ST COLUMB MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 25th June 2014 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, St Columb Major at 8.20pm

Present: Cllrs. Mrs P Warner (Committee Chairman), E Culley, S Johns, P Wills, N Colton, A Bazeley, T Green

In attendance: Mrs B Rogers

FGP025/14	**Housekeeping:** The Chairman welcomed everyone and advised of emergency procedures and the location of wc's, asking that all mobile phones be switched off or turned to silent.	
FGP026/14	**Public Forum:** No comments made.	
FGP027/14	**Apologies for Absence.** None.	
FGP028/14	**Members Declarations of Interest:** **(i) In accordance with the Agenda:** None **(ii) Gifts of the Value of £25:** None	
FGP029/14	**Power wash outside of the Town Hall:** Cllr Mrs Warden advised that she had tried to contact four people to obtain quotes for this work. One quote had been received from Jocks Garden Services in the sum of £350. Members debated this matter. It was eventually resolved to defer this matter for the time being and discuss it again at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting in July 2014.	Next F&GP Agenda
FGP030/14	**Football Club Lease:** Cllr Wills gave an update on the Football Club Lease. It would appear that it had been likely for the Football Club to be wound up. However an extra AGM was held at it was decided that the Football Club would continue. The Town Council has written to Mr. Higgins and enclosed a Lease prepared by our Solicitors. The Football Club are actually discussing the matter this evening. It was agreed that a Meeting be held between the Town Council and the Football Club to thrash out details. Concern was expressed as to what will happen if the Football Club does not agree to the Lease. It was stated that there had been no Agreement before. Payment for electricity and water needs to be sorted out with the Football Club. The Football Club will need to pay the Town Council a rent.	

FGP031/14	**Bowling Club Lease:** Cllr Wills gave an update on the Bowling Club Lease. Copies of the Lease and Deed of Surrender were presented to Members. It was agreed that a Meeting needs to be arranged with the Bowling Club after copies of the Lease and Deed of Surrender have been sent to them. It was stated that Planning has been agreed for the new building. The Bowling Club will source the funding.	Clerk
FGP032/14	**Audit Update:** Cllr Wills and Cllr Mrs Warden gave an update on the Audit for 2013 -2014. The Internal Auditor will be at the Town Hall on Friday of this week. It was agreed that an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday, 2nd July 2014 to authorise and pass the accounts for 2013 – 2014.	
FGP033/14	**Town Clerk Update:** Mr Mike Uren was introduced to Members as the new Town Clerk of St Columb Major Town Council. Cllr Wills explained the Interview Process to Members. At this point the Town Clerk declared an Interest and left the Meeting. It was agreed that the Town Clerk's Contract be checked by Councillors and comments passed back to Cllr Wills by Friday.	
FGP034/14	**Preparations for the Commemorations of the Outbreak of WW1:** Cllr Wills gave an update on how preparations were progressing for the Commemorations on 4th August 2014. St Dennis Band will lead the Procession (the Band are giving their services on this occasion). The RAF has confirmed that up to 100 personnel will be present. Air Cadets from Wadebridge and Newquay will be present. A Co-ordination Meeting will be held at the Town Hall on 3rd July 2014 to make final arrangements. Cllr Wills advised that currently we are trying to recruit 57 young men from St Columb to carry Poppy Crosses – representing the 57 people from St Columb who lost their lives during WW1.	
FGP035/14	**Any Other Business:** **i)** Members agreed to provide the Town Clerk with a mobile phone **ii)** Members agreed that the Town Clerk proceeds with CiLCA – Certificate in Local Council Administration **iii)** It was proposed by Cllr Bazeley, seconded by Cllr Culley and agreed unanimously that SAGE be reinstated	 Clerk Clerk
FGP036/14	**To close the Meeting:** The formal part of the Meeting closed at 9.00pm	

FGP037/14	**Closed Session:** **Members to discuss the proposal to make an offer to the owners of the Town Hall for the purchase of the building:** Cllr Wills gave an update on the sale of the Town Hall. There was a good attendance at the recently held Public Meeting, with no-one against buying the Town Hall. It was stated that when the Town Hall was previously offered for sale (3 - 4 years ago) the asking price was £160,000. Two valuations have recently been made – Donald Weekes - £89,000 and Vickery Holman - £125,000. A general discussion ensued. It was confirmed that Trewan Hall Ltd. had advised that the Town Council would have 6 months to come up with an offer (we have about one month – six weeks to go). If we buy the Town Hall then it will become an asset to the Town Council. Mention was made about the long list of repairs that are required to the Town Hall. The Bell Tower requires a considerable amount of repair work – Trewan Hall Ltd. would be asked to contribute 35% of the costs. It was eventually proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Culley and agreed by four Councillors that the Town Council offer Trewan Hall Ltd. £100,000 for the purchase of the Town Hall. Cllr Mrs Warner abstained.	Clerk
FGP038/14	**Close of Meeting:** The Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.	

Dated: Signed: (Committee Chairman)