

Meeting Minutes

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MINUTES:

of the Extra-ordinary meeting of Camborne Town Council held in GW03 Meeting Room, Cornwall Council Dolcoath Offices, Dolcoath Avenue, Camborne, TR14 8SX on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 at 6 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor Ms Z Fox	Chairman
Councillor M Champion	Vice Chairman
Councillor J P Collins	
Councillor R Congdon	from point mentioned
Councillor J Cosgrove	
Councillor Mrs V Dalley	
Councillor C Godolphin	
Councillor C Lawrence	
Councillor L McDonald	
Councillor N Miles	
Councillor P Mills	
Councillor S Weedon	from point mentioned
Councillor M Williams	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Samantha Hughes, Town Clerk; and Melanie Negus, Administrative Support Officer; Alicia Jouvenaar, Engagement Assistant; and two members of the public.

C.5383 SAFETY PROCEDURES

The Chairman explained the safety procedures to all present.

C.5384 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

C.5384.2 RESOLVED: that the apologies from Councillors D Atherfold, J Morgan, and D Wilkins for non-attendance of the Extra-ordinary meeting of Full Council held on 2nd March 2022 were received

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor M Champion

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

Councillor R Congdon entered the meeting 6.02 pm.

C.5385 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman expressed to the meeting her solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

She invited members to a Nature Recovery meeting at All Saints Church on the 3rd March at 7 pm.

C.5386 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 interests.

C.5387 TO APPROVE WRITTEN REQUEST(S) FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensation requests.

C.5388 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SUBJECT TO STANDING ORDER 3e 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)

Two members of the public spoke in objection to the Proposed parking charges at Tehidy Country Park.

C.5389 TO RECEIVE THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT, AND ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING PROPOSED PARKING CHARGES AT TEHIDY COUNTRY PARK AND GWITHIAN TOWANS, AND AGREE ACTION

Councillor S Weedon entered the meeting at 6.05 pm.

Members spoke at length about proposed parking charges at Tehidy Country Park and Gwithian Towans, and it was the general feeling of members that this was unacceptable; the points discussed were:

- That Camborne was a very deprived area, and this free facility was beneficial to people's mental health and well-being.
- The charges would result in greatly increased parking on surrounding roads, causing road safety issues.
- A drop in visitor numbers could be detrimental to the viability of the on-site café.

- Cornwall Council had not used proper process in informing the public or local Town and Parish Councils of the consultation, and the response time.

There had been over 10,000 on-line objections to the charges.

C.5389.2

RESOLVED: that the Consultation document, and additional correspondence regarding proposed parking charges at Tehidy Country Park and car park expansion at Gwithian Towans, was received. Camborne Town Council respond to Cornwall Council objecting to the proposed charges for the following reasons:

- **This area is used mainly used by families, the elderly and dog walkers. The fact that it is free makes it accessible to all; the introduction of charges could exclude some groups from being able to access the environment at this location.**
- **Introducing parking charges would increase parking on the roads surrounding the Park, causing road safety issues.**
- **A car was needed to visit the Park, it wasn't a choice to drive.**
- **Numbers of visitors will reduce if this is brought in, which might also bring more anti-social behaviour, and fly tipping.**
- **The reduction in visitor numbers could affect the viability of the café on the site.**

Proposed by Councillor C Godolphin
Seconded by Councillor Z Fox

There was a recorded vote, and the matter was approved by a Majority.

Voting for the motion:

Councillors Z Fox, M Champion, J Collins, R Congdon, J Cosgrove, V Dalley, C Godolphin, C Lawrence, L McDonald, N Miles, P Mills.

Abstentions:

Councillors Weedon and Williams.

C.5389.3

RESOLVED: that Camborne Town Council express to Cornwall Council that the lack of proper process, procedure, and transparency regarding the consultation was unacceptable, and question their reasoning for this

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor C Godolphin

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting
at 6.32 pm.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.....

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