edwards building this Council directs Grow Works to apply to the Allotment Association or the Community Centre

Proposed by Councillor Ms Fox
Seconded by Councillor Kelynack

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.4784 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM SLCC REGARDING THE OFFICIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE AND AGREE ACTION

A short discussion took place regarding the protocol that should be followed by this Council and the preparation that was required.

The Clerk of the Meeting suggested that this Council delegated authority to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk to make arrangements for this Council in line with national guidelines at the appropriate time.

C.4784.2 RESOLVED: that information from SLCC regarding the official arrangements for Operation London Bridge was received and that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk were given delegated authority and a budget of £250 to make arrangements on behalf of the Town Council, in line with national guidelines

Proposed by Councillor Kelynack
Seconded by Councillor Ms Pearce

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.4785 TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (NALC): "STRENGTHENING POLICE POWERS TO TACKLE UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS" AND AGREE ACTION

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) was carrying out a consultation on behalf of the Home Office to investigate public opinion on criminalising the act of trespass and increasing police powers to deal with trespassers. It was requesting the views of this Council. In response to a consultation in April 2018, NALC had provided a series of pointers, to act as a steer in guiding the new response.

The Clerk of the Meeting advised that as NALC was the stakeholder in a Government-initiated survey, members could respond directly in a individual capacity, but if this Council preferred to respond collectively to NALC it must must agree a single point of view.

A robust discussion took place and the following concerns were raised:

- New legislation could compromise the human rights of minority groups;
- Lack of police resources was escalating the problem;
- The act of criminalisation could have repercussions;
- Decisions were being made based on prejudice instead of research into the problem.

C.4785.2

RESOLVED: that a briefing from National Association of Local Councils (NALC): "Strengthening Police Powers to Tackle Unauthorised Encampments" and agree action, was received and that (i) this Council does not support the criminalisation of unauthorised encampments and (ii) this Council writes to NALC informing that it does not accept their guidelines and provides evidence, presented by Councillor Ms Fox, that the problem has arisen from lack of site provision

Proposed by Councillor Ms Fox
Seconded by Councillor Lemon

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a majority. (Six votes in favour, six against, three abstentions). The Chairman used his casting vote in support of Councillor Ms Fox's proposal.

No vote was taken on a proposal made by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Morgan, to support NALC's steering guidelines.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.24 pm.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.....

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