

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, 1st June 2021 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs P Wills (Mayor), Mrs J Warner (Deputy Mayor), K Roberts, Mrs F McLeod, Mrs F Fuery, Mrs L Jiggins, S Whetter, S Taylor

In attendance: Mr M C Uren (Town Clerk)

24/21 Mayor's Welcome:

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

i) Housekeeping:

The Mayor addressed Councillors, giving advice on emergency procedures, asking that all mobile 'phones be switched off, or turned to silent.

ii) Diary Report from Mayor and County Councillor:

Cllr Wills presented his report:-

“Since we last met, I have attended the first full Council Meeting of the new 87-member strong Cornwall Council, which was held at New County Hall, under strict Covid rules. I am pleased to inform you that I have been appointed to the following Committees: The Standards Committee, Licencing Act and Sub-Committee, Street Traders Licencing Act Sub-Committee, The Constitution and Governance Committee, and a substitute on the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. I have also been appointed as Shadow Portfolio Holder for Transport, as part of the Shadow Cabinet. I envisage a busy time ahead over the next four years.

It was a great pleasure to officially open the Smallseum in Fair Street on Saturday afternoon. It's taken a while for this project to be completed due to several lockdowns. This is a joint project between the Town Council and the St Columb Major “Arts and Heritage Festival Committee”, completely financed by the Town Council. Special thanks must go to

Andy Hucklesby, who worked so hard on the graphic designs, and our very own Tomasz for his work in making sure the 'phone box was ready, and helping Andy in putting it all together. The Smallseum will be dedicated to the memory of the late Mrs Bill Glanville, Historian, Archaeologist, and Bard of Gorsedh Kernow, in recognition of her dedication and service to the history of St Columb Major Parish.

I attended the public consultation on the proposed development at Trekenning Farm. This was open to the public to express their views. I was pleased that so many residents booked slots and attended. It is very important for all Councillors to remember that this is a consultation and not a planning application. Be aware of any views you express in public and the predetermination rules. We, as consultees in the planning process, must not predetermine any applications, and must only discuss when before us at any formal forthcoming meeting, assuming an application is submitted.

The forthcoming G7 Summit will of course affect us all in some way or another. The road closures in and around the airport will mean that residents who live within the affected area will need two forms of identification when needing access and egress. One should be a photo ID, the other a utility bill, or similar paperwork clearly showing your address. We are going to be inconvenienced during the Summit, especially during arrival and departure of delegates. It runs from the 9th – 13th of June.

The hanging baskets will be up in the next few days, and I am confident that once again they will make a real difference to the look of the town during the summer months. We have received the grant money from the St Breock Wind Farm Community Fund towards this project and been guaranteed the remaining funds from the Denzell Downs Fund. No cost to the taxpayers of St Columb Parish”.

25/21 Public Forum:

There were no members of the public present.

26/21 Report from County Councillor and Police:

The County Councillor's report had already been presented.

There was no Police presence, and no report had been received.

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Apologies for Absence:

No Apologies for Absence had been received. Cllr Allen was not present.

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Members Declarations of Interests:

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

None

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

None

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To confirm Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting, held on 18th May 2021:

The Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting, held on 18th May 2021, were presented by the Mayor.

The Town Clerk had received an e-mail from Majorsteps advising that the move to Tropicana should happen by the end of this year.

The Town Clerk had received an e-mail from the External Auditors which stated that the 2019/20 AGAR and challenge portfolio is still waiting to be processed.

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

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Payment of Accounts – Members to Approve the Payment of Accounts to the end of May 2021:

The Mayor proceeded to present the Accounts, paid up to the end of May 2021.

A number of explanatory comments were made about payments made and monies received.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Warner seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the Payment of Accounts, up to the end of May 2021.

Planning Matters:

PA21/04591 – Non-material Amendment to Application No. PA20/07494 dated 3rd March 2021 for Reserved Matters application, following approved Outline PA19/00452 for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, namely, estate road arrangement and layout amended to Shared Surface; amendments to geometry of private driveways and garden areas; additional cladding to proposed carports; rear ground floor windows amended to French doors and air source heat pumps positioned to side elevations (Plots 1 – 6, 9 and 10) – Land South of Robena, Barn Lane, St Columb TR9 6BU – Mr Paul Clark, Legacy Properties

It was pointed out that approval has already been granted, and this is only an amendment. There is still the question about access and egress, which this Council has already objected to.

In light of these comments, Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Whetter seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to support the Application.

PA21/04377: Proposed conversion of garage to kitchen/diner. Formation of rear porch. Replacement of garage door with window – 3, Praze An Cronor, St Columb TR9 6TD – Mrs J Berlsford

It was confirmed that this is not a new build and that the property is within the Praze An Cronor Estate. Basically these are improvements works.

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

PA21/04106: Outline application with some matters reserved for the erection of up to 10 dwellings and associated works – Land North at Station Road, St Columb Major TR9 6BX – A Sharp Bodmin, Padstow, Wadebridge Methodist Circuit.

This land was originally the proposed site of the supermarket. Half of the field was owned by a local family, and the other half the Methodist Church. It was confirmed that access and egress to this development is from Station Road only. Basically, what needs to be agreed is that all three developments access and egress should go through Station Road and not Barn Lane. Councillors were concerned to note Highways comments, whereby they could find no problem with using Barn Lane for access and egress. Barn Lane is a “Lane” and in effect a cul-de-sac. Cllr Wills advised that if Applications are called in to Committee, they are dealt with individually – they will look at only one development at a time.

What needs to happen is that we must try to get the three developers to work together, and enable access and egress through Station Road only.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Whetter seconded, and it was RESOLVED to support the Application. There were two Members who voted against the proposal, and one abstention.

PA21/03185: Proposed extension and conversion of barn to form domestic dwelling with garden amenity area and off-road parking, demolition of existing outbuilding and construction of new ancillary outbuilding. Installation of drainage treatment plant – Barn North of Bospolvans House, Newquay Road, St Columb, Cornwall – Mrs C Hedges.

This is not a new dwelling. It is out of the way, and should not cause problems to anyone.

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

PA21/04210: Pruning/cutting back works to 4 of the trees (mixture of Beech, Ash and Sycamore) – 54, Old Rectory Mews, St Columb TR9 6BZ – Mrs Jacqui Scalley.

Cllr Mrs McLeod explained that the cutting down of trees at the top of town do have a vast impact on the Old Rectory Mews area, with regards to the amount of water that basically accumulates in this area. Members were generally of the opinion that to prune back trees is fine, but not to cut them back. Erosion of the bank where the trees are situated was mentioned, and if they remain in place, they will help to keep the area stable. Members also remarked that, in general, they would support the Tree Officer's recommendations.

Cllr Whetter proposed, Cllr Mrs McLeod seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to support the Application.

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Town Hall - Roof:

Cllr Wills gave an update as to where we actually are with regards to re-roofing the Town Hall. Andy Hayes is in the process of facilitating a Meeting with the Conservation Officer and Historic England, to see the best way forward. We have requested a price for scaffolding, which will be needed around the whole of the Town Hall. The price will also include a Pavement License.

33/21 Working Party on Play Equipment Report:

The Working Party has not yet met. However, photos of The Hurlings play area have been e-mailed to both Cllr Whetter and Cllr Allen. Cllr Mrs Warner spoke briefly on the matter, and advised that prices are being obtained for new equipment.

34/21 Maintenance of the Jackie Law Memorial Garden:

Cllr Mrs Warner advised that this area should be turfed over once and for all, and, in effect, the Jackie Law Memorial Garden removed. The area could be made to look very pleasant again with minimal maintenance work required on it. Cllr Wills advised that the Vicar has said that she would like some kind of a wild life area. The whole question of the Jackie Law Memorial Garden will be discussed with the Vicar, and the P. C. C. and Cllr Wills will report back in due course.

35/21 Speeding of vehicles in St Columb Major:

Cllr Wills gave an update on speeding vehicles in St Columb Major. He stated that he has visited a number of areas (namely St Agnes and St Enoder) where Radar Speed Signs have been installed. County Highways must be consulted, and they can approve the sitings, or not, as the case may be. Cllr Whetter advised that the signs can now have vehicle number plate recognition. There are three areas in St Columb Major where these signs could be installed – Newquay Road, Trekenning Road and going down from Bank Street to Bridge. The cost of the signs is in the region of £2,000 per sign. Members were of the opinion that this is a sensible venture that should be investigated further. It was eventually agreed that if the cost of the three signs comes to in excess of £7,500, then it must be reported back to Council. If the cost is within this figure, Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Roberts seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to go ahead with the installation of three Radar Speed Signs.

36/21 Provision of electricity for Allotments:

Cllr Wills explained about this item. The cost to provide electricity to the Allotments will be excessive. A number of Councillors did not think that we should provide electricity. We have already provided water, and a portaloo. It would appear that the new allotments at Quintrell Downs have got metered electricity proved for each Allotment Holder. After much discussion, Members agreed that they have no plans to provide electricity to the Allotment now, or in the foreseeable future.

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Correspondence:

The following items of correspondence had been received:

- a) CC - Town and Parish Council Newsletter – 21.05.21
- b) CC – River Camel Special Area of Conservation (SAC) – nutrient neutrality – temporary pause on development
- c) The Women’s Centre Cornwall – letter of thanks
- d) E-mail from resident regarding the Doctors’ Surgery. It was stated that the Surgery is a private practice. There are a number of problems at the Surgery which Councillors recounted. There are also problems with regards to dispensing. We could invite the Practice Manager to a Meeting again? It was confirmed that the Patient Liaison Group does now not happen. Surely the Surgery have a duty of care that must be adhered to. It was agreed that the matter needs to be referred to the Care Quality Commission.

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Any Other Business:

- a) Cllr Wills spoke about the Children’s Play Area at Talskiddy. It appears that some of the residents met last Sunday. They would like to have a non-gender play are and, possibly, an Adventure Trail. The patch of ground in question – “the green”, is owned by the Town Council. Cllr Wills wondered whether a raised bed could be provided where children could grow vegetables, for example. We will investigate the matter further and report back to a future Meeting.
- b) Cllr Wills spoke about an Allotment Holder, who has had a Plot taken away from her. Whilst there is now no reason to visit the Allotments, this person has been seen up at the Allotments and feeding chickens. Cllr Wills actually caught her “in the act” recently. She was told that she must not come up to the Allotments at all. We have had a number of meetings with her, and it has now been decided that if she stays away from the Allotments for three months, we will review the situation again.
- c) Cllr Mrs Warner stated that the two bus shelters, at Trelawney Parc and in the Old Cattle Market Area desperately need cleaning. These are the responsibility of Cornwall Council. We will ask Cornwall Council to arrange for the bus shelters to be cleaned.
- d) Cllr Mrs Warner thinks that a letter of thanks should be sent to the Butchers and Co-op for all they did for the community during lockdown. A general discussion ensued, and it was eventually agreed that we should not send letters to these people.
- e) Cllr Mrs Warner asked whether the Smallseum is to be locked at night. The answer was yes it will.

- f) Cllr Mrs Warner asked for the Environment Agency to be contacted regarding the cleaning the of the River Menhayl at Bridge. This matter has already been referred to the Environment Agency, who confirmed that this part of the River Menhayl is on the list to be cleaned.
- g) Cllr Mrs Warner stated that we need to arrange a meeting with the Water Board.
- h) Cllr Mrs Warner spoke again about the problems of parking opposite the Doctors Surgery. She is of the opinion that there are areas where parking spaces could be provided which do not interfere with any trees, or roots at all. We will investigate the matter again.
- i) Cllr Mrs Warner asked about land on Trekenny roundabout. It was confirmed that Enforcement have stopped the owner carrying out any more work.
- j) Cllr Mrs Warner expressed some concern regarding the state of two houses in town, which have been unoccupied for some time. One is opposite the Silver Ball, and one is a cottage next to Glanvilles' top shop. The latter has been vandalised. It is believed that the former property is owned by the Duchy, and the latter belonging to a person living abroad. We will look into the matter further.
- k) Cllr Mrs Fuery spoke again about the vehicle that continues to park in Halveor Close. She has been informed that the owner is a policeman.
- l) Cllr Mrs Fuery spoke about Ocean Housing having obtained seven automatic grass cutters, at a cost of £20,000 each. We will look into the matter.
- m) Cllr Mrs Jiggins spoke again about the bench in the Rec. The matter is in hand.
- n) Cllr Mrs Jiggins stated that the "Open Shelter" needs cleaning. There is graffiti on it, which should be removed as soon as possible.
- o) Cllr Mrs Jiggins spoke again about the "blue bin" which keeps appearing next to the flower bed by the Town Hall. The owners of the flats keep moving it back there, after we move it down the lane, against their property.
- p) Cllr Mrs Jiggins asked if shrubs could be planted on the Allotment boundary hedge. It was agreed that ask for Allotment Holders' opinion.
- q) Cllr Mrs Jiggins spoke again about the trees opposite Co-op. The matter of "tidying the area up" is in hand.

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Date of Next Full Council Meeting:

The date of the next Full Council Meeting is 6th July 2021.

The Meeting ended at 8.30pm

Dated: 6th July 2021

Signed: