

# 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, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.00pm.

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

**In attendance:** Mr M C Uren (Town Clerk), P C Lenton (up to Item 116/19), and a Reporter from Newquay Voice

### 114/19 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) Announcement and Diary Dates:

Cllr Wills presented his report:-

“Since my last briefing, I have attended an All Members Briefing, at County Hall on the “Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Health and Wellbeing Strategy”, which is a mechanism by which the NHS, Local Authority and wider partners can support the joint identification of strategic priorities for health and wellbeing across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Members were also briefed on Direct Payments. A direct payment can be provided to a person if their assessment by Adult Social Care shows that they have eligible social care needs. The person can then be given a Personal Budget to help them meet those needs. A direct payment means that those in receipt can arrange and manage their own support, choose the people who support them – whether this is via an Agency or employment (or a mixture of both) – and services can be more flexible.

I met with the now former Sub-postmaster the day after the Post Office was closed, and many of you will be aware that I am in the midst of trying to get our Post Office back open. I have published several reports on the

Town Council's Facebook page, and a very good article was published in last week's Newquay Voice. It is my sincere hope that a solution to this crisis can be found swiftly, and that we can have a Post Office again in the parish. I have offered Post Office Limited the use of the Library on the days it is not open to the public, which are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

I also attended a Training Session with other Members of the Licensing Committee in St Austell. This was refresher training, which is mandatory.

I attended a Full Council Meeting, at New County Hall, where I was extremely vocal in my efforts to make Officers and Cabinet Members see common sense regarding the new Waste Contract, which will see our black bags collected once a fortnight. Cabinet requested a 62 million pound uplift in the Capital Spend, in order to purchase a fleet of vehicles for whoever wins the new Contract. Something I was very much against.

At the invitation of the landowners I was invited for coffee over at Trekenning Farm. As Members are aware the developers and landowners came and talked to us on a proposed development on farmland the other side of the A3059. It is my understanding they have yet to talk to Planning Officers, but they do wish to hold a Public Consultation. They were unaware that the owners of the large field at the bottom of Newquay Road have sought planning advice on that field. They only wished to keep me informed. I have not offered any advice, nor will I.

I attended a Meeting of the Cornwall Airport Newquay Consultative Forum, of which I am Vice Chair. We received the Operations Manager's Report, Business Report Update, Aerohub Enterprise Zone update and Spaceport update.

The Clerk and I undertook an inspection of all the Allotments, and I can inform Members that six eviction notices have been served, and several final warning letters sent to Allotment Holders. 80% of the allotments are well looked after, it's only a small number who are letting the side down, and they have been dealt with.

I attended St Wenn Parish Council meeting last Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> of September.

The Deputy Mayor and I attended the Youth Club AGM. If you took away the Committee, their spouses and children, there was only three members of the public there. They did acknowledge that the Town Council are the Trustees of the building, and that the Memo of Understanding has been signed, and they are responsible for the inside of the building, and all activities that take place inside. It is my honest opinion that they will be working hard to try and maintain the inside, and that they will do their best to provide a good place for the youth of the parish to enjoy. How many of the youth of the parish will attend is anyone's guess. Tonight, is their opening night - I wish them well.

Tomorrow I will be attending Cabinet in Truro to express my displeasure at the new Waste Contract, and to ask questions on the proposed Spaceport“.

**115/19      Public Forum:**

No members of the public were present.

**116/19      Report from County Councillor and Police:**

The County Councillor's report had already been presented.

P C Lenton presented the Police Report:

“Apologies PCSO Parry and PCSO Burgess - day shift and rest days respectively.

Reported crime in the last month - six in total. This period last year - eighteen.

1- MAKING OFF WITHOUT PAYMENT - Two persons unable to pay Taxi fare

2-3 CRIMINAL DAMAGE- Padlock from container damaged nothing taken. Garden furniture damaged as ex-partners father attended to collect items.

4- ASSAULT- Young lad suffering from Autism hit mum.

5- HARRASSMENT- Domestic related threats.

6- ASSAULT – Linked to the above and male wanted.

Been asked to remind people to help us to help you by signing up to the Alert Scheme.

Staff helped at Carnival week and as per usual well attended despite the weather forecast.

Regards Al

Immediate 999

Non-emergency 101

St Columb Major Neighbourhood Team 01637 880617

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

Cllr Allen spoke about “his shift” with the Police. As mentioned at the last Meeting, Cllr Mrs Jiggins, and Cllr Mrs Fuery would like to accompany the Police on a shift. The Town Clerk was asked to e-mail PC Lenton with this request.

**117/19 Apologies for Absence:**

An Apology for Absence had been received from Cllr Daniels (on holiday). Cllr Draper was not present.

**118/19 Members Declarations of Interests:**

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

None

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

None

**119/19 To confirm Minutes of the full Council Meeting, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019:**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019, were presented by the Mayor.

Cllr Culley spoke about Planning Application PA19/06780. There have, in fact, been five objections to the Application.

Cllr Mrs Warner advised that under Planning Application PA19/06504, the units are not “small”, as described. In actual fact they are 4 or 5 bed units.

The Town Clerk advised that the cost to include insurance on the other two Car Parks will cost £15.11, making a total for the three Car Parks - £25.00. Councillors agreed that we should have the three Car Parks insured.

Cllr Wills advised that the Working Party for the Devolved Projects has met. This is an Agenda Item, so it will be dealt with later in the Meeting.

The Town Clerk read a letter that had been received from Cornwall Air Ambulance, thanking the Council for their very generous donation.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Culley seconded, and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted. There were three abstentions, as neither Cllr Roberts, nor Cllr Mrs Rogers, nor Cllr Mrs Fuery were present at the Meeting.

**120/19**

**Planning Matters:**

**PA19/06699: Erection of a general purpose building for agricultural storage – Lambert, Ruthvoes, St Columb, Cornwall – Mr and Mrs V Gill.**

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

The Town Clerk advised that there are Planning Conferences to be held around the County in the not too distant future. Any Councillor interested in attending should contact the Town Clerk, who has all the details.

**121/19**

**Neighbourhood Development Plan:**

Cllr Wills advised that there was nothing further to report on the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Steering Group has not met since the last Full Council Meeting. He did mention that the Group has been advised that they will need to submit the Questionnaire to the Town Council for approval, before it is sent out.

**122/19**

**Pavement at top of Highfield Avenue:**

The Town Clerk explained exactly where, and what needs to be undertaken. Three Contractors were asked to price for the work, and we have received two replies. Contractor 1 - £3,500 and Contractor 2 –

£6,061. After some discussion Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Roberts seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to accept Contractor 1's price of £3,500.

**123/19      Fencing in the Recreation Ground:**

Cllr Wills spoke about replacement fencing in the Recreation Ground, and the fact that it would be sensible to increase the height of the fencing behind the goal area. We have obtained a price from our Specialist Contractor, in the sum of £4,580 for 4m high fencing. The cost to replace with the same height fencing that is in place now (3m high) will be £3,618. Some Members asked why the concrete posts need replacing, as they thought the panels were just screwed in. The Town Clerk will check with the Contractor and report back to the next Full Council Meeting. It was also suggested that perhaps a net could be placed above the goal to help prevent balls from going in to the Childrens' Play Area.

**124/19      Cost of Memorials:**

Cllr Wills spoke about the cost of memorials in the Cemetery. Currently the charge is £25. This has not been increased for a number of years. According to one of our Monumental Masons, the Town Council is by far the cheapest in the area. The Town Clerk explained what other areas are charging. After some discussion, Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Allen seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to double all charges for memorials, and plaques on the Memorial Wall.

**125/19      Devolved Projects:**

Cllr Wills spoke about the Working Party Meeting that had taken place last Thursday.

With regards to the areas at Trelawney Parc and Carloggas Grove, letters have been distributed to residents asking them what they would like to happen to these areas, now that the Town Council has taken them over. There were four options given –

1. Leave the area as it is, and just cut the grass
2. Turn the area into Allotments for use of residents of the relevant area only
3. Place play equipment in the area
4. Your suggestion

One suggestion that has been made already is for the wall to the side of the grassed area in Trelawney Parc to be demolished, and the car parking area to be extended.

With regards to Trekenning Road Car Park, Cllr Wills advised that we will be receiving £12,500 from Cornwall Council, to help with the cost of resurfacing the Car Park. The Working Party has recommended that the Car Park should be free at weekends, and chargeable on weekdays from 9.00am to 5.00pm. There should also be 45 spaces for Permit Holders. The intention will be to have solar panel meters installed. He confirmed that the re-cycling bins will be removed at the end of March 2020. We have already obtained prices from two Contractors for the resurfacing work, but because of the cost we will need a specification drawn up and tenders invited. To this end a price has been obtained from a firm who specialise in Building Surveying. The Town Clerk read out the breakdown of the costs. It was agreed that we would not require the Project Management, or Health and Safety area, or Structural Engineer input. The cost to carry out the necessary survey, plan and design the Car Park layout, prepare the specification and undertake the tender process, will be £925. After some discussion, Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Allen seconded, and it was agreed unanimously to accept this price. The drainage and resurfacing work will be undertaken in April 2020, as soon as the re-cycling bins have been removed. It is likely that the Car Park will be closed for about two weeks, while the work is undertaken. Mention was made about the cost of Car Parking Permits, and it was agreed that this needs some serious thought, and to bring suggestions to the next Full Council Meeting. In the meantime a Parking Order can be initiated. Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Warner seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the recommendations made by the Working Party.

Cllr Wills proceeded to speak about the grassed area at The Hurlings. It appears that although we have taken over the grassed area, the paths are still the responsibility of Cornwall Council. One recommendation has come forward, in that it would seem sensible to move the Play Equipment area to the “bell shaped” area of land between the houses. The area where the Play Equipment was can then be fenced off and Allotments created in this area. Cllr Culley raised the question about access to this area. It was agreed to make a site visit to ascertain the best way forward. After some debate, Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Warner seconded, and the suggestions that had been put forward, were agreed in principal.

With regards to the parking area opposite the Co-op, Cllr Wills advised that Cllr Mrs Warner will be looking after this part of the project. To this end, the wall will be painted in an attempt to brighten up the area, and another bench will be provided. Cllr Mrs Jiggins asked if something could be done to the base of the trees. The matter will be investigated further. It was pointed out that the middle tree looks as if it is dying.

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**Smallseum:**

Cllr Mrs Warner advised that there was nothing really to report yet. She has placed all the old photographs, that were received from Terry Rowe, into an album. She hopes to meet with Cllr Mrs Jiggins and Andy Huckleby next week, and report further at the next Full Council Meeting. Cllr Wills advised that, because of the cost, it has been decided not to move the telephone box, but to leave it in its current position.

127/19

**Donation Request from Merlin MS Centre:**

We have received a donation request from the Merlin MS Centre. Cllr Mrs Fuery proposed, Cllr Allen seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously that we should make a donation of £100 to the Merlin MS Centre

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**Any Other Business:**

- a) Cllr Wills spoke about the parking opposite the Doctor's Surgery. He has written to Adrian Drake, Highways Manager, regarding the possibility of extending this parking area, advising that the Town Council will pay for all work required. A reply has been received, which was agreeing, in principle to the proposal. A number of questions were also raised, which have also been responded to. In principle the change has been agreed. There remains a query as to whether planning permission will be required. Recommendations from Adrian Drake were that there should be reverse parking signage, and that the area should be "grasscreted", instead of having tarmac laid. Costs will be obtained, and a report submitted to the next Full Council Meeting.
- b) Cllr Mrs Fuery expressed concern regarding car repair work, which is being undertaken in Trelawney Parc. The matter will be referred to Ocean Housing.
- c) Cllr Mrs Rogers also reported that an individual is working on cars in Highfield Avenue. We will investigate the matter and report accordingly.
- d) Cllr Roberts was pleased to report that work on the Cabbage Patch is progressing well. He has recently had a tour of the premises inside, and was most impressed with all he saw. The landowner is now certainly "pulling his finger out". Cllr Roberts advised that he has been extremely sceptical of what has been going on, but now he is pleased with the progress being made.
- e) Cllr Allen advised that trees within Trelawney Parc require cutting back. This again is the responsibility of Ocean Housing.



- f) The Town Clerk was pleased to advise that we have now received the next half of this year's precept - £102,377.51.
- g) Cllr Wills advised that we have had a door bell fitted for disabled access to the Library.
- h) Cllr Mrs Rogers spoke about branches of trees that need lopping in Springfield Close. Again the matter will be investigated.

**129/19**

**Date of Next Full Council Meeting:**

The next Full Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at 7.00pm.

The Meeting ended at 8.45pm

Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019

Signed: