

# Meeting Minutes

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## MINUTES:

**of the meeting of The Annual Town Assembly of Camborne Town Council held in the Council Chamber, The Passmore Edwards Building, The Cross, Cross Street, Camborne, TR14 8HA on Thursday 11th May 2023 at 6.00 pm**

## PRESENT:

<b>Councillor Z Fox</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Councillor J Ball</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
<b>Councillor D Atherfold</b>	
<b>Councillor C Godolphin</b>	
<b>Councillor C Lawrence</b>	
<b>Councillor L McDonald</b>	
<b>Councillor N Miles</b>	
<b>Councillor P Mills</b>	
<b>Councillor J Morgan</b>	
<b>Councillor R Weatherburn</b>	
<b>Councillor D Wilkins</b>	
<b>Councillor M Williams</b>	

## IN ATTENDANCE:

**Samantha Hughes, Town Clerk; Rose Hitchens Todd, Engagement Officer; Alicia Jouvenaar, Engagement Assistant; Steve Cantrill, Engagement Assistant; Max Jennings, Engagement Intern; Sally Williams, Committee Support Officer; and twelve members of the public.**

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### **ATA.302 WELCOME AND SAFETY PROCEDURES**

The Mayor welcomed Councillors and members of the public and thanked them for attending. The safety procedures were also explained.

### **ATA.303 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE**

There were no apologies received from Councillors Dalley and Weedon.

### **ATA.303.2 RESOLVED: that apologies from Councillors Congdon, Cosgrove, Heather and Tal-E-Bot for non-attendance of the Annual Town Assembly on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were received**

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox

Seconded by Councillor M Williams

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

**ATA.304**

**TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REVIEW OF THE LAST 12 MONTHS BY THE MAYOR**

The Mayor thanked everyone again for attending the Annual Town Assembly. She stated that it had been another busy and productive year and Camborne Town Council had a lot to be proud of. The Council had listened to local people and had delivered the services that they needed. This had all been achieved with a flat budget, as the Council had been all too aware of the financial burden on people in the current climate. For this she extended her thanks to the Responsible Finance Officer and members of staff.

The Mayor spoke about some of the events that the Council had been a part of during the last year:

- The Passmore Edwards Bi-Centenary Event
- The first Camborne Community and Commerce Awards
- The return of the Christmas Lantern Parade following Covid and weather-related postponement
- Events for Fairtrade Fortnight
- Support for the Trevithick Day celebrations
- The Tree Giveaway, where over 1000 free trees were given to the community
- The Planning Committee continue to scrutinise planning applications for the benefit of the local community
- Housing crisis concerns had also been raised with Cornwall Council and local housing providers

She spoke about the support that Camborne Town Council had given to local charities, with 21 grants being awarded totalling nearly fifty thousand pounds.

The Council had also been involved in some of the projects that had been born of the Town Deal Funding. She felt that the Council had listened to the community and were investing wisely for the future of the town with their projects, which included: the Basset Community Hub, Park Gerry and the Kerrier Way Project. Other ongoing projects to benefit the local community were the upkeep

of the town flower beds and the weeding programme, with new Amenities staff being employed to facilitate street weeding.

Finally, she spoke about the young people of the community, many of whom were passionate about climate change. She spoke with pride about the Town Council Youth Council and the fact that the Council continued to follow their Climate Action Plan and were completing a carbon audit.

Finally she reiterated her thanks to all the Councillors and the staff team for such a successful year and ended by saying 'We all love Camborne'.

#### **ATA.305**

#### **TO RECEIVE A VERBAL PRESENTATION FROM GRANT RECIPIENT CORNWALL DEAF CENTRE**

Four members of Cornwall Deaf Centre and their interpreter came to give their presentation to the Council. They explained that Cornwall Deaf Centre was only a short distance from the Passmore Edwards Building and they were very keen to encourage both hearing and non-hearing people to integrate and mix to minimise the exclusion that is experienced by many people who are deaf.

They explained that the Deaf Centre had experienced a busy year with many activities taking place and there were plenty of ideas for more activities in the future. However, they had come to say thank you for the grant that Camborne Town Council had awarded them for their wine-tasting event. The Secretary explained that she had attended the Fairtrade wine tasting event hosted by the Council and whilst she had enjoyed the event immensely it also highlighted the fact that the event would need to be offered in a modified version if it were to be enjoyed fully by members of the deaf community. The Town Council grant had allowed this to happen, and it had been much appreciated by all those who had been involved. Whilst their interpreter had offered their service free on the night of the deaf centre wine tasting, this kind of activity, that required an interpreter, would normally incur additional costs. So, grants made a big difference to whether events could be held or not.

Two other members explained that since finding and joining the deaf centre they now felt much less isolated. Prior to this they had felt excluded from many events and activities and they could not praise the Deaf Centre enough. It was explained that hearing people were very welcome to attend the Deaf Centre and that British Sign language sessions were offered for free.

Finally, the group reiterated their thanks for the support that Camborne Town Council had given them in the past year.

#### **ATA.306**

#### **TO RECEIVE A VERBAL PRESENTATION FROM FAIRTRADE CAMBORNE**

Brian Terry, from Fairtrade, followed on from the previous presentation by saying that the Fairtrade wine tasting event at the Deaf Centre had been a huge success as had the event held at the Passmore Edwards Building during Fairtrade Fortnight. He thanked Camborne Town Council for their backing through the years and stated that this support had made it possible for Camborne to continue as a Fairtrade town. He thanked the Events Manager for a very successful Fairtrade Fortnight but also wished people to know that Fairtrade events carry on all year through. In fact the Fairtrade presence was growing; there was a good feeling in the town as people grew to understand Fairtrade more and more.

A Councillor asked how many establishments in the town were Fairtrade. Mr Terry replied that most establishments were now classed as Fairtrade and, as the number of Fairtrade items being traded grew, more help could be received by those areas of the world where it was needed most. This in turn helps all of us protect the planet.

### **ATA.307**

#### **TO RECEIVE A VERBAL PRESENTATION FROM GRANT RECIPIENT GROW CORNWALL CIC**

The Managing Director of Grow Cornwall explained that United Cornwall FC had been set up in the previous year. It's aim was to get people together, but outdoors, as this improved mental health and grew social networks for people. He felt that this was vitally important during a mental health pandemic. Mental health issues are also negatively impacted by the local area being one of high deprivation with historically low incomes. Hence the importance of exercise which can really help.

He explained that the group meets weekly at Cornwall College and it has grown from the start with approximate attendance of around 20 people per week now. Eighteen of those people attending have a Camborne post code. The scheme is run on a 'pay as you can' basis which is raising approximately eighty per cent of the costs, so the grant provides the rest.

The sport is played in a safe way and consists of jogging football. They are now going to begin female sessions and mixed sex sessions. They will also be creating a training programme so that people can upskill and become trainers themselves. Hence, as the groups grow the aim would be to build communities across Cornwall.

Finally, he explained that the grant was being spent on:

- Pay as you can
- Next steps – as the groups grow they will need new bibs, balls, etc

- Help with new training

One Councillor asked whether they would be able to consider teams for people with disabilities. The response was that whilst he did not have the expertise to do this he would be happy to work with people who did in order to set up groups that could be more inclusive.

## **ATA.308**

### **TO RECEIVE A VERBAL PRESENTATION FROM GRANT RECIPIENT BARRIPPER VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**

The representative from Barripper Village Association thanked the meeting for inviting her to speak at the Annual Town Assembly. She gave a brief historical overview of Barripper Park, which was purchased by the BVA in 1947 and is held in Trust for the surrounding community. The area houses the village hall, play park and the playing field.

The field is extremely well-used by:

- The cricket team, the Barripper Ducks
- A Radio Controlled Car Club, with a purpose built track
- Model Aircraft enthusiasts
- Dog walkers
- Parents with small children
- Teenagers
- The village hall is popular for children's parties and clubs.

During Tree Planting Week, the BVA and Penponds School planted 23 fruit trees towards the top of the field. The field is maintained by volunteers, many from the cricket team, and the play park facilities are checked weekly by a volunteer.

The play park facilities were replaced in 2018 after successful bids for grants and a lot of fundraising. The facilities undergo annual ROSPA inspections as well as weekly checks. However, the village hall needed a refurbishment; to include a new toilet, shower and changing facilities which will enable the cricket team to progress in the league. Fund raising has included sponsored dog walks, donations, a weekly village Bonus Ball, Bingo and the successful recommencement of Barripper Harbour Day. Section 106 monies and a range of Grants, including one from the Town Council, have enabled the hall to be re-opened with a refurbished kitchen and

interior disabled toilet. There is now a central heating system, the shower block is nearing completion but the changing rooms have yet to be done. This has largely been accomplished by the voluntary efforts and skills of the cricket team.

In order to pay its way, the hall now hosts yoga sessions, dog training, parties and social nights on a Friday evening. It is hoped that, following the closure of the village pub, that the Quiz Team will also move down to the hall. The next Barringper Harbour Day will be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August and it is hoped that this will be even bigger and more successful than last year's Harbour Day. The aim is for the hall to be instrumental in keeping the Barringper community together and on that basis Camborne Town Council were thanked for the financial support that had been awarded to the village.

**ATA.309 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

A member of the public wished to ask whether the council could intervene in the proposals for double yellow lines in Troon. He and his wife had concerns that if people were prevented from parking near the pharmacy, then eventually the pharmacy might be forced to close.

Councillors explained that there had been a consultation on the proposals and that it was probably too late to influence the outcome of this at this stage. However, they did believe that in response to the consultation a waiting area for the pharmacy had been included.

The member of the public then asked how Camborne Town Council were involved in the Red River Project.

In response, the Mayor confirmed that she and other councillors attended the Red River Project meetings and she felt that the new vision plan would be fantastic.

**ATA.310 TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS OF WHICH STATUTORY NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

There were no resolutions for consideration.

**ATA.311 TO CLOSE THE ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY**

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 6.49 pm and invited those present to join her and other Councillors to partake of refreshments.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.....

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