

# 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, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Cllrs P Wills (Mayor), Mrs L Jiggins, B Daniels, W Draper, Mrs B Rogers, K Roberts, Mrs F Fuery, E Culley

**In attendance:** Mr M C Uren (Town Clerk), a Reporter from Newquay Voice, and P C Lenton (up to item 603/17).

### **600/17**      **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.

### **601/17**      **Announcement and Diary Dates:**

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

"Since my last update, I have attended an All Members Briefing at County Hall, on the Cabinet's Business Plan and Budget Proposals – Cabinet's Final Budget Proposal for 2019/20, and Medium Term Financial Plan 2019 – 2023, following engagement and confirmation of settlement funding. A further meeting was held about extra provision for adult social care, which was held in Newquay. There are plans to build some accommodation in Newquay, possibly at Tregunnel Car Park!

I, along with other Town Councillors, met to discuss and amend the proposed Lease for the Youth Club.

I met with the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Cllr Hannaford, to discuss my concerns over the two non-domestic rates bills we have now received, reference the Library and this building. Cllr Hannaford has agreed to investigate the matter, and she will get back to me as soon as she has some answers.

I attended the Community Network Meeting, held in St Wenn. Esther Richmond is leaving us and moving to the Falmouth and Penryn area - Anna Druce is taking over. We were treated to a presentation on Boardmasters, and how to apply for some of the funding they have for local community-based projects. The Columba Centre has already benefited from this fund, and I urge others within the parish to apply for next year's funding.

I chaired a meeting of the Standards Committee at County Hall, in my role as Chairman of that Committee.

I also attended a meeting of the Full Council at County Hall.

I attended the re-dedication of the Police Building in Bodmin, which is now the new Police Headquarters for Cornwall Police.

I attended the Customer and Support Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee at NCH, of which I am a Member.

I attended a Member's Workshop at NCH, looking at how the Council will manage its Planning Committees post 2021, when there will be fewer Members of the Council.

I have also attended an All Members Briefing at County Hall on Neighbourhood Planning – Lessons Learned. This was an update on neighbourhood planning, and the support Officers provide, myth-busting, lessons learned from made plans, planning decisions and appeal decisions, and how Members can best support their communities. I will be passing this information onto our Steering Group.

The Clerk and I attended the Legal Service at Truro Cathedral, held on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, by the outgoing High Sherriff, Mr Paul Young-Jameson.

I have dealt with many enquiries from local people in the parish regarding County Council matters, from planning matters, to housing benefit, and other related matters.

I have applied for grants on behalf of this Council, from the Denzell Downs and St Breock Wind Farm Funds, towards the cost of this year's St Columb in Bloom, and the Christmas Lights.

Today, the Clerk and I met with Esther Richmond, and our new Community Link Officer, Anna Druce, to discuss devolution and related issues. It has been confirmed that Anna will be taking over from Esther at the beginning of March.

**602/17**      **Public Forum:**

There were no members of the public present.

**603/17**      **Report from Police and County Councillor:**

The County Councillor's Report has already been given.

P. C. Lenton presented the Police Report:-

“Apologies PCSO Burgess - Rest days.

PCSO Parry has moved to Bodmin to work. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and help over the years.

Reported crime in the last month 13 in total - last year 15.

1-3 ASSAULTS -Two domestic related. One serious allegation of GBH. CID dealing.

4-8 THEFTS -One unknown male grabbed bag. Two vehicle thefts. One domestic related, the other keys left in vehicle.

9-10 DRIVING OFFENCES- Male arrested following driving offences and then possession of offensive weapon.

11- SEXUAL OFFENCES – Young girl involved, multi agencies engaging with all parties.

12 - HARRASSEMNT- Ex-partner reported business owner to other agencies.

13 - POSSESSION OFFENSIVE WEAPON – Male kicked out of Pub, returned with knife, arrested and dealt with.

Events planning well under way for this year.

Fire and Police working together during recent snow.

Regards Al”

Immediate - 999 Non-emergency - 101

Neighbourhood - 01637 880617

Email - [stcolumbmajor@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:stcolumbmajor@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

**604/17      Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllr Allen (work commitments), and Cllr Mrs Warner (personal commitments).

**605/17      Members Declarations of Interest:**

**Declarations of Interest, in accordance with the Agenda:**  
None

**Declarations of gifts to the value of £25:**  
None

**606/17      To confirm Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019, were presented by the Mayor. There was a slight typo error at the bottom of page 2. Cllr Roberts reported that rubbish has been removed from the back of The Cabbage Patch, and he has seen the owner on site on a couple of occasions recently. He remains to be convinced that this person will undertake what he has indicated he intends to do.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Rogers seconded, and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted. Cllrs Roberts and Mrs Fuery abstained, as they were not present at the Meeting.

**607/17      Payment of Accounts – Members to Approve the Payment of Accounts to the end of January 2019:**

The Mayor presented the Accounts, to be paid up to the end of January 2019. A couple of explanations were given about cheques issued (WPS, Tesco) and a payment received (Groundwork UK). The Clerk will look into the matter of the cheque issued re: Insurance of Library books.

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

**608/17**      **Planning Matters:**

**PA19/00656: Fell Yew tree – 28, Fair Street, St Columb, Cornwall TR9 6RL – Mrs Rachel Millson-Hill**

Cllr Daniels advised that he fully supported the removal of this tree.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Draper seconded, and it was RESOLVED to support the Tree Officer's recommendations. It transpires that the Tree Officer is not a consultee on this Application. The matter will be investigated further.

**609/17**      **Neighbourhood Development Plan:**

Cllr Wills gave an update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan. There is a Workshop, to be held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday of this week (7<sup>th</sup> February). It is hoped that as many Councillors as possible will make an effort to attend, to see exactly where the Steering Group are concerning the NDP.

**610/17**      **Health and Safety Policy, General Risk Assessment – 2019, Fire Risk Assessment – 2019:**

Cllr Wills advised that this H. and S. Policy, and Risk Assessments, needed to be adopted on an annual basis. The documents have been updated, as required.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Fuery seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to adopt the Health and Safety Policy, the General Risk Assessment, and the Fire Risk Assessment.

**611/17**      **Provision of Sponsored Bike for Police:**

Cllr Wills brought this matter before Councillors. Last year the Police in this area had use of an electric bike. It was wondered whether it would be a good idea to sponsor such a bike for St Columb Major Police this year. A price has been obtained from Clive Mitchell Cycles, in the sum of £100 per month. We would probably be looking to sponsor the bike for four months – June to September. Having mentioned the matter to PC Lenton earlier, it was eventually agreed, that with the reduction of PCSO's in this area, it would not represent value for money.

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**Grass Cutting Contract, Verge/Footpath Cutting Contract, Public Convenience Cleaning Services Contract, Street Cleansing Contract:**

Cllr Wills advised that all these Contracts must go out to tender next year. In the meantime the Council can, if they so wish, agree to extend all the Contracts for another year. Cllr Daniels stated that the verges should be cut more frequently than what is stated in the Contract. This matter will be sorted out.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Rogers seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to extend all four Contracts for another year.

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**Correspondence:**

The following items of Correspondence have been received:

- a) RSN Rural Funding Digest – January 2019 Edition
- b) The Rural Bulletin – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019
- c) CC – Latest Funding Information – 18.01.19 and 25.01.19
- d) NALC – Open letter to Councillors – January 2019
- e) NALC – Chief Executive’s Bulletin – 18.01.19
- f) The Rural Bulletin – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019
- g) NALC Newsletter – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019
- h) NALC – Chief Executive’s Bulletin – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019
- i) The Rural Bulletin – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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**Any Other Business:**

- a) Cllr Wills advised that some correspondence has been received from residents of Fair Street, complaining about the revised parking times. This is something that should have been taken up during the Consultation Period. We will review the Policy in 12 months’ time. Mention was made here about CEO’s patrolling Fair Street, Bank Street, and Bridge and where necessary, issuing notices to people who are flaunting parking regulations. Cllr Daniels hoped that CEO’s would also issue notices to people who consistently park opposite the Cattle Market junction, on double yellow lines. Cllr Draper stated that this is, in fact, a road offence, not a parking offence, and can be dealt with by the Police.
- b) Cllr Mrs Fuery advised that the “bin man” is still going around in the small vehicle on his own. When Cllr Paynter was here he promised to look into the matter. We will check with Cllr Paynter. Cllr Mrs Fuery also stated that on occasions the “Recycling Men” do not take all the recycling.

- c) Cllr Mrs Jiggins reported that seat at the top of Bridge Hill needs sanding and staining again. This matter will be dealt with in due course.
- d) Cllr Daniels expressed some concern regarding water that pours out of gutters in Fore Street. As these gutters are connected to private houses, there is not a lot we can do. However, it was agreed that we would write to Cornwall Council about the matter.
- e) Cllr Daniels spoke again about the problem of pigeons in the Old Funeral Parlour in Higher East Street. He has written to Cornwall Council, and received a not very helpful response. The problem will be monitored.
- f) Cllr Daniels referred to an old mattress that has been dumped behind a property in Fair Street. He has referred the matter to Cornwall Council, but they have stated that as the mattress is still on private land, they will not touch it.
- g) Cllr Draper asked about timings of future Meetings. The matter is still being looked into.
- h) Cllr Wills stated that he had received correspondence from the Church Warden, regarding dog fouling in the Closed Churchyard. The matter is also being referred to the PCC. Members agreed, that we would place suitable Notices, indicating that dogs should be on leads, and that owners clear up after their dogs, at entrances to the Closed Churchyard.
- i) The Town Clerk advised, that following Cllr Daniels' mention of vegetation needing to be cut back at the bottom of Union Hill, on the footpath leading to Tregatillian, Cornwall Council has stated that they do not consider there is any work that needs to be carried out at the present time.

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**Date of Next Full Council Meeting**

A short discussion took place about the dates of future Meetings. It was agreed that the next Full Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 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 Roberts, and RESOLVED unanimously, that we now go into Closed Session

This part of the Meeting ended at 7.50pm

26<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Signed: