

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, 21st May 2019 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs P Wills (Mayor), E Culley, B Daniels, Mrs B Rogers, W Draper,
S Allen

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

26/19 Mayor's Welcome:

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

The Mayor advised that as nothing further has been heard from the Youth Club, or their Solicitors, there is no need to go into Closed Session this evening. The Minutes of the Closed Session of the last Meeting, will therefore be agreed with the Full Council Minutes, under the relevant Agenda Item.

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 report, I attended a Meeting with Senior Officers of Cornwall Council, including several Service Directors. This is part of Cornwall Council's continuing efforts to empower Community Network Panels. It gives Cornwall Councillors a chance to ask questions to the top-level Management Team, within the Council's Executive. This was the first Meeting, so it was a bit of a “get to know you session!” I am sure that now we know the remit of these Meetings, much more can be achieved, regarding residents' concerns put forward by Cornwall Councillors. They are small Meetings with the current seven Cornwall Councillors from the Network Area, our Community Link Officer, and invited Senior Managers.

I asked about our Service Level Agreement for extra parking enforcement within the town, and I was assured by Allan Hampshire, Strategic Director – Neighbourhoods and Public Protection, that he will be in touch with this Town Council, to see if there is any scope for improving the Service.

I also asked about Trekenning Car Park, which is being taken over by St Columb Major Town Council. This is in relation to Car Parking Orders and resurfacing, to ensure we get the money promised. I will need, via the Clerk, to send all relevant information to Allan Hampshire, Strategic Director – Neighbourhoods and Public Protection, to follow up.

I also asked about rumours that Street Cleaning will be the next Service devolved down to Town and Parish Councils. I was informed by Peter Marsh, Service Director – Environment, that devolution of Street Cleaning, that is currently undertaken by Biffa, on Cornwall Council's behalf, is now subject to a new Contract from 2020, currently being tendered, and as part of this, Officers are trying to build in as much flexibility as possible, to allow Town and Parish Councils to take on local control, should they opt to. However, Cornwall Council has the statutory responsibility for this function, so it cannot be devolved. However, it is possible to have a Service Level Agreement put in place. I will not be supporting this effort, as I believe that Cornwall Council should not change our Street Cleaning, but let's wait and see what happens.

I attended an All Members Briefing on Cornwall's Market Position Statement. The briefing provided Members with an overview of the joint Cornwall Council, and NHS Kernow (Clinical Commissioning Group) Market Position Statement for 2019 - 2022. The MPS set out the main demographic, financial, and service demand pressures, together with an analysis of the current service offers and intentions for the future. The MPS is designed to help current and potential future providers of care and support, to understand future predicted demand, and to help to build a local care market, which can provide innovative, flexible, high quality and value for money services. And very interesting it was too.

It was a great pleasure to accompany the St Columb Major Bell Ringers on their Annual Outing. We went to Tavistock and the surrounding area, and visited some lovely picturesque villages.

I attended the St Wenn Parish Council Annual Meeting.

I also chaired a Meeting of Cornwall Councils Licencing Act Sub-committee, at County Hall, on the same day.

It was a great pleasure for me to attend Mayor Making in Launceston. Cllr David Gordon is back in office, for his third term as Mayor.

I attended the Annual General Meeting of the Newquay and St Columb Community Network Panel, which was held here in the Town Hall. As hosts, we laid on some refreshments for the near thirty who attended.

Yesterday I attended the South Chapel at St Columb Cemetery, Trekenning Road, along with four members of the public, who had raised money for a new crucifix for the Chapel. You may recall there was only ever one in the North Chapel, and these residents took it upon themselves to raise the money, and donate the new crucifix to the Parish. So, I thank Ron and Wendy Abbotts, Del Bilkey, and Anita Beechey for their kindness, and those who bought raffle tickets.

Today I have attended a Full Council Meeting at New County Hall, where I laid before the Council for its consideration, and approval by vote, my Annual Report as Chairman of Cornwall Council's Standards Committee. We also elected our new Chairman for the year, Cllr Hillary Franks, from Saltash, and the Leader of the Council, who is Cllr Julian German, from the Roseland".

27/19 Public Forum:

There were no members of the public present.

28/19 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllrs Roberts (unwell) and Mrs Fuery (unwell), Mrs Jiggins (unable to attend). Cllr Mrs Warner had indicated that she would be late in attending the Meeting, due to a Doctor's Appointment.

29/19 Members Declarations of Interests:

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

None

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

None

30/19 **To confirm Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting, held on 7th May 2019:**

The Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting, held on 7th May 2019, were presented by the Mayor.

It was confirmed that the two new CCTV cameras were fitted yesterday. Cllr Wills mentioned the fact that at last week's Network Panel Meeting, the Police Commissioner had stated, that Councils should be able to obtain grants from one of the funds run by her Office, for the installation of CCTV cameras. A grant has therefore been requested.

The Town Clerk confirmed that an e-mail, and now a letter, has been received from St Columb ACE Academy, thanking the Town Council for their generous donation towards the Lantern Project.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Rogers seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously that the Minutes be accepted.

The Minutes of the Closed Session of the Annual Council Meeting, held on 7th May 2019, were presented by the Mayor.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Allen seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously that the Minutes of the Closed Session be accepted.

31/19 **Payment of Accounts – Members to Approve the Payment of Accounts to the end of April 2019:**

The Mayor presented the Accounts, to be paid up to the end of April 2019. A number of explanations were given about cheques issued, monies paid in, and Standing Orders/Direct Debit. The overall balances were mentioned, and the Mayor commented that the Town Council maintains a sound fiscal management policy.

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

32/19 **Planning Matters:**

PA18/11863: Listed Building Consent for alterations to the rear roof line reconstruction of rear slate-hung wall with new timber-frame slate-hung wall, provision of conservation roof-light and alterations to rear garage – 18, Fore Street, St Columb, Cornwall TR9 6RH – Mr J Knights

Members were of the opinion that this Application has been received previously. However, it was pointed out that this is for Listed Building Consent.

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

PA19/00412: Alterations to rear roof over bathroom, provision of skylight/sun pipe, alterations to rear garage and replacement of rear windows – 18, Fore Street, St Columb, Cornwall TR9 6RH – Mr Jonathan Knights

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

PA19/03858: Change of Use of existing mobile home timber chalet/classroom to a 'Live/Work Unit' – Doctors Field, Chy Lowen, Tregaswith Road, Tregaswith, Newquay – Mr Michael Ferkin CHAT

Cllr Wills explained exactly what the Applicant is requesting. Comments were made about whether the intention is to replace the Chalet with, maybe, a bungalow in the future. It was not thought that this was the case.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Culley seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to support the Application, with the proviso that the Chalet remains, and is not replaced with a permanent build.

33/19 Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 and Accounting Statements 2018/19:

Cllr Wills advised that neither of these items are actually ready to be presented to Council. It was confirmed that there is no problem whatsoever with the final audit for 2018/19. All the necessary documents will be presented to Councillors at the next Full Council Meeting.

34/19 Neighbourhood Development Plan:

Cllr Wills gave an update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The next Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow (Wednesday, 22nd May) at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber. Members of the NDP are undertaking walks around the town, looking at historic features. The first such walk happened last Wednesday, when members walked down and around the Bridge area. A further Questionnaire is being devised, and this should be sent out to all households in the not too distant future. The Town Clerk

advised that the End of Grant Report is being compiled, at the present time.

35/19 Devolution Projects:

The Town Clerk reported that all the necessary documents have been signed, and sent back to our Solicitors. The documents will then be sent off to Cornwall Council for their signatures. The Transfer Date suggested for us to take over the six areas of land from Cornwall Council is 1st June 2019.

Cllr Wills advised that he had had a visit from Mr Bosisto recently. One of the topics discussed was the Old Cattle Market Development Project. It has been suggested that funds from this now defunct Committee should be donated to the Town Council. The monies could, and probably should, be used to purchase new play equipment for the Trelawney Parc and Carloggas Grove Play Areas.

Another topic discussed, was the monies still held by the old Chamber of Commerce. In this instance it has been suggested that this money should be donated to the Christmas Lights Committee.

36/19 Citizen of the Year 2019:

A number of additional people were suggested. As there is no desperate hurry to decide on this matter, it was agreed to make a final decision at the next Full Council Meeting in June.

37/19 Any Other Business:

- a) Cllr Wills mentioned again about the Chamber of Commerce. As far as could be ascertained that previous Minutes, etc. and regalia, were supposed to have been given to the Town Council for safe keeping. The matter will be further investigated.
- b) Cllr Culley mentioned about Car Parking, and comments he had received regarding the charges being made. The cost in both Car Parks is £1 for one hour, and £2 for two hours.
- c) Cllr Mrs Rogers spoke about problems that are occurring in the Allotments. It appears that one of the plot holders has made steps in the Cemetery hedge, to enable easier access via the Cemetery. The matter will be investigated further, and the steps 'removed'.
- d) Cllr Allen expressed some concern regarding a number of comments he has received asking the question "Where are the Police?" He wondered whether Members could undertake "a ride along" with the Police. This was thought to be a very good idea.

- e) Cllr Draper advised that he has received a number of complaints from residents, regarding the Doctor's Surgery. Is there anything the Town Council can do to assist? The answer was no, not really - Doctor's Surgeries are autonomous. It was, however, suggested that we could invite the Practice Manager in again, to a future Meeting.
- f) Cllr Draper passed around to Members a document he had produced, with a few questions that he has about the Youth Club, regarding our liabilities/responsibilities.
- g) The Town Clerk referred to an e-mail he has recently received from our Community Link Officer, regarding the Strengthening of the Community Network Panels. It was agreed to include this as an Agenda Item for the next Meeting.

38/19 Date of Next Full Council Meeting:

The next Full Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 18th June 2019 at 7.00pm.

The Meeting ended at 7.50pm

Dated: 18th June 2019

Signed: