

# 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at 7.00pm.**

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

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

**583/17**      **Mayor's Welcome:**

The Mayor, 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:**

Cllr Wills advised that his Report will be deferred to the next Meeting.

**584/17**      **Public Forum:**

There were no members of the public present.

**585/17**      **Apologies for Absence:**

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

**586/17**      **Members Declarations of Interests:**

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

Cllr Culley – Planning Application PA18/11957

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

None

**587/17**      **To confirm Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019:**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019, were presented by the Mayor.

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

**588/17**      **Planning Matters:**

Cllr Culley left the Meeting at this point.

**PA18/11957: Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for up to two dwellings – Land East of The Linhay, St Columb, Cornwall TR9 6DU – Mr Henry Shazell**

Members were advised exactly where the Application referred to – basically it is Tregamere - Trevithick East. There would appear to be no problem with the Application.

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

Cllr Culley returned to the Meeting.

**PA19/00061: Fell existing Sycamore Tree (G3) subject to a Tree Preservation order – Nairn, Old Rectory Drive, St Columb TR9 6BY – Mr Graham Keen**

Cllr Daniels advised that the tree is in a very poor state.

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

**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 rooflight and alterations to rear garage – 18, Fore Street, St Columb, Cornwall TR9 6RH – Mr J Knights**

Since the Agenda was prepared, another Planning Application has been received concerning this property. It was agreed that we also consider this Application now – PA19/00412: Alterations to rear roof over

bathroom, provision of skylight/sun pipe, alterations to rear garage and replacement of rear windows. A short discussion took place about these Applications.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Warner seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to support both the Listed Building Consent (PA18/11863), and the Planning Application (PA19/00412).

**589/17      Neighbourhood Development Plan:**

Cllr Wills gave an update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Steering Group has arranged a Workshop, to be held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February, from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. Members would be very welcome. As stated at the last Meeting, Grant money has now been received - £6,751. This Grant money has to be spent on the four areas specified in our Application – website, leaflet drop, publicity, and consultant fees. A website is being built, following a Meeting held last week with Members of the Steering Group and our IT provider – SeaDog IT. Posters and a banner are being prepared. All monies must be spent by the end of March 2019, or they will be lost.

**590/17      Devolution Projects – Grass Cutting Maintenance:**

Cllr Wills spoke about the Devolution Projects and the grass cutting maintenance. We have received a price from our Grass Cutting Contractors, in the total sum of £3,500. This is broken down as follows: 2 cuts a month from April to October – 14 cuts in total – The Hurlings - £1,680, Trelawney Park - £560, Highfield Avenue - £700, Carloggas - £560. Members thought that two cuts a month were not really necessary – this schedule being obviously dependent on the weather. We may only need the grass cut monthly. It was eventually proposed by Cllr Wills, seconded by Cllr Mrs Warner, and RESOLVED to accept the price of £3,500 in the first instance, but this could be revised as and when circumstances dictated. There were five in favour of the Resolution, one against, and one abstention.

We have now received the “Heads of Terms” for the areas involved. These have been signed, and returned to Cornwall Council.

**591/17      Christmas Lights:**

Cllr Draper advised that all the Christmas Lights were taken down last Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> January. Five volunteers were present, together with A1's Cherry Picker, and the work commenced at just after 10.00am, and was completed by about 12 noon. All the Lights have been deposited in the

Container in the Recreation Ground. Cllr Draper hopes that a Meeting will be held with interested parties next month, to discuss next year's Christmas Lights. The same volunteers as this year, have stated that they are available next year, to put up and take down the Lights. It would be useful if power could be provided to the Container, and fittings placed on the walls. Members agreed that this work should go ahead. Cllr Draper will also obtain prices for replacing the control mechanism in the Lych Gate. The hire of the skip for the rubbish removed from the Container, had been very useful and thanks were extended to the Town Council for arranging this. Cllr Wills suggested that the Switch On for 2019 be Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December. As in previous years, the Town Council will arrange for the Road Closure, the Marshalling, and the Fireworks.

**592/17**      **Town Map:**

Cllr Wills advised that he had received an enquiry from Mr Dick Twinney, as to whether we would like the Town Map updated. Basically, as far as everyone was concerned, it is an historic document, and really did not need to be updated. Members agreed not to update the Town Map at the present time.

**593/17**      **State of Road and Junction on to the A3059 (Newquay Road):**

Cllr Wills referred to an e-mail that had been received from Alison Abaza, regarding the state of the road and junction on to the A3059 (Newquay Road). He will refer the matter to the Transport Portfolio Holder, Mr Geoff Brown. He also mentioned about the Community Network Panel, and the approvals that had been given this year, to undertake the lowering of the kerb at the Cattle Market, and the provision of three street lights in Rosenannon. It would be possible to include this item in next year's funding applications. However, Cormac have agreed to undertake the lowering of the kerb at the Cattle Market under their own works, and there is some concern from residents in Rosenannon, that they now do not require additional street lights – it "ruins the night sky". By the addition of three street lights, this would then provide for a 30 mph limit through the village. The original request was for a speed hump, but Highways are now not recommending speed humps. Cllr Wills explained that if the two agreed monies for this year - £6,000 and £15,000, are not now to be used, then they could be put forward to next year, and put towards new street lighting at the Cross Putty junction. Cllr Daniels did not think this was necessary – all that is really needed is for Highways to carry out necessary maintenance works to this junction. Cllr Draper agreed. Highways should be contacted regarding this and these points raised with them. Members will be kept informed of developments.

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**Removal of Sycamore Tree on Station Road:**

Cllr Wills spoke about the possible removal of a Sycamore tree on Station Road. Cllr Daniels' e-mail regarding the matter had been distributed to Members. We have now received a price from A1 to remove this tree, in the sum of £200. Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Warner seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the estimate of £200 to remove this tree.

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**Any Other Business:**

- a) Cllr Culley spoke again about the provision of a pavement at the top of Highfield and Springfield Close. There is also a need for hard standing to be provided at the bus stop at the top of Springfield Close. The ground conditions on the grass verges mean that people have to walk in the road. This is unsafe in this dangerous section of Trekennig Road. There is no reason why a paved area could not be provided on these grass verges. The matter will be investigated further.
- b) Cllr Culley had been approached by a resident, who had queried that when the parking times are cut from two hours to one hour, and the Town Council takes over Trekennig Road Car Park, will this then be a Pay and Display Car Park? The answer was no at the present time, because nothing has yet been decided.
- c) Cllr Daniels was pleased to report that South West Water have installed the land drain at the bottom of Union Hill. Everything now appears to be working satisfactorily. Thanks must be extended to South West Water.
- d) Cllr Daniels also advised that he has reported a water leak in Higher East Street, which has just been repaired.
- e) The Town Clerk advised that he has spoken today to Major Steps, and while they were hoping to be in "Tropicana" at Easter, this is now not going to happen. The Architect has been "dragging his heels", and has only just submitted plans for Building Regulations. It is now more likely that Major Steps will not be in "Tropicana" for at least six months.
- f) The Town Clerk advised, that now areas of Wesley Place Car Park have been resurfaced, we should arrange for line marking to be undertaken. Cllr Draper suggested that we need to ensure that the regulatory size of the bays has not been changed, before our Handyperson carries out this work.
- g) Cllr Daniels advised that he has very recently visited "The Cabbage Patch". The owner of the premises is in the property with his son and another workman, and will be undertaking work on the first floor section. The idea is to complete these flats, and half of the ground floor, rent them out, and with this rental money, fund the remaining ground floor flat. Unfortunately, the front of the building will be the last

area to be renovated. Work will now continue for the next six months – according to the owner. Improvements are being undertaken internally, not externally, with the exception of some rear/side windows.

Mention was made here about the old Car Showroom at the bottom of Station Road. It is a disgrace, but no-one ever appears to mention this property in relation to how the appearance of the town is perceived.

**596/17**      **Date of Next Full Council Meeting:**

The next Full Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.00pm.

**597/17**      **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 Daniels, and RESOLVED unanimously, that we now go into Closed Session

This part of the Meeting closed at 8.05pm

Dated:            5<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Signed: