

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, 5th October 2021 at 7.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mr M C Uren (Town Clerk) and three members connected to the Trekenning Farm Development.

122/21 **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 my last report I have Chaired a Meeting of the Newquay and St Columb Community Network Panel, where the final budget and schemes were approved as part of the Community Highways initiative. I am pleased that two new streetlights have been agreed for St Columb Major Town - one at Trelawney Parc and one at the top of Hillcrest. Total cost £15,000.00.

I attended both St Wenn and St Mawgan Parish Council Meetings

I Chaired a Meeting of residents of Sun Valley and Cornwall Council Officers overseeing installation of mains gas to the site, and the upgrading of cookers, boilers, and fires at the various properties. Residents expressed concerns over the way the whole project has been managed with little or no linking up between the various Contractors, and the wrong equipment being installed. Officers agreed that more needs to be done, and that residents need to be kept better informed. We have a follow up

meeting next. However, I have been assured by residents that things have improved and that the project is now progressing satisfactorily.

I attended the tri-monthly meeting of the Cornwall Airport Newquay Consultative Forum, where I raised my concerns over the airlink between Cornwall and London. I have been assured that tenders are being sought, and indeed the Portfolio Holder for Transport assured Members at the recent Full Council Meeting of Cornwall Council that he believes good news is soon to be announced. Let's hope so!

I have chaired a Pre-agenda Meeting of the Standards Committee, which meets early next month.

I attended Full Council at New County Hall where I delivered the Annual Report of the Standards Committee, which was voted on, and accepted by Full Council. I also questioned the Transport Portfolio Holder for Transport on Spaceport, and whether Cornwall Council is ready to sign a contract with Virgin? Currently there is only a memo of understanding between us. I am currently awaiting a written answer from him and his team.

I met with Cllr Corbett from St Mawgan-in-Pydar Parish Council to discuss planning issues within the parish.

I attended an All Members Briefing with the Police and Crime Commissioner, Alison Hernandez, where I questioned her on police numbers and asked why we have not seen an increase in the number of officers on our streets, as promised in the past considering the fact, she has increased the amount we pay from our Council Tax year on year with the promise of more officers. She assured me that they are on the way, but it takes two years to train an officer and with natural wastage those already trained have taken their place. Let's wait and see.

I met with the Divisional Inspector, Guy Blackford, to discuss policing matters within the division. I can assure you all that we still live in a safe area. We discussed ongoing issues like drug use, domestic violence, speeding, police numbers, and community involvement in policing.

Yesterday I visited the Youth Club with Councillors Taylor, Allen and Mrs Fuery to see for ourselves the work the Committee has undertaken inside the building. We were very impressed with the overall look and ambiance

of the interior of the building. It is obvious that the Committee has worked very hard to build on the work of the Town Council in making the building a warm, safe, and compliant atmosphere for the young people of the Parish to enjoy.

Today I and the Clerk met with the Christmas Lights Committee to finalise the arrangements for the Switch On, which will be on Friday 26th of November”.

iii) Presentation by Wessex Strategic on Trekenning Farm Development:

Andrew Pegg (Wessex Strategics - developer), Niki Lathwell (Comms/Stakeholder Engagement) and Ben Smith-Laing (Hydrock – Highways Consultant on the team) were welcomed to the Meeting.

Cllr Wills advised that no Planning Application has yet been submitted to Cornwall Council.

Andrew Pegg proceeded to advise Members of the latest position with regards to this Development. He referred to the very productive Consultation Exercise which took place during the Summer. About 2,000 had attended the Consultation, with 228 responses. The responses had, in the main, been positive. The areas of concern were Services, Highways and the Co-op. The latest Plan – paper version, was handed to Members. The Developers are now working with Morrish Homes. It is hoped to be able to submit an Application by the end of this year. If this is not possible, then it will be early in the New Year. It is hoped that determination will be between April and July 2022. It was confirmed that consultations have taken place with the Doctors and discussions have been held about possibly improving the current facility. Discussions are also ongoing with the School. On the Plan either a new School, or a new Doctors’ Surgery, could be housed in the area marked “Future Amenity”. Discussions have taken place regarding the democratic impact of the Scheme. It was explained that we are currently three weeks away from a connection offer.

Ben Smith-Laing spoke about the Highways part of the Development. The two main areas are access to cars and getting people across the road. With regards to access for cars, the idea is to have a roundabout at the top of Trekenning Road and a reduction in speed from the main A39 roundabout to this roundabout. A signal-controlled crossing will also be provided, together with footways. Trekenning Road will either be made one-

way, or the top of Trekenning Road will be blocked off to vehicles. Traffic surveys will be undertaken.

Andrew Pegg spoke about Co-op. It would appear that 80% of customers are in favour of a new store. It is appreciated that the siting of the new store will not be ideal for everybody. With the current Co-op Store, there are considerable problems with regards to parking and delivery lorries. Co-op will keep the Lease they have at present on the current Store, and sub-let.

According to the Plan there are 125 plots in Phase 1. How many houses will be built in Phase 2? The answer is not known at present.

Ben confirmed that Highways should be OK with the new roundabout and the lowering of the speed limit. Councillors were all of the opinion that a new Doctors' Surgery is required, together possibly with a Medical Centre. It may be possible to look into getting another Doctors' Practice in town. It was pointed out that there is currently no Neighbourhood Development Plan in place. A question was asked about how the building of all the houses at Nansleddon will impact on this Development. According to the Pre-Application, Cornwall Council are happy, should this Development go ahead. There continues to be an Affordable Housing need and the provision of this Development affords a number of public benefits.

Andrew, Ben and Niki were thanked for their attendance, and they then left the Meeting.

123/21 Public Forum:

There were no members of the public present.

124/21 Report from Police:

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

The Town Clerk read the Report –

“Crimes recorded 05/09/21 – 05/10/21

1. Threats to kill
2. Engage in controlling and coercive behaviour
3. Driving under the influence of drugs
4. Harassment without violence
5. Driving whilst over the legal limit alcohol
6. Threatening behaviour
7. Assault by beating

8. Send public communications network an offensive message
9. Criminal damage
10. Criminal damage
11. Criminal damage

Regards,

St Columb Major Neighbourhood Policing Team”

125/21 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllrs Roberts and Mrs Warner (both unwell).

126/21 Members’ Declaration of Interests:

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

None

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

None

127/21 To confirm Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 21st September 2021:

The Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 21st September 2021, were presented by the Mayor.

It was confirmed that a second letter had been sent to Ms Lambert. There has been no further correspondence.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Fuery seconded, and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted. There was one abstention, as that Member had not been present at the Meeting.

128/21 Payment of Accounts – Members to Approve the Payment of Accounts to the end of September 2021:

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

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

129/21 **Planning Matters:**

There were no Planning Matters to deal with at this time.

130/21 **Working Party - Play Equipment:**

The football goal posts have arrived and we hope to install them as soon as possible.

Cllr Allen has met with our Handyperson and agreed on the size and positioning of the Climbing Wall.

The Town Clerk advised that the new Play Equipment for Hawthorn Close will be installed during the week of 23rd November 2021.

In answer to a Member's question, it was stated that we had decided not to purchase the swings for The Hurlings Play Area, at the present time.

131/21 **Radar Speed Signs:**

The Radar Speed Signs will, hopefully, be fitted tomorrow. The necessary software is also to be installed tomorrow. There have been some problems with regards to the brackets supplied. Unfortunately, they were too small for the posts that we intend the Signs to be fitted to. Our Handyperson has managed to purchase some brackets that will fit. We intend to send the original brackets back to the firm, and ask for a refund.

Cllr Wills confirmed that we will be participating in Cornwall Council's "Twenty is Plenty" initiative.

132/21 **Library – Overdue Fines:**

The Town Clerk explained about Overdue Fines. Cornwall Council has decided to abolish Overdue Fines and it is up to each individually maintained Library to decide on whether to to likewise. The recommendation is that it would be sensible to no longer have Overdue Fines. Councillors agreed unanimously to abolish Overdue Fines. Basically the cost to administer the Overdue Fines outweighs the actual Overdue Fines.

133/21 **Precept 2022 – 23**

Members were reminded that if they have any ideas for next year's Precept, they should pass them to the Town Clerk as soon as possible.

134/21 **Lantern Parade – Funding for Workshop:**

Cllr Wills explained that we have received a request from the School for funding for a Workshop for the children to advise them on how to make Lanterns, for the forthcoming Parade. We have in previous years given them funding for this. After some discussion, Councillors agreed to fund the School £250 towards a Workshop. There was one abstention.

135/21 **Remembrance Sunday – 14th November 2021:**

The Town Clerk advised that everything is well under way for the forthcoming Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service on 14th November 2021. A Meeting was held last week to sort out the final details. Indian Queens Band has been booked, together with Caterers. It is hoped that as many Councillors as possible will make an effort to attend.

136/21 **Correspondence:**

The following items of correspondence had been received:

- a) CEE Bill Alliance – Climate and Ecology Bill
- b) CC – Town and Parish Council Newsletter – 10.09.21
- c) CC – Town and Parish Newsletter – 24.09.21
- d) CC – Consultation regarding licensed vehicles in Cornwall

137/21 **Any Other Business:**

- a) Cllr Wills advised that he would like to set up an Employment Working Party to deal with the retirement of the current Town Clerk and his replacement. Any who would like to join this Working Party, please let the Town Clerk know. Cllr Mrs McLeod volunteered to be on this Working Party.
- b) Cllr Mrs McLeod spoke again about the trees down at Bridge. Nothing appears to have happened regarding the problem. We will investigate the matter again with the relevant Department.

It was confirmed that Highways are dealing with the problems with the hedges and overhanging trees.

- c) Cllr Whetter asked whether anything had progressed with regards to his request for the expansion of Traffic Wardens' time in St Columb

Major. Again we will chase the matter up the Cornwall Council – County Enforcement Team.

- d) The Town Clerk advised that we were able to obtain insurance through Came & Company. Our Insurance Company is Hiscox Insurance Company Limited. He has been informed today that Came & Company have now been taken over by Gallaghers.
- e) The Town Clerk advised that the Site Visit to the Development off Hawkens Way has been arranged for next Wednesday, 13th October at 12 noon. It is hoped that as many Councillors as possible will make an effort to attend.

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Date of Next Full Council Meeting:

The date of the next Full Council Meeting is scheduled to be on 2nd November 2021.

The Meeting ended at 8.15pm

Dated: 2nd November 2021

Signed: