

Meeting Minutes

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MINUTES:

of the meeting of Camborne Town Council held in GW03 Meeting Room, Cornwall Council Dolcoath Offices, Dolcoath Avenue, Camborne, TR14 8SX, on Thursday 11th August at 6.30 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor M Champion	Chairman
Councillor Z Fox	Vice Chairman
Councillor D Atherfold	
Councillor J Ball	From point mentioned
Councillor R Congdon	
Councillor J Cosgrove	
Councillor V Dalley	
Councillor C Godolphin	
Councillor N Heather	
Councillor C Lawrence	
Councillor L McDonald	
Councillor N Miles	
Councillor P Mills	
Councillor J Morgan	Until point mentioned
Councillor S Weedon	
Councillor D Wilkins	
Councillor M Williams	

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

C.5537 SAFETY PROCEDURES

The Chairman explained the safety procedures to all present.

C.5538 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

C.5538.2 RESOLVED: that the apologies from Councillors J Morgan for leaving early, and R Tal-E-Bot for non-attendance, of the Extra-Ordinary meeting of Full Council on the 11th August 2022, were received

Proposed by Councillor M Champion
Seconded by Councillor D Wilkins

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.5539

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman informed members that he had attended two events:

- The University of Exeter, Cornwall Campuses Graduation Ceremony at Truro Cathedral.
- The Roscroggan 80th Anniversary Memorial Commemoration.

The Chairman also reminded members of the Planning Committee that they should respond to the office regarding Planning Application PA22/03637 so that their majority decision could be communicated to Cornwall Council.

C.5540

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

C.5540.2

RESOLVED: that Councillors J Cosgrove, V Dalley, Z Fox, J Morgan and D Wilkins declared interests in agenda items 13, 14 and 15, as they were on the Town Deal Board

Proposed by Councillor M Champion
Seconded by Councillor D Atherfold

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.5541

TO APPROVE WRITTEN REQUEST(S) FOR DISPENSATIONS

C.5541.2

RESOLVED: that existing dispensations in place to allow Councillors J Cosgrove, V Dalley, Z Fox, J Morgan and D Wilkins to speak on Town Deal Board items on the Agenda were approved

Proposed by Councillor M Champion
Seconded by Councillor C Lawrence

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.5542

TO RECEIVE THE CO-OPTION PROCEDURE AND POLICY AND AGREE ACTION

C.5542.2

RESOLVED: that the Co-option Procedure and Policy were received and adopted

Proposed by Councillor C Godolphin
Seconded by Councillor D Wilkins

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.5543 MATTERS ARISING, FOR INFORMATION ONLY, WHERE NOT INCLUDED BELOW

There were no matters arising.

C.5544 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)

The members of the public present at the meeting were the four candidates who would be giving verbal presentations under the co-option process.

C.5545 TO RECEIVE WRITTEN APPLICATIONS AND VERBAL PRESENTATIONS FROM CANDIDATES TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT ON THE TRESWITHIAN WARD AND AGREE ACTION

In accordance with the co-option procedure adopted by the Council and previously circulated, the Chairman offered each candidate an opportunity to address the Council, with questions from members being posed once all candidates had spoken.

Mr Ball spoke from 6.35pm offering a detailed background history and a precis of his personal and work life to illustrate why he wished to become a Councillor. He emphasised that he cared about Camborne and its people and stressed that he wished to engage with young people, the environment and homelessness.

Mr Hills spoke from 6.38pm about environmental and climate issues. He also referred to the cost of living crisis and felt that green solutions could help with this. He wanted to promote a strong community by listening to local people and working together with them.

Mr Polkinghorne spoke from 6.42pm and explained that as an ex-police officer he had a lot of experience working within communities. He had also been a Councillor at Hayle Town Council for twelve years; being Mayor for the last three years. He explained that he enjoyed being a Councillor and wanted to do his best for people. He was also really interested in the Neighbourhood Plan and Planning.

Mr Salfield spoke from 6.46pm explaining that he wished to become a Councillor as he was proud of Camborne's history and he wished to become involved to encourage engagement with the people of the town. He felt that it was important to re-engage with the community as per the Town Council mission statement of

'Community First' so that a new sense of pride in the community could be encouraged.

Each candidate was then given the opportunity to offer their responses to a range of questions that were posed by some of the current Town Councillors.

After hearing from all candidates, the Chairman moved to the co-option process and for clarity, explained the procedure. The anonymous script ballot then took place.

C.5545.2 RESOLVED: that written applications and verbal presentations from candidates to fill the vacant seat on this Council were received and that Mr J Ball was co-opted to represent the Treswithian Ward for Camborne Town Council

Proposed by Councillor M Champion
Seconded by Councillor V Dalley

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

Councillor J Morgan left the meeting at 7.10pm.

Councillor J Ball signed his declaration of acceptance of office and remained in the meeting from this point onwards.

C.5546 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE METHOD OF APPOINTMENT FOR A MAYOR FOR CORNWALL AND AGREE ACTION

Following a discussion Councillors felt that it was important that they supported the call for a referendum on this matter and they agreed to back the proposed statement that was read to them by the Town Clerk.

C.5546.2 RESOLVED: that correspondence regarding the method of appointment for a Mayor for Cornwall was received. The response: "Camborne Town Council believes that the way Cornwall is governed is extremely important to our local residents. We note the emerging proposals for a possible change to a powerful Mayor of Cornwall with their own staff, budget and choice of Cabinet. We believe that such a system should only be implemented if the people of Cornwall support it. We call on Cornwall Council and our local Cornwall Councillors to ensure that there is a referendum of all voters in Cornwall on whether to introduce this significant change, as set out in the relevant legislation"; for submission to Cornwall Council, was approved

Proposed by Councillor C Godolphin
Seconded by Councillor Z Fox

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.5547 TO RECEIVE A REQUEST FROM FUTURE CREW TO ALLOW THE GROUP TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN FLORAL PLANTERS AT THE BASSET CENTRE AND AGREE ACTION

This agenda item was deferred as the Town Clerk felt that the letter from Future Crew required some clarification before a decision could be made.

C.5547.2 RESOLVED: that a request from Future Crew, to allow the group to install and maintain floral planters at the Basset Centre, was deferred until clarity regarding their proposals had been received

Proposed by Councillor M Champion
Seconded by Councillor D Wilkins

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

C.5548 THAT THE COUNCIL RESOLVES, UNDER THE 1960 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

C.5548.2 RESOLVED: that under the 1960 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, the Press and Public were excluded due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed

Proposed by Councillor C Godolphin
Seconded by Councillor D Wilkins

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.5549 TO RECEIVE A DRAFT LETTER WRITTEN ON BEHALF OF CAMBORNE TOWN COUNCIL REGARDING THE BASSET CENTRE AND WHITE HOUSE VALUATIONS, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE

There was some discussion over the wording of the letter and Councillors agreed some minor changes to the content before it be sent to Cornwall Council.

C.5549.2 RESOLVED: that a draft offer letter as amended at the Extraordinary Full Council meeting, written on behalf of Camborne Town Council regarding the Basset Centre and White House, for submission to Cornwall Council, was approved. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], was approved, and delegated authority for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk to handle the negotiations, was authorised

Proposed by Councillor C Godolphin
Seconded by Councillor Z Fox

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.5550 TO RECEIVE A QUOTATION FOR BUSINESS CASE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE BASSET COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT AND KERRIER WAY, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE

There was considerable discussion over the quotation for the Business Case Development. The reason for the single quote had been based upon the need for a decision to be made due to the extremely narrow time frame and the expertise of the consultant.

There was also discussion over the naming of the new projects and Councillors felt that this should be a specific agenda item for a future meeting.

C.5550.2 RESOLVED: that a quotation for Business Case Development for the Basset Community Hub Project and Kerrier Way from Len Smith Consulting, under Financial Regulation 17.2 due to his specialist knowledge of the projects and time constraints, was received and approved. The associated expenditure of up to £12,000 from the Town Dealing Funding, was authorised

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor D Wilkins

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

C.5551 TO RECEIVE A QUOTATION FOR AN ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE BASSET COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT AND KERRIER WAY, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE

C.5551.2 RESOLVED: that a quotation for an Economic Impact Assessment from Cornwall Council for the Basset Community Hub Project and Kerrier Way Project, under Financial Regulation 17.2 due to their specialist knowledge of the subject and time constraints, was received and approved. The associated expenditure of £2,664 from Town Deal Funding was authorised

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor J Cosgrove

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting
at 7.40 pm.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.....

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