

# 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, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Cllrs P Wills (Mayor), Mrs F McLeod, Mrs F Fuery, Mrs L Jiggins, S Whetter, S Allen, S Taylor

**In attendance:** Mr M C Uren (Town Clerk) and four members of the public.

### 48/21 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 was invited to meet with the Management Team at Retallack Resort and Spa. Things are progressing well, although they have had an issue with door mice, and an area of ground that was disturbed, that should not have been. They hope to have the main complex open for the summer next year.

As a member of the Licensing Committee, I undertook the Mandatory Training that all Members must undergo, following the elections. Since then, I have attended and chaired several Sub-committee Meetings, and the Full Committee Meeting, where the new Chairman and Vice Chairman were elected.

I attended the Tamar Bridge Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee Meeting, which was a virtual meeting. I am a substitute on this Committee, so had no voting rights at that Meeting, but attended so I could have an overview of the work they do.

As part of my role as Cornwall Councillor, I have met with several residents over planning matters in all three parishes which are in my domain. I have a meeting tomorrow with the Central Planning Committee, where two proposed developments will be discussed and decided.

I attended the first meeting of the Constitution and Governance Committee of the new Council. I was the only returning Member on that Committee. We have agreed the work programme for the coming year, which includes finishing the community governance review of parish boundaries. St Columb Major, St Mawgan and St Wenn boundaries will remain as they are now.

I have been re-elected as Vice Chairman of the Newquay Cornwall Airport Consultative Committee, and Cllr Anne Double has been elected Chairman.

I have also been elected Chairman of the Newquay and St Columb Community Network Panel, and I very much look forward to working closely with our Community Link Officer, Anna Druce, and the other members of the Panel, which covers Newquay, St Columb Minor, Colan, St Mawgan, St Columb Major, and St Wenn.

The Clerk and I met with the Vicar to discuss the Jackie Law Memorial Garden, and the prospect of a Wildlife Area within the Churchyard. This is an Agenda Item and will be discussed later.

Cornwall Council's Standards Committee met for an informal induction by Officers. I and Cllr Jenkin are the only two returning Members of the Committee. The formal Meeting is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July.

I have attended several All-members Briefings via Teams on various subjects, including last week a Covid update plus, the Council's Group of Companies - Corserv, People Strategy and Management, Local Government Finance, Climate Change and Carbon Natural Cornwall. Plus, weekly meetings of the Shadow Cabinet and Independent Group.

I am away on holiday from this coming Friday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of July, until Monday the 19<sup>th</sup>. I'm not going far, only to Harlyn Bay, in the Vicar's Caravan, without the Vicar I might add!"

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**Public Forum:**

Sue Sloan gave a presentation regarding the three housing developments that have a bearing on Barn Lane. Cllr Wills responded accordingly. It was stated that the development at Robena was given planning approval in February 2019. A Variation has now also been granted by Cornwall Council. With regards to “the Baker’s Field development”, Highways have stated that there is no issue. The Application now put forward by the Methodist Church is for the upper half of the “Robena field”. Cllr. Wills confirmed that after speaking to the Planning Officer, if he calls in the Applications, they will be considered as three separate applications. The Planning Officer has stated that it is very likely the latter two Applications will be agreed.

Richard Curtis also spoke about the three proposed housing developments that have a bearing on Barn Lane. Councillors had received a copy of Mr Curtis’ letter regarding the developments. He stated that Highways had, in fact, said that what was requested “was achievable”. He also queried some of the responses made to Cornwall Council by the Town Council. He also referred to problems with regards to infrastructure in the area. He stated that Legacy had confirmed that they intend the road in their development will be a cul-de-sac.

Deborah Lambert, a resident of Talskiddy, spoke about an imaginative, creative outdoor play area, which she would like to be created on Talskiddy Green. Councillors will debate this matter later in the Meeting.

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**Report from County Councillor and Police:**

The County Councillor’s report had already been presented.

There was no Police presence, but a Report had been received.

The Town Clerk read the Report –

“11 crimes recorded this month

- 1.offensive communication
- 2.disturb a wild animal protected species
- 3.action fraud
- 4.Common assault
- 5.Criminal damage
- 6.Offensive communication
- 7.Threatening behaviour
- 8.Assault

- 9.Harrasement
- 10.Assault by beating
- 11. Attempt to cause Grievous Bodily Harm

Regards PCSO Parry  
PC Carthew  
01637 880617”

**51/21      Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllr Roberts (prior engagement) and Cllr Mrs Warner (unwell).

**52/21      Members Declarations of Interests:**

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

None

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

None

**53/21      To confirm Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 and of an Extraordinary Full Council Meeting, held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021:**

The Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021, were presented by the Mayor.

A slight amendment needed to be made to Item 28/21. The second sentence should read “She has been informed that the owner is a policeman”.

With this amendment made, Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs McLeod seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously that the Minutes be accepted.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting, held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021, were presented by the Mayor.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Allen seconded, and it RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted. There were two abstentions, as these Members were not present at this Meeting.

**54/21**      **Payment of Accounts – Members to Approve the Payment of Accounts to the end of June 2021:**

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

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

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

**55/21**      **Planning Matters:**

**PA21/05603 – Part demolition of rear extension, new lower and upper level extension and reconfiguration of roof and internal layout plus associated landscaping – 32, Fore Street, St Columb TR9 6RH – Mr and Mrs Pearson**

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

**PA21/03483 – Two-storey rear extension and window in side elevation – 36, Meadow Rise, St Columb TR9 6BL – Mr Harris**

This extension is basically “out of the way” and should cause no concern to anyone. It was confirmed that the window on the side elevation will not overlook anyone.

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

**PA21/05481 – Erection of 334 holiday lodges, 32 units of staff accommodation and ancillary facilities building including new resort reception, adult and child swimming pools, Flowrider Artificial Surf Waver, restaurant and café, gym, function room, office space, convenience shop, cycle and buggy hire; additional associated works including car parking, comprehensive landscape scheme and infrastructure works with variation of condition 1 (plans approved) of decision PA18/08287 dated 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 to allow an updated plans list.**

**Variations to conditions 2, 12, 17, 22, 23 and 26 of decision notice PA18/08287 dated 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 are proposed (see proposed amendments to conditions table) for clarity and to ensure the updated plans and details are referred to.**

**Variations to conditions 3, 7, 25, 29 and 30 of decision notice PA18/08287 dated 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 are proposed to enable part discharge of conditions; in variation of condition 5 of decision notice PA18/08287 dated 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 is proposed to allow additional flexibility, with variation of condition 1 in respect of decision PA19/05268 dated 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Retallack Resort & Spa, Winnards Perch, St Columb, Cornwall – Aria Resorts**

The is purely a Variations Application. It is basically concerning the positioning of the lodges.

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

**PA21/06733 – Application to fell two Sycamore trees situated within a conservation area – Town Mills, Bridge Hill, St Columb, Cornwall TR9 6BY – Mr Richard Pursall**

Cllr Mrs McLeod spoke about this Application. She strongly objects to the taking down of these trees. Under no circumstances should these trees be felled. She explained the reasonings behind her comments. Councillors agreed with Cllr Mrs McLeod's comments.

Cllr Mrs McLeod proposed, Cllr Wills seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to object to the Application, and request the Planning Officer to visit the site with Cllr Mrs McLeod (and any other Councillor) to explain their objections.

**56/21**

**Town Hall - Roof:**

The Town Clerk advised that Cornwall Council has validated the Pre-application Submission. An Officer from the Historic Environment Planning Team will be in contact with our Building Conservationist within the next ten working days to organize a meeting, or site visit, as required.

We are also in the process of obtaining prices for scaffolding.

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**Working Party on Play Equipment Report/Talskiddy Green:**

Cllr Wills advised that he and the Town Clerk had visited the Carloggas Play Area, and agreed the best way forward. It was thought sensible to remove the flower beds, and in their place put a pair of swings and a see-saw. A picnic bench has already been placed in this area. During the visit a resident came out and talked to us about the area. Basically, they would like to protect the open green space. She was more than happy with our recommendations.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Allen seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to support the recommendations made, namely to remove the flower beds and in their place install a pair of swings (one basket type) and a see-saw.

With regards to The Hurlings Play Area, it was confirmed that the plastic slide has now been replaced with a metal one. As the Working Party has really had not a lot of input, it was thought sensible for Cllr Allen and Whetter to visit the site and report back their findings and recommendations.

Cllr Wills spoke about the Meeting he had attended at Talskiddy on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Councillors had received a copy of the notes from this Meeting, together with recommendations as to the way forward. A new bench will be provided; a basket swing will replace one of the current swings; our Handyperson will paint the telephone box and carry out necessary repairs to the panes in the phone box (it was suggested that we look to replace the panes with polycarbonate panels); our Handyperson will repaint/stain the shelter and place rubber matting inside it. It was reported that the boundary of The Green is now being maintained by the residents. Cllr Wills spoke about the area in the corner. Water comes down the hill and soaks down in the corner ending up in the pond. It would not be sensible to replace the Tipi construction in this area. Cllr Mrs Jiggins did state that it is a Community Green, not just a Green for the children. A discussion then ensued about whether to create a flower bed, a mud kitchen, or provide a see-saw. It was agreed that the decision be left with the children of Talskiddy. Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously that this was the course of action to be taken.

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**Maintenance of the Jackie Law Memorial Garden:**

Cllr Wills advised that the Town Clerk and himself had met with the Vicar.

It appears that the Diocesan Board are keen to have a Wild Area in the Closed Churchyard. The relevant Diocesan Officer is visiting mid-July to ascertain how and where this would work. The Vicar is not at all happy with the suggestion of removing the Jackie Law Memorial Garden, as senior members of the PCC would not consider that this is the best way forward. As this is a Closed Churchyard, the Town Council is responsible for the maintenance of it. It was wondered whether we should contact Rev Law to seek his views. It was wondered whether, in fact, the Jackie Law Memorial Garden could become the "Wild Area". The Town Clerk will report back after the Meeting with the Diocesan Officer.

**59/21**

**Radar Speed Signs:**

Cllr Wills gave an update on exactly where we are with regards to the installation of Radar Speed Signs. The signs have to be secured to metal posts ie lamp posts, and not anything wooden, ie telegraph poles. Three sites have now been agreed with Adrian Drake, Highways Manager. The sites are - going down Newquay Road, just past the school; coming down Fair Street opposite the Smallseum; going down Bank Street about half-way down on the left-hand side. We have requested three prices for these signs. Councillors were of the opinion that it would be sensible for the signs to be able to register registration numbers. Cllr Allen offered to make contact with someone in Newquay he knows regarding this matter. Although the Town Council has agreed that if the prices come in at under £7,500 we can carry on, we will report back to the next meeting on any future developments.

**60/21**

**Co-option of Councillors:**

Cllr Wills spoke about the Co-option of Councillors on to the Town Council. As Members were aware there are currently five vacancies A local resident has been in contact stating he would like to come on to the Council.

**61/21**

**Defibrillator – Football Club:**

The Football Club would like to have a defibrillator situated somewhere in the Recreation Ground, and ask permission from the Town Council for their permission. It was confirmed that the Football Club will purchase the defibrillator. The cost now for a defibrillator, like the three we have in the Parish is about £2,600. Cllr Wills thought it was a good idea for the Town Council to maintain it, as we do the other three. The cost of this about £300 per annum. Members thought this was a good idea, but stressed that it must be installed outside, possibly on the Pavilion, so that the public can have access to it.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs McLeod seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously that the Town Council give the Football Club permission to install a defibrillator in the Recreation Ground, probably on the outside of the Pavilion, and that we will pay the annual maintenance charge.

**62/21**      **Garden Maintenance at St Columb Major Cemetery:**

The Town Clerk advised that we have received bills from a person for carrying out garden maintenance at the Cemetery. As far as can be ascertained, no work has been carried out. The matter of maintaining the flower beds, etc. at the Cemetery was discussed last year, but no definite decision was made. The Town Clerk has written to the person concerned asking for more information. She has responded by saying that Mrs Warner had requested her to undertake this work. Councillors agreed that we take the matter up with Cllr Mrs Warner in the first instance.

**63/21**      **Correspondence:**

The following items of correspondence had been received:

- a) CC – Town and Parish Council Newsletter – 21.05.21
- b) CC – Town and Parish Council Newsletter – 04.06.21
- c) CC – Town and Parish Council Newsletter – 18.06.21
- d) CC – Town and Parish Council Newsletter – 02.07.21
- e) Letter from Cllr Barry Jordan – What do we think of the Cornwall Council.

Cllr Mrs McLeod asked about the Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee and what was actually happening with regards to the NDP. Cllr Wills explained the current situation. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Chairman of the NDP asking for their future proposals.

With regards to Cllr Jordan's letter, Members were asked to consider any comments they would wish to make and report back to the September Meeting.

**64/21**      **Any Other Business:**

- a) Cllr Mrs Fuery expressed some concern regarding the state of the Cemetery after cutting has taken place. On occasions wet cut grass has remained on headstones following strimming. The matter will be taken up with our Contractor.
- b) Cllr Allen wondered whether it would be possible to have Car Parking Permits that could be used in either the Recreation Ground or Trekenning Road Car Parks. It appears that on occasions some

people with Permits for the Recreation Ground cannot find any parking spaces. An item will be included on the next Agenda.

- c) Cllr Mrs Fuery spoke again about the bench in the Rec. The matter is in hand and the bench will be fitted very soon.
- d) The Town Clerk advised that we have received a letter from Cornwall Council regarding Non-Domestic Rating (Public Lavatories) Act 2021. We will receive a refund from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.
- e) The Town Clerk advised that have now received a price to have electricity installed to all the Allotments. The price for this work is £94,247.10.
- f) The Town Clerk advised that we have also obtained a price for having an electricity supply to the Cemetery Chapels. The cost for this work is between £40 and £50,000.
- g) Following a request from a Councillor, the Town Clerk has investigated the latest position with regards to PA21/00957 – Land West of 36, Bank Street. The Planning Officer states “It is currently slow work on this application. I am awaiting additional heritage information in response to CC heritage comments. Their response to this will dictate whether additional information/matters need to be added not the outline so we have a better understanding in terms of scale/layout for example”.
- h) The Town Clerk read a letter that had been received from South West Water regarding sewer capacity in St Columb Major.

**65/21      Date of Next Full Council Meeting:**

The date of the next Full Council Meeting is 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

The Meeting ended at 9.00pm

Dated:      20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Signed: