

# 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 at 7.00pm.

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

**In attendance:** Mr M C Uren (Town Clerk) and PC Lenton (to item 657/17)

**655/17**      **Mayor's Welcome:**

Cllr Wills welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

**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.

**Announcement and Diary Dates:**

The Mayor's Report (also incorporating the County Councillor's Report) was presented by Cllr Wills:-

"At the invitation of the owners of Retallack Resort and Spa, I met with two of their Directors, to discuss their plans regarding their current planning consents moving forward. I suggested that they might like to invite Councillors along to see for themselves what progress has been made to date, and to look at the Company's plans, so that you can have a better understanding of what they hope to achieve.

I attended a Meeting of Cornwall Council's Customer and Support Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which I am a member of. We looked at CORSERV's business plans for the coming two years, and made several recommendations to Cabinet. These can be found on the Cornwall Council website, and are far too numerous to mention here.

I was an invited speaker at the Oasis Annual Meeting at Bedruthan Steps Hotel, alongside the High Sheriff (as he was at the time, having now

handed over the role to the new incumbent) Mr Paul Young-Jamieson. It was fascinating to hear what he has done in his 12 months in office, and what the role of the High Sherriff is. I spoke on my role as Mayor and Cornwall Councillor, and my support for the Oasis Centre in my time in office, and hopefully mine, and this Town Council's, continued support for the outstanding work they do within the Lann Pydar Benefice, helping the elderly and vulnerable.

I attended a Meeting of the Cornwall Airport Newquay Consultative Forum, where I was elected Vice Chairman. We heard from the Airport Managing Director, Al Titterington, on the new Newquay to Heathrow route, as well as passenger numbers. This included a report, which reviewed the business performance of the Airport, for the period November 2018 to February 2019, including passenger performance, route development, and the commercial aspects of the business. Plus, a project to assist and support the opportunities of 'Skybus' connecting to the Heathrow link being developed, which would include working with the Isles of Scilly Council, and the Steamship Company. We also had an update on the Spaceport and the Business Enterprise Zone.

I attended the "Meet the Planners" event held in Wadebridge. As you may recall, this was mentioned by the Clerk at our last meeting, and I made a commitment to attend. It was reasonably interesting to put faces to names of Officers we deal with in this area. Cornwall Council have made a commitment to work closer with town and parish councils in the future on planning issues. We will wait and see.

I met with the Health and Safety Inspector at the Youth Club building for his second inspection. I am pleased to report the building has now been signed off as being fully compliant and fit for purpose.

Our new Community Link Officer, Anna Druce, who has replaced Esther Richmond, met with me to discuss devolution, highways, and other matters. We had a full and frank exchange, and I am very much looking forward to working with Anna in the months and years ahead. The Next CNP meeting is this coming Thursday, at St Mawgan Village Hall at 7pm.

I held my quarterly meeting with Inspector Meredith. I asked if the Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) who has been redeployed from our parish to another area is being replaced. I was informed that the answer was no! Apparently the Newquay Police Division is over manned by one

Officer, so in fact, there will be no extra Officers for us here in our Police Divisional Area, this is despite the PCC giving a very public assurance that the increase in Council Tax, to fund the Police, which has gone up by 12.7%, will be spent directly on 100 more Officers throughout the force. I will be writing to the PCC asking for an explanation as to why our PCSO is not being replaced, considering we all pay more for policing than for our Town Council! The Inspector also briefed me on an incident that occurred in one of our Public Houses, that hit the headlines recently, and that may have involved the use of the blade. Thankfully these types of incidents are very few and far between, and I can assure you, and all parishioners, that St Columb Major remains a very safe place to live. I sincerely hope those who brought shame on our community, and much distress to the victims and their families, are soon apprehended and dealt with accordingly.

I attended an All Members Briefing on Spaceport Cornwall - 85% of what was said had been stated before. It was interesting to hear a response to a question I put about the memo of understanding between "Virgin Orbit" and Cornwall Council. This is not a legally binding agreement. Will it ever take off? Your guess is as good as mine!

I attended the AGM of "Our Town St Columb Arts and Heritage Festival". I gave a short talk on my role as a Cornwall Councillor and Mayor, in supporting their efforts over the last two years. Max Beason has been elected as Chairman of the Group. They gave a commitment to work with the Christmas Lights, to achieve a market in the town on the night of the Switch On, probably situated behind the Town Hall.

I attended a Meeting of the NDP Group. This is an Agenda Item, so I will report on this later. It was my great pleasure to visit the School on Monday, at the invitation of the Head, to address the Assembly on the work of the Town Council, and to talk to school pupils who are members of the School Council.

Today I have attended an All Members Workshop in Camborne, on the future of Cornwall Council and Members' roles, post 2021, when the number of Councillors will drop from 123 to 87, and what support can be offered to the Members as their roles increase, as indeed will the workload".

**656/17      Public Forum:**

There were no members of the public present.

**657/17      Report from Police and County Councillor:**

The County Councillor's Report has already been given.

PC Lenton presented the Police Report:

“Apologises PCSO BURGESS, Rest days. Also apologise for missing last month's meeting.

Eight reported crimes in the last month. Eleven same period last year.

1. THEFT – local convenience store shoplifter took wine.
- 2-3 CRIMINAL DAMAGE – two vehicles had tyres slashed, possibly linked to domestic situation.
- 4 -BURGLARY – Industrial unit broken into - nothing taken.
- 5- THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE- Window smashed and reg. plate taken.
- 6- BILKING – Yellow van made off without paying for fuel.
- 7 – ASSAULT – Two children fighting.
- 8 – INDECENT IMAGES- ex-partner sending images.

I have liaised with the Mayor and Town Clerk, about the possibility of an extra CCTV camera in the area of the Red Lion Public House. This would help with the coverage of Fore Street, and continuity of the system in the centre of town.

Please be mindful of insecure outbuildings, tools, etc.

Insp. Meredith has confirmed he will be attending a meeting soon, May. PC Lenton will endeavour to be at the Annual Parish Meeting, to give the annual police report.

Regards Al

Immediate 999/Non-emergency 101/Neighbourhood 01637 880617/Email: [stcolumbmajor@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:stcolumbmajor@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)”

PC Lenton also spoke about the recent incident that had occurred outside the Red Lion Public House.

PC Lenton reported that since the revised time limit for parking has been introduced, the parking situation on Fair Street has improved considerably.

**658/17      Apologies for Absence:**

An Apology for Absence had been received from Cllr Roberts (unwell), and Cllr Mrs Fuery (unwell).

**659/17      Members Declarations of Interest:**

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

Cllr Culley – Planning Application PA19/01789, and Cllr Mrs Rogers – Planning Application PA19/01789.

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

None

**660/17      To confirm Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 14<sup>TH</sup> March 2019**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019, were presented by the Mayor.

With regards to Item 646/17, a letter has been received today regarding the wording and size of the plaque. The plaque will be no larger than 12” x 8”, and the wording, which the family would be happy with, is: “In memory of Mr Denis Hill 9.1.31 – 16.7.18 who did so much for St Columb”. Members were happy with this, and it was confirmed that this plaque would be erected in the Library.

With regards to Item 650/17 a), Cllr Wills was pleased to report that the Framed Picture of Old Market House, has now been erected in the Council Chamber. The overall cost was £197.43.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Rogers seconded, and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted. Cllr Culley abstained, as he was not present at the Meeting.

**661/17**      **Payment of Accounts – Members to Approve the Payment of Accounts to the end of March 2019:**

The Mayor presented the Accounts, to be paid up to the end of March 2019. A number of explanations were given about cheques issued, monies paid in, and Standing Orders/Direct Debits.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Allen seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously, to approve the payments of accounts up to the end of March 2019.

**662/17**      **Planning Matters:**

Cllrs Culley and Mrs Rogers left the room

**PA19/01789: Conversion of an existing agricultural barn into a dwelling at Trebudannon Farm – Trebudannon Farm, Road through Trebudannon, Trebudannon, Newquay – Mrs Elizabeth Weldhen**

Members were shown a picture of the “barn” in question, and exactly where it was situated. The plans are on the footprint. There is easy access. Everything would appear to be in keeping with the surrounding area.

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

Cllrs Culley and Mrs Rogers returned to the room

**PA19/02135: Single storey side extension – Tull Lawr, Tregaswith Road, Tregaswith, Newquay – Mr James Waters**

No comments have been made on the Planning Portal.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Daniels seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to support the Application.

**PA19/02022: Listed building consent for change of use of redundant banking building into a single residential dwelling with associated amenity and parking – 36, Fore Street, St Columb, Cornwall TR9 6RH – Mr Balding**

**PA19/02021: Change of use of redundant banking building into a single residential dwelling with ancillary accommodation and associated amenity and parking – 36, Fore Street, St Columb, Cornwall TR9 6RH – Mr Balding**

It was agreed that both these Applications be dealt with together. Considerable work has been undertaken internally to this building. The outside of the building is Listed. Cllr Mrs Warner wondered whether the internal aspects of the building could be Listed. The matter will be investigated further. Cllr Daniels reported that the Heritage Report was positive. As far as can be ascertained, it is believed that the occupant intends to replace railings to the front of the building, which apparently is within their curtilage. The seat, tubs, and two bollards will probably have to be removed. It was reported that there will be a self-contained annex at the rear of the property. Cllr Mrs Jiggins advised that there used to be a flat upstairs above the Bank. Basically, all that has been undertaken so far has been done "in keeping".

Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Culley seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to support both Applications.

**PA19/02535: Works to various trees – Penmellyn House, Lower East Street, St Columb, Cornwall - ?**

Cllr Mrs Warner proposed, Cllr Allen seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to support the Tree Officer's recommendations.

**PA19/02008: Retention and completion of the conversion of two small agricultural barns to form single holiday accommodation unit with infill extension barns and conversion of stone livestock holding walls adjacent to form extended provision. Change of use from agricultural barn to holiday accommodation unit with removal of Condition 2 of Application Reference Number: PA10/05340 dated 16/03/2011 – Small Barn Conversions at Rosewastis Farm, Newquay, Cornwall – Mr Richard Skinner**

Cllr Wills explained the background to this Application. In 2011 agreement was given to only holiday let. Within 3 – 4 years the properties went on the market and were sold off. Cllr Draper stated that as a matter of principal, it is wrong. Condition 2 of the original application PA10/05430 dated 16/03/2011 should remain in place.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Draper seconded, and it was RESOLVED to object to the Application. There was one Member who supported the Application.



**663/17**      **Neighbourhood Development Plan:**

Cllr Wills reported on a Meeting of the NDP he had recently attended. They are progressing now with setting up Groups, looking at different aspects of any proposed Plan, and working towards getting the website completed as soon as possible. It is important to remember that they are volunteers, and have other commitments, but I am confident they are doing their level best, and will start to work in earnest in the coming months. We have paid for a second leaflet drop, and for the completion of the website, from the grant money we had allocated from Groundworks UK.

The next NDP Meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**664/17**      **Christmas Lights:**

Cllr Draper was pleased to report that the latest Christmas Lights Meeting had proved very successful. Officers have now been elected – he is the new Chairperson. Sub-Groups have been set up. Another Meeting will be held in about two months' time. Is it acceptable for a bank account to be opened for the Christmas Lights? Cllr Wills confirmed that there is no reason why Christmas Lights should not have their own bank account. The Town Council has applied for grants for the Christmas Lights this year. Cllr Draper confirmed that they want to expand, not contract, with more lights, and an improved P. A. system. They would like to make the Switch On night an evening of entertainment for the whole family, and would be looking to get an Adult Choir in, to augment the School Choir. The Switch On date is 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

**665/17**      **School Lantern Project:**

Cllr Wills spoke about the School's Lantern Project. The lanterns in question were made about three years ago, and now require updating or replacing. The School did apply for a donation last year, but it was received very late in the year, and could not be agreed in time. It was reported that we have been successful in obtaining funding for the Christmas Lights from the St Breock Wind Farm Community Fund (£900) and hopefully, we will be successful in the Denzell Downs Wind Farm Community Fund. Cllr Mrs Rogers advised that she had been informed that the School has somewhere in the region of £2,000 set aside for such projects. Whether this is the case remains to be seen. After some discussion, Cllr Wills eventually proposed, Cllr Daniels seconded, and it was agreed to make a donation of £500 to the School's Lantern Project.



**666/17**      **Use of Old Methodist Chapel by Oasis Centre:**

Cllr Wills advised that we have received a request from the Oasis Centre to use the Old Methodist Chapel for Meetings, etc. The building they are referring to is the Youth Club building. In the current circumstances, it would seem sensible to defer this matter, until we have a satisfactory conclusion to the Youth Club scenario.

**667/17**      **Provision of Waste Bin outside Mole Valley Farmers Ltd.:**

The Town Clerk spoke about this matter. A number of residents have suggested that a waste bin placed on the start of a path opposite Mole Valley Farmers Ltd. This would be helpful for the disposal of dog excrement. However, there is currently a waste bin by the Bus Stop at Trelawney Parc, and it is thought that this should suffice.

**668/17**      **Our Town - Donation:**

Cllr Wills spoke about this matter. We have given Our Town donations over the past two years. Cllr Daniels remarked that Our Town do obtain the use of the Council Chamber, and The Columba Centre, at a much reduced cost. In one case, at no cost at all. After some discussion, it was agreed to offer Own Town a donation of £250, and the continuing free use of the Council Chamber for the Festival.

**669/17**      **Correspondence:**

The following items of Correspondence have been received:

- a) The Rural Bulletin – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019
- b) Localism Newsletter – Library Partnership Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019
- c) Localism Newsletter – Road Safety and Community Speed Engagement Event – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019
- d) NALC – Chief Executive’s Bulletin – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019
- e) The Rural Bulletin – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019
- f) The Rural Bulletin – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

**670/17**      **Any Other Business:**

- a) Cllr Mrs Warner asked if the Siren in the Childrens’ Play Area had been removed. The answer was not yet. Davidstow Museum will be removing it soon, after they have consulted with Western Power, etc.
- b) Cllr Culley spoke about an inhabited caravan that has appeared on the recently sold land at Bridge. Cllr Wills confirmed that the matter is being investigated by Planning Enforcement.

- c) Cllr Culley advised that opposite the Cemetery Gates there are a number of overhanging branches that are becoming a danger and need to be removed. We will arrange for the offending branches to be removed by our Contractor.
- d) Cllr Mrs Rogers asked about the Post Office. Cllr Wills gave an update on the current situation.
- e) Cllr Mrs Jiggins spoke about seating at the bottom of the Recreation Ground – below the side gate. There used to be seating here, and she wonders whether some seating could be placed here. Perhaps if the seat from in front of Lloyds Bank is removed, it could be positioned somewhere in this area.
- f) Cllr Daniels was pleased to report that work is being undertaken, not only inside, but to the front facade of The Cabbage Patch.
- g) Cllr Allen had been contacted by residents complaining about the speeding of traffic in Trekenning Road. The Police have been informed.
- h) Cllr Daniels was appalled at the amount of rubbish being left by youngsters in the Recreation Ground.
- i) The Town Clerk advised that the annual rent for Wesley Place Car Park will increase, in accordance with the retail price index prevailing on 1<sup>st</sup> January, from £12,212 per annum, to £12,522 per annum, with effect from the quarterly payment due on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The values of the indices used in the calculations are 1<sup>st</sup> January 1992 – 135.6/1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 – 235.0
- j) The Town Clerk spoke about the Service Level Agreement between Cornwall Council – Parking Services, and the Town Council. The SLA needs to be renewed now, or not, as the case may be. It was considered that the additional hours that the Town Council now pays for has made a positive difference. Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Draper seconded, and it was RESOLVED to renew the SLA for the coming year. There was one abstention.
- k) The Town Clerk spoke about the dangerous paving slabs outside the Bowling Club. They do really either need replacing, or having the whole area tarmaced. The Bowling Club have agreed that it would be sensible to have the area tarmaced. A price has been obtained for undertaking this work, in the sum of £2,250. It was agreed not to obtain additional prices, but because of the situation, arrange for the tarmacing work to be undertaken as soon as possible. It was indicated that all usable slabs would be taken to the Allotments for pathways.

**6711/17**

### **Date of Next Full Council Meeting**

After some debate, it was agreed that the next Full Meeting of the Town Council will be on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019. This will be the Annual Meeting.

Members were reminded of the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.00pm

**672/17**      **To consider the following Resolution: That the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972)**

Cllr Wills proposed this Resolution, which was seconded by Cllr Mrs Warner, and RESOLVED unanimously, that we now go into Closed Session

This part of the Meeting ended at 8.30pm

Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Signed: