

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, 2nd July 2019 at 7.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mr M C Uren (Town Clerk), and fifteen members of the public

61/19 **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:-

"A short Report this time, as it's only been two weeks since my last Report. I attended the Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting, held here in the Town Hall the day after our last Meeting. They are now well on the way to getting their first Questionnaire ready to send out to the Parish. The Steering Group hopes to do this by the end of September, if not sooner. The series of Town Walks are progressing, and, in fact, they have one tomorrow evening, meeting at the Cattle Market at 6pm. They will walk down Newquay Road, along the A3059 to Trekkenning road, past the Allotments, and back to the Cattle Market. I did inform them that the Developers working with the landowners of Trekkenning Farm will be here tonight, and they also wish to meet with the NDP Group.

I attended an All Members Briefing on County Farms. The aim of this Briefing was to advise Members of the outcome of the recent enquiry, and

the work undertaken since. Also - The Armed Forces Covenant for Cornwall. This Briefing provided a background of what the Armed Forces Covenant is, and the Council's responsibilities under this, Cornwall's Armed Forces Covenant Partnership Board and its work, Information about Armed Forces based in Cornwall.

In my role as Chairman of Cornwall Council's Standards Committee, and following a Resolution of the Committee, I chaired a Working Party on recruitment to the Standards Committee. The recommendations and the Report have now been written, and will be presented to the Committee at our next Meeting on 30th of July. Basically, there has been no new recruitment to the Committee, or very little, since its conception. Some Parish Council and Lay Members have served on the Committee since day one, and it was thought this is not healthy for the Committee, and new blood is required. A time limit on serving on the Committee will also be introduced.

I attended the Cornwall Airport Newquay Forum Meeting. I serve as Vice Chair of this Group. We received an Airport Operations Manager's Report on the number of passengers, and various e-mails from passengers with complaints, or thanks. A business update report - Aerohub Enterprise Zone: CDC Activity Summary Report to May 2019. Sadly no Spaceport Report, as Miles Carden was not present. Questions were raised about CDC's spending on various trips around the world, although we did not get a very satisfactory response, we do intend to raise this at Full Council next week at County Hall.

Today the Clerk, Deputy Mayor and I conducted some staff appraisals for the Library Staff. These will be available to Members in your next Agenda Pack, and will be an Agenda Item, in Closed Session, at our next Meeting.

I am very much looking forward to being the guest of the St Columb Rainbows tomorrow at the Columba Centre".

Trekenning Farm Development:

Andrew Pegg and Ed Heynes from Wessex Investors (a South West Regional Development Company), were welcomed to the Meeting. Andrew spoke about the recent project that they had been involved with. This was a development of 250 houses in Launceston. The Trekenning Farm Development would be a large scale housing development covering some 50 acres. The Company has been working on the development for

over a year, and the site is developable. He handed out a Sketch Plan to Councillors, which showed a general layout of the site. This would be a phased development, and there will be in the region of 250 houses, with open space parkland, play areas, with the opportunity for a commercial centre and an educational facility. If required, Sports Clubs could be accommodated, together with a Community Centre. This would create a lot of community benefit. There could be a convenience food store, with car parking. There is also the possibility of having a budget Hotel built on this site, again with car parking. The housing will be traditional family style housing. The Developers want to work closely with the Town Council, and the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group. The time scale is as soon, or as slow, as the Town Council/NDP Steering Group indicated. Cllr Wills advised that he had met with the Developers some three months ago. He told them at that stage to hold off for a while, until the NDP Steering Group had developed a workable strategy.

Cllr Culley asked about whether the sewerage system is man enough to take on these additional houses. The answer was that a new sewerage system should not be required – just a new pumping station. A drainage specialist will be engaged to sort out this aspect of the development. Will there be a new school, and a new Doctors' Surgery? The answer was that there will be a need for public consultation on both these matters.

Cllr Mrs Warner stated that South West Water had confirmed about two years ago that the sewerage system was just about able to cope. Surely there will be a need for an additional treatment system? Currently we take sewerage from Fraddon, and Indian Queens. Andrew agreed that this matter we will need to be addressed.

Cllr Daniels spoke about the two traffic islands that appear on the map on the A3059. Is this wise? Would not traffic lights be better? Andrew confirmed that there is a need for two entrances, to cope with the level of traffic anticipated to and from the development. Basically the traffic infrastructure might not cope. Who will be responsible for maintaining the Parkland? Andrew confirmed that it will be maintained by a Management Company, or a Trust. What about the maintenance of the Play Areas? These will be maintained by a Management Company of the Housing Association. It was confirmed that there could be a Budget Hotel. It was mentioned that there are already about six such Hotels within a 10 mile radius of St Columb Major. Surely the increased number of cars will constitute a problem? Will there be a number of "affordable" houses? The answer was yes, there is a target included in the Local Plan of 30% - 35%.

The public were now afforded the opportunity to ask questions.

Mr Ford stated that he agrees with the Developers, but is concerned about Highways not being able to sort out the roads. The amount of money wasted on works to the local A30 infrastructure is beyond belief.

Mrs Todd expressed concern regarding the increase in the amount of traffic, when we should basically be becoming “greener”, and creating less pollution. Surely there will be problems with pedestrians being able to cross the A3059. It was suggested that there will probably be a pedestrian link, to support pedestrian permeability. Is there sustainability in this project?

Mr Byron spoke about public transport. Will the number of buses be increased? The matter will certainly be looked into. A Travel Plan will be produced.

Mrs Fryett stated that surely the problem is the lack of infrastructure. The Doctors’ Surgery is full. With the potential for 1,000 new people – where will they go? Ed stated that in some of their previous projects, the NHS and local Health Authority had requested additional funding and rooms to be provided for Doctors’ Surgeries.

Ms. Webber stated that the top part of Trekenning Road (by the Cemetery and Allotments) is very narrow. Children from the development will probably be crossing over the A3059 to visit their friends in the town, and vice versa.

Mr Kippax spoke about the Parish Plan, and a study that was carried out in 1989 regarding transport. We are now some 30 years on, and the very same thing is happening. It was confirmed that Highway Consultants will be involved in this matter.

Andrew Pegg and Ed Heynes were thanked for their attendance, and for the information provided on the Trekenning Farm Development.

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Public Forum:

Mr Ford spoke about footpaths. It was confirmed that Cornwall Countryside Management have the current contract for footpaths. Tenders will be re-invited in 2020. Mr Ford expressed concern about the way the footpaths are being looked after by this firm. He spoke, in particular, about a footpath off Barn Lane. He also mentioned the footpath at Nanswhyden. There are problems here, where a river really needs to be diverted. The river burst its banks about three years ago. It was agreed that Mr Ford obtains an estimate from a local contractor, to undertake necessary remedial work to this river and footpath.

Mr Ford stated that the hanging baskets, the flower beds, and Trekenning Roundabout are looking absolutely brilliant. An excellent job done again this year by the Town Council.

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Report from County Councillor and Police:

The County Councillor's Report has already been given.

The Town Clerk reads the Police Report -

“Apologies - both PC Lenton and PCSO Burgess on Rest Days.

Reported crime since last report – seven:

1-2 THEFTS- Known female stole items from local store. Handbag taken from insecure car. Possibly the same offenders. Enquires ongoing.

3- SEXUAL ASSAULT- Enquiry completed due to unfortunate circumstances.

4-5 CRIMINAL DAMAGE- Group of youths threw stone at vehicle. Items damaged in the family home by young lad with some issues.

6- BURGLARY- Rough sleeper using derelict building, disturbed by owner and ran off.

7- POSSESSION/SHOW INDECENT IMAGES – Ongoing enquiry

Councillor Allen has spent a late shift on patrol with PC Lenton. Hopefully he enjoyed the experience, and saw some of the good work we are doing, and had a small insight into the pressures we are under.

Visits to local Youth Groups are planned, and arrangements to attend events during Carnival Week.

Regards Al

Immediate 999 Non-emergency 101 Neighbourhood 01637 880617

Email stcolumbmajor@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk”

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Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllr Roberts (unwell), Cllr Mrs Fuery (unwell), Cllr Draper (on holiday), and Cllr Allen (family commitments).

65/19 **Members Declarations of Interest:**

Declarations of Interest, in accordance with the Agenda:

None

Declarations of gifts to the value of £25:

None

66/19 **To confirm Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 18th June 2019**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on 18th June 2019, were presented by the Mayor.

The person nominated as Citizen of the Year for 2019 has accepted. They will be presented with the Award at the next Full Council Meeting on 30th July 2019.

Cllr Wills advised that he had met with our Network Link Officer. The land in question at Glanville's Green, Ruthvoes, is part of Fentenfenna Farm – leased from Cornwall Council. He will be meeting with one of the Cornwall Council's Estate Managers soon. It is hoped that the land can be designated as a Village Green.

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

67/19 **Payment of Accounts – Members to Approve the Payment of Accounts to the end of June 2019:**

The Mayor presented the Accounts, to be paid up to the end of June 2019.

Some explanations were given re: cheques issued.

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

68/19 **Planning Matters:**

PA19/00012/NDP: Plan Proposal submitted for the designated St Enoder Neighbourhood Area. The statutory six week Consultation will run between 20th June and 1st August 2019 – St Enoder Cornwall – St Enoder Parish Council

This item is merely for Members' information. Members can comment individually on this, if they so wish, during the consultation period.

PA19/05130: Change of use from A1 (retail) to a Tattoo Parlour (sul generis) – Dekker Technology, 2, Bank Street, St Columb, Cornwall – Mr R Parry

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

69/19 **Neighbourhood Development Plan:**

Cllr Wills had already given an update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan, in his Mayor's Report.

70/19 **General Data Protection Regulations – Review of Policies:**

The Town Clerk advised that he has completed the Data Privacy Impact Assessment document, and sent it off to Microshade. They will now check this document, and complete their audit. Everything should be in place by the next Full Council Meeting.

71/19 **Climate Change/Climate Emergency:**

Cllr Wills spoke on this matter. He confirmed that Cornwall Council has declared a Climate Emergency. After some debate, it was unanimously agreed, that St Columb Major Town Council does not want to declare a Climate Emergency.

72/19 **Donation – St Columb Major Football Club:**

Cllr Wills read a letter which had been received from the Football Club, asking for financial help with some of the future projects being undertaken. After some debate, it was unanimously agreed to pay for the aerating and scarifying of the pitch, at a cost of £175.

It was also mentioned here that St Mawgan Football Club appear to be using our pitch for training. No-one has given them permission. A letter

will be sent to St Mawgan Football Club, advising them that this practice must stop immediately.

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Correspondence:

The following items of Correspondence have been received:

- a) CC – Planning for Coastal Change Chief Officer Planning Advice Note consultation document
- b) CC – Cormac
- c) CC – Community Governance Review Update

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Any Other Business:

- a) Cllr Mrs Warner advised that recently the NHS had contacted The Columba Centre, as they needed somewhere where they could carry out Diabetic Eye Clinic Checks in their testing vehicle. Unfortunately, the Centre was not suitable, due to access issues. They ended up having to use Morrisons Car Park. It is possible that the Council Chamber could have sufficed?. Our details have been passed on to the NHS.
- b) Cllr Mrs Warner again mentioned about the possibility of increasing the amount of parking opposite the Doctors' Surgery. The matter will be referred to County Highways.
- c) Cllr Culley spoke about a hedge that is hanging over a pavement by The Hurlings Playing Field. We will arrange for it to be cut back.
- d) The Town Clerk spoke about an intended visit to SWW Treatment Plant at Halveor. It was agreed to accept 23rd July as the most convenient date, at 11.00am.

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Date of Next Full Council Meeting

The next Full Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 30th July 2019 at 7.00pm

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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

Dated: 30th July 2019

Signed: