

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, 2nd November 2021 at 7.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mr M C Uren (Town Clerk)

139/21 **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 advised that there was no Diary Report to present to this Meeting, but there would be one for the next Meeting.

140/21 **Public Forum:**

There were no members of the public present.

However, an e-mail had been received from a local resident suggesting that there is a need "to promote the clarity and transparency of reporting and publishing the democratic processes, discussions and decisions made by the Town Council". Members discussed the matter, and it was felt that as the Mayor presents a monthly report on Facebook, and a report in each edition of the Town and Country Magazine, together with Minutes which appear on the Town Council's Website, there is no need for anything further to be produced.

141/21 **Report from Police:**

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

The Town Clerk read the Report –

“Crimes recorded this month

1. Criminal damage
2. Fail to provide a specimen for analysis
3. Dog dangerously out of control
4. Criminal damage
5. Breach of non-molestation order
6. Theft shop
7. Disclose/threaten to disclose private photographs to cause distress
8. Theft from shop
9. Assault by beating
10. Theft

Regards,

PCSO Parry, PC Carthew
St Columb Major Neighbourhood Policing Team”

142/21 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllrs Roberts and Mrs Warner (both unwell). Cllr Mrs McLeod was not present.

143/21 Members’ Declaration of Interests:

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

None

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

None

144/21 To confirm Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 5th October 2021:

The Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 5th October 2021, were presented by the Mayor.

Cllr Wills advised that plans for the Trekenning Farm Development should be presented to Cornwall Council before Christmas.

With regards to our request for additional hours of Traffic Wardens, an e-mail had been received from Cornwall Council, which, basically, stated that they are short staffed at present, but will look at the issue when the new SLA comes up for renewal.

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

145/21 **Payment of Accounts – Members to Approve the Payment of Accounts to the end of October 2021:**

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

A number of comments were made about cheques paid and income received.

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

146/21 **Planning Matters:**

PA21/09678 – Extension to side, a loft conversion and detached garage – Boswhyden, 23, Union Hill, St Columb TR9 6AR – Mr and Mrs B Lancaster

It was stated that this extension should not affect anyone else. There were no objections, or comments on the Planning Portal.

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

147/21 **Town Hall – Roof:**

The Town Clerk and Mayor gave an update on the condition of the Town Hall roof. The Senior Partner from Court Design & Conservation, Mr Andy Hayes will be on site on Friday of this week to carry out necessary repairs (stopping up nail holes, etc.) needed to prevent water from coming into the building over the winter months. There is a problem at present with roofing contractors being extremely busy and unable to find time to do what is required on the roof - i.e. to take away a portion of the foam that has been sprayed on to the inside of the slates, to see where the water is actually getting in. When this work has been undertaken, it will then be

possible for a specification to be prepared and tender documents produced.

We are also experiencing leaks in one of the windows at the back of the Town Hall. It would appear to only be a problem when the wind is in that particular direction. The matter is being monitored and necessary repair work undertaken.

148/21 Provide additional Play Equipment at The Hurlings:

The Town Clerk spoke about the play equipment at The Hurlings Play Area. As Councillors were aware it was agreed a couple of Meetings ago that a Climbing Wall should be made and Goal Posts erected on the field. At the time it was thought not to carry on with the removal of the swing and replace it with a "Kiddies Swing" and a Bucket type swing. After looking into the finances, it has now been found that there is money still available to replace the existing swing with these two new swings. Cllr Allen spoke on the matter confirming that after consultation with residents at The Hurlings, which he had undertaken with Cllr Whetter, the installation of two new swings would be very beneficial. He also stated that we, as a Town Council, are under a duty to provide suitable equipment under the Disability Act. The cost of the swings is as follows: Kiddies Swing - £1,750.41 and the Basket Swing - £3,808.50 making a total of £5,558.91. Cllr Allen proposed, Cllr Whetter seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to purchase the two swings, as described.

149/21 Budget and Precept 2022/23:

The Mayor took Members through the Proposed Budget and the Precept for 2022 – 23. The Town Clerk commented on, and explained each of the areas – Expenditure – Admin. and Full Council; Capital Projects; Income and the actual Precept. There is still the requirement to have a 10% Contingency Sum added, which takes account of any unexpected expenditure that occurs during the year.

After some further discussion, Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Jiggins seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the Budget and Precept for 2022 – 23, as presented.

150/21 Radar Speed Signs:

The Town Clerk gave an update on the Radar Speed Signs. They appear to be working well. A number of comments have been received from residents – mostly positive, but some negative. The signs can be moved

to other positions around the town, as and when required. Data can be obtained from the signs, so it will be interesting to see what transpires.

151/21 Remembrance Sunday – 14th November 2021:

The Town Clerk gave an update on the forthcoming Remembrance Procession, Service and Wreath Laying event, which is taking place on Sunday, 14th November. It is hoped that as many Councillors as possible will be able to attend all the Remembrance Commemorations.

152/21 Correspondence:

The following items of correspondence had been received:

- a) CC - Town and Parish Council Newsletter – 08.10.21
- b) CC – Free Parking in Cornwall Council Car Parks on Saturday, 4th December 2021
- c) CC – Town and Parish Council Newsletter – 22.10.21
- d) CC – Planning News for Local Councils and Agents
- e) Letter of thanks for donation from Go Beyond
- f) Letter of thanks for donation from St Columb and District Bowling Club

153/21 Any Other Business:

- a) Cllr Wills advised the new Councillors that they can, if they wish, have Town Council e-mail addresses. Cllr Whetter and Cllr Taylor asked if they could have Town Council e-mail addresses.
- b) Cllr Mrs Fuery advised that there was some confusion over exactly what is being permitted around graves in the Cemetery. She will inform the Town Clerk of her findings and the matter will be investigated further.
- c) The Town Clerk spoke about the cutting of the boundary hedge at Bosworgey Close, which had been discussed at a previous Meeting. He has spoken to farmer and the matter is in hand.

154/21 Date of Next Full Council Meeting:

The date of the next Full Council Meeting will be 7th December 2021. The Full Council Meeting scheduled to take place on 16th November, has been cancelled.

The Meeting ended at 8.00 pm

Dated: 7th December 2021

Signed: