

# ST COLUMB MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Full Council Meeting of St Columb Major Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, St Columb Major, on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Cllrs P Wills (Mayor), Mrs J Warner (Deputy Mayor), E Culley, Mrs B Rogers, Mrs F Fuery, B Daniels, Mrs L Jiggins, S Allen, Mrs F McLeod

**In attendance:** Mr M C Uren (Town Clerk), and a Reporter from Newquay Voice

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### **Mayor's Welcome:**

The Mayor, Cllr Wills, welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

i) **Housekeeping:**

The Mayor addressed Councillors, and members of the public, giving advice on emergency procedures, asking that all mobile 'phones be switched off, or turned to silent.

ii) **Diary Report from Mayor and County Councillor:**

Cllr Wills presented his report:-

"Since we last met, the Clerk and I attended Cornwall Council's Localism Summit, held at the Royal Cornwall Showground, where amongst other things, we discussed the Climate Emergency declared by Cornwall Council at the beginning of the year.

It was a great honour for me to attend, and lay a wreath, at St Wenn's Service of Remembrance, on Remembrance Sunday. Later in the afternoon, I led the Parade in St Columb Major, followed by a Church Service, and Wreath Laying. I also laid a wreath on the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup>, Armistice Day, at the RBL Service, held at the Memorial.

I attended a Meeting of the Customer and Support Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at New County Hall.

I attended Cabinet last week. Yet again I voiced my concerns about the new proposed Waste Management Contract. Sadly, Cabinet have agreed

to push forward with this idea, even though the Contract is still yet to be fully awarded.

I attended a Meeting of the Constitution and Governance Committee. This Workshop followed on from the previous Workshop, and was designed to enable Members to comment on the emerging “Council Owned Delivery Vehicle Framework”, before it is considered formally by the Constitution and Governance Committee in 2020.

Two past Presidents of the former St Columb Major Chamber of Commerce, Mr Bob Bisisto, and Mrs Pam Lambert, presented a cheque to me, for over two thousand pounds, made out to the “St Columb Christmas Lights Committee”. This is the remaining money left in the Bank, when the old Chamber of Commerce was mothballed several years ago. Former Members of the Chamber wanted the money to go to the Christmas Lights Committee, and this was an original idea of the Chamber. Sadly, the new Lights Committee does not currently have a bank account, so we will hold the cheque, which is valid for six months, until they open an account

I understand that Cllrs Mrs Jiggins and Mrs Fuery had an enjoyable shift with the Police recently. It has also been brought to my attention that Inspector Meredith will be retiring in the not too distant future“.

**172/19      Public Forum:**

No members of the public were present.

**173/19      Apologies for Absence:**

An Apology for Absence had been received from Cllr Roberts (still unwell).

**174/19      Members Declarations of Interests:**

**i)      Declarations of Interest, in accordance with the Agenda:**

Cllr Culley – Planning Application PA19/09638

**ii)      Declarations of gifts to the value of £25:**

None

**175/19      Report from County Councillor and Police:**

The County Councillor’s report had already been presented.

There was no Police presence, and no Report had been received.

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**To confirm Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019:**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019, were presented by the Mayor. It was agreed that an amendment be made on Page 1 Item 148/19, second paragraph of the Mayor's report. Fifth line should read ".....and the tree problems at the entrance to Springfield Place....".

With regards to Item 161/19, it was confirmed that we have received today £12,500 from Cornwall Council, towards the cost of resurfacing Trekenning Road Car Park.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Culley seconded, and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted, with the agreed amendment. There were three abstentions.

The Minutes of the Closed Session part of the Full Council Meeting, held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019, were presented by the Mayor.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Allen seconded, and it was RESOLVED to accept the Minutes. There were three abstentions.

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**Planning Matters:**

**PA19/088859: Reserved matters application following outline approval PA17/04250 for proposal residential development – Land North East of Pall St Columb Major Industrial Estate, St Columb, Cornwall – Mr Dan Lloyd ebc Building and Construction**

It was confirmed that Planning Permission has already been granted for the building of houses on this land. There are 30 houses proposed, with 9 being "affordable". It was pointed out that there are 82 documents connected to this Application. It appears that there is an issue with drainage. There will be 2 spaces for cars for every property. Basically it is a very comprehensive Application. According to the Portal, there are four objections locally. There is an S106 Agreement in place. In answer to a question, it was stated that according to South West Water, the current sewerage system is capable of handling this number of new properties.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Fuery seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to offer "No Comment" on the Application.

At this point Cllr Culley left the room.

**PA19/09638: Enlarged/replacement rear single storey extension – 11, West Park, St Columb, Cornwall TR9 6RP – Mr and Mrs Kent**

Cllr Daniels stated that the Application is a sensible way of creating a useful utility area.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Warner seconded, and it was RESOLVED to support the Application.

At this point Cllr Culley returned to the room.

**PA19/08460: Works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order, namely reduce the height of the beech tree by 5 metres from 20 metres to 15 metres and remove the lowest west facing branch over the tractor shed – Penmellyn, Lower East Street, St Columb, Cornwall – Mr Matthew Hill**

Cllr Daniels advised that the documentation was “very thin”.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Culley seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to support the Application, subject to the Tree Officer’s advice.

**178/19 Neighbourhood Development Plan:**

Cllr Wills advised that there was nothing further to report on the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Steering Group will be meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November, when it is hoped that the Questionnaire will be amended, ready for presentation at our next Full Council Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Cllr Daniels stated that the Likert Scales shown need to be sorted out, and put the “right way round”.

**179/19 Review Library’s Opening Hours:**

There was nothing further to report on this matter, as the Questionnaire has not yet been completed. It would appear that the usage footfall has increased. Cllr Mrs Rogers suggested that parents should be asked to respond on the Questionnaire, as to what their children actually require, regarding whether to increase, or amend the Opening Times of the Library. If we do decide to increase the number of hours the Library is open, then there will be a cost implication. We will report the findings to the next Full Council Meeting.

**180/19**      **Smallseum:**

Cllr Mrs Warner gave an update as to exactly where we are with regards to the Smallseum. The Old Cornwall Society is involved in this project. They have offered to finance the Smallseum. There is a Meeting this coming Friday, when hopefully the project can, and will, be moved forward. A further update will be given at the next Full Council Meeting.

**181/19**      **Draft Budget and Precept 2020/21:**

Members had been presented with a draft Budget and Precept for 2020/21. The Town Clerk explained, in some detail, how the Budget and Precept had been arrived at.

There has been no additional allocation in the Salary line, in case we do agree to open the Library for more hours. Incremental increases are accounted for however.

It was thought that the Advertising line should be increased, as we have a number of Contracts which have to go to tender next April.

Business Rates have been allowed for a 4% increase.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, we will no longer be required to pay Business Rates on public toilets.

A discussion took place about the Street Cleaning Contract, and the Cleaning of the Public Toilets Contract. Should they be kept separate, or lumped together? We could possibly make this a salaried post. All the Contracts that require to go out to tender, need to be scrutinised very carefully.

The Town Clerk gave a breakdown of the Capital Projects – especially the Devolved Projects.

He also explained how he had calculated the Income Section.

It was agreed that the item included on Business Rates for the West Street toilets of £1,400 should be removed, and the £1,400 added to the Advertising line.

Although the total Precept will remain the same, the following headings will need to be amended – Admin. - £125,900, Full Council - £75,200, with Capital Projects staying the same - £67,000. The Precept of £221,870 for 2020/21 is an increase of just under 14% on last year's figure. In real terms, there has been an increase of about 3% per annum since 2013.

With all explanations given, and questions answered, Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Warner seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the Budget and Precept for 2020/21, as presented.

**Any Other Business:**

- a) Cllr Wills advised that the visit to Retallack Resort and Spa will now take place on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, at 2.00pm.
- b) Cllr Wills advised that the Denzell Downs Community Benefit Fund has now opened for the coming year. The closing date for Applications is 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- c) Cllr Wills advised that the Old Cornwall Society would like to contribute to the cost of the new Hurling Board. It was suggested that they could pay for the wood and materials (approx. £150).
- d) Cllr Mrs Warner thanked the Town Clerk for arranging for the hedges to be cut by Highways, down the narrow back lane leading into Talskiddy.
- e) Cllr Mrs Warner advised that one of the Chapels was used last week for a funeral. The Funeral Director was most impressed. We still need to promote these Chapels. Perhaps we could take some internal pictures of the buildings, and advise Funeral Directors of their availability.
- f) Cllr Mrs Warner had received a number of complaints regarding one of the Allotment Holders. It was agreed that we should discuss this matter in the Closed Session, at the next Full Council Meeting.
- g) Cllr Culley asked whether the "Bus Stop Sign" at Springfield Place could be moved further back down the road. We will contact the Bus Company regarding this matter.
- h) Cllr Daniels was pleased to report that two new signs have been erected at the top of Trekkenning Road, at the junction with the A3059.
- i) Cllr Daniels advised that the St Breock Community Fund is also about to open for the coming year. The opening date is 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019, with the closing date being 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020.
- j) Cllr Daniels spoke about the footpath at the bottom of Union Hill. There are fallen leaves and branches, and unfortunately, despite the good work done by South West Water, the area is becoming awash with surface water again. The matter has been reported to Cornwall Council.
- k) Cllr Allen offered a vote of thanks to the Town Clerk, for the efficient organisation of the Remembrance Day commemorations. Everything went off extremely well, and feedback has been very positive.
- l) Cllr Mrs McLeod spoke about a dead tree in Old Rectory Mews, which has been causing concern for some time. It is likely to cause some damage, if it is not removed soon. The problem is, with where the tree is situated, and that it is situated on an un-adopted road verge. We will check with the Land Registry, and see what can be done.
- m) The Town Clerk spoke about the Extension of the Car Parking Area opposite the Doctor's Surgery. The Planning Application which we

submitted, has not yet been accepted. Another Plan has to be obtained, at a cost of £25.20. A Tree Survey has to be undertaken, and a fee of £117 has to be paid to Cornwall Council. All these matters are being dealt with, and we will be re-submitting the Application in due course.

- n) The Town Clerk advised that he is still waiting for the Specification and Contract Details for the resurfacing of Trekenning Road Car Park. The Contractor is being chased.
- o) The Town Clerk advised that an Interim Audit was undertaken last week. Everything went fine, and there were no problems whatsoever that were encountered. A report will be available at the next Full Council Meeting.
- p) The Town Clerk spoke about problems that we are currently encountering regarding the sizeable reduction of a hedge at 51, The Hurlings. This was a mistake on our Contractor's part. The resident was not happy, and has been asking for a fence to replace it, or compensation. We have sent a cheque for £200 as a full and final settlement.

**183/19      Date of Next Full Council Meeting:**

The next Full Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 at 7.00pm.

The Meeting ended at 8.25pm

Dated: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019

Signed: