

**CAMBORNE TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL 20th JULY 2015**

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 Monday 20th July 2015 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT Councillor T Chalker Chairman
Councillor C Godolphin Vice Chairman
Councillor M Brown
Councillor M Champion
Councillor J Collins
Councillor T Dalley
Councillor Mrs V Dalley
Councillor Ms Z Fox
Councillor Ms J Merrick
Councillor S Odgers
Councillor Ms J Robinson
Councillor R Webber
Councillor G Winter

In Attendance: Amanda Mugford, Town Clerk; Beverley Pascoe, Deputy Town Clerk; three members of the public; one member of the press

The Chairman explained the safety procedures to all present.

C.3410 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

C.3410.2 RESOLVED: that the apologies from Councillor Krey for non-attendance of the meeting of the Full Council held on 20th July 2015 were received

Proposed by Councillor Odgers
Seconded by Councillor Ms Fox

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

No apologies were received from Councillors Crickett, Gillingham and Sanders.

C.3411 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

C.3412 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 such declarations.

C.3413 TO APPROVE WRITTEN REQUEST(S) FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no such requests.

C.3414 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 the public requested an agenda.

C.3415 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL REGARDING THE FUTURE DELIVERY OF LIBRARY AND ONE STOP SHOP SERVICE IN CORNWALL AND AGREE ANY ACTION, WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO:

**THE CORNWALL COUNCIL ONE STOP SHOP LIBRARY SERVICE CONSULTATION
THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CORNWALL COUNCIL CABINET
THE 'FINANCIAL ENVELOPE'**

Councillor Webber explained that the correspondence from Cornwall Council following analysis of the consultation results, indicated that Option 2/model B was the preferred option. This correspondence had triggered this Extraordinary meeting of the Full Council. Since setting the agenda the Cabinet at Cornwall Council had rejected the preferred proposal and advised that devolution to Town and Parish Councils should be further investigated. Members discussed the report and the implications to the service, the following points were raised.

- The report did not reflect the true responses from the consultations; the stakeholders did not prefer model B.
- Lack of full information regarding the financial aspects and the proposed level of service.
- Library staff being kept completely in the dark regarding their future.
- The costs of providing the library service, the costs of maintaining the Passmore Edwards Library building, and the associated impact on the Town Council's precept.
- The Town Council's devolution priorities and the resources that would be needed from the devolved services budget to take on green space provision.
- The increase to the precept that would be necessary should the Town Council take on any other services from Cornwall Council.
- The conflict between Cornwall Council's targets for capital receipts and asset transfer related to any terms that Cornwall Council may have regarding the building's future.
- The registration of the Library as an Asset of Community Value;
- The level of service Cornwall Council and any funding that might be provided to continue to provide the library service in the town centre;
- The inadequacy of the figures provided by Cornwall Council on the library running costs, the inconsistency of the financial information and lack of response when questioned.

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- The condition of the library, a Grade II listed building, and the need for a specialist structural survey;
- The Town Council's ability to take out a loan if Cornwall Council decided to sell the building

The Town Clerk had sought the advice of the Town Council's solicitors on whether any Town or Parish Council would have the legal power to take on a library service. The only powers that could be applied were the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 which would not provide the financial scope to run a library service or for a Town or Parish Council to adopt the General Power of Competence.

C.3415.2 RESOLVED: **that the Town Council writes to Cornwall Council stating it Notes the outcome of the One Stop Shop and Library consultation and ask that they explain why these outcomes were not reflected in the recommendations to be presented to Cabinet on the 23rd July 2015**

Proposed by Councillor Webber
Seconded by Councillor Champion

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

C.3415.3 RESOLVED: **to ask Cornwall Council what their intention was regarding the library service; was it to continue in its current location in Camborne and would it continue to provide the same level of service**

Proposed by Councillor Webber
Seconded by Councillor Winter

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

During discussion on this agenda item a member of the public interrupted proceedings and then left the meeting.

C.3416 TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE DELIVERY OF THE LIBRARY SERVICE IN CAMBORNE AND AGREE ANY ACTION REGARDING:

**THE DELIVERY OF THE LIBRARY SERVICE
THE PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY BUILDING, THE CROSS,
CAMBORNE**

Members continued to discuss the unknown options for taking on the library. It was considered important that the library service was protected, preserved and delivered in Camborne but not at any cost. Other points included:

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- The library service being a statutory service; Cornwall Council would still need to deliver it.
- Cornwall Council only had to provide a basic service which could mean it was centralised in Truro.
- The need to consult with the people of Camborne and the best way to do this
- A date and format for the consultation, what questions should be asked and whether to bring back the consultation to an extraordinary meeting to approve it.

C.3416.2 RESOLVED AS A SUBSTANTIVE MOTION:

To proceed with a consultation regarding the future of the library service utilising postal and hand delivered consultation flyers, the website, a face to face event and social media with a budget of £6,000; delegated powers to the Finance and General Purposes Committee to allocate the budget

Proposed by Councillor Ms Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Champion

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

A motion moved by Councillor Godolphin, seconded by Councillor Webber to allocate up to £10,000 to the library consultation was declared lost by 2 votes FOR with 11 votes against

C.3416.3 RESOLVED:

that delegated authority be given to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chair and Vice Chair of the Amenities and Finance and General Purposes Committees to decide on the methods and content of the library consultation

Proposed by Councillor Winter
Seconded by Councillor Odgers

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05 pm.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.....

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