

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, 7th December 2021 at 7.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mr M C Uren (Town Clerk)

155/21 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, it was my honour to lead the parish during our Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday Commemorations. On 11th November, I was deeply honoured to be asked to present the St Columb Major Branch of the Royal British Legion with their 100-year Pennant, which is now attached to their Standard, marking 100 years since the formation of the Branch. On Remembrance Sunday I attended St Wenn's short Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony in the morning, and our very well attended Parade and Service in the afternoon. Thank you to all those who helped set up and pack away at the Columba Centre.

It was also a great pleasure to lead the “Parade of Children's Lanterns” and parish countdown to the Switching On of the Christmas Lights.

It was wonderful to see these two annual events taking place once again, after both being cancelled last year, due to the Pandemic.

The Rector, (the Rev Helen Baber) and I, were invited to attend the school for the official opening of their new “Temperate Rain Forest”. They have planted nearly 2000 trees around the perimeter of the school field to help combat Climate Change. It was lovely to hear the young children explain their thoughts on the subject, and why they thought it so important to plant these trees. The space will look fantastic in 20 years’ time, of that, I am sure.

I have attended both St Mawgan-in-Pydar and St Wenn’s Parish Council Meetings.

I chaired a Meeting of the Standards Committee Working Group, looking at future recruitment to the Committee, and the guide to Bullying and Intimidation for Councillors. This work is ongoing. I will give you a full report once the new Guide and Recruitment Policy have been agreed by the Full Committee.

As many of you know my good lady is a farmer and she also milks cows twice a day, five days a week. She takes annual holiday in November, and this year was no exception. We had five nights staying on Exmoor and five nights in Wales. I took the opportunity to have some time off with her. I was still available via the telephone, and attended a couple of meetings via Teams whilst away.

I attended the Full Council Meeting at New County Hall on 30th November. Details of the Agenda are available online.

I met with the Council’s Monitoring Officer, Mel O’Sullivan, for our quarterly catch up. These are scheduled meetings in which she updates me in my role as Chairman of the Standards Committee, on Code of Conduct Issues, Ombudsman Complaints, likely to be against Cornwall Council, and other matters she feels I should be made aware of. These meetings are held in strict confidence.

As part of my role as a Shadow Cabinet Member we meet with the 106 Finance Officer to discuss the forthcoming Administration’s Budget Proposals. These will be presented to Full Council shortly for approval, or otherwise.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all residents of the St Columb Major, St Mawgan-in-Pydar and St Wenn Electoral Division a very

Happy Christmas, and above all a peaceful and prosperous 2022 AND hopefully Covid free. It remains an honour and privilege to serve as your Cornwall Councillor and Mayor of St Columb Major”.

156/21 Public Forum:

There were no members of the public present.

157/21 Report from Police:

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

The Town Clerk read the Report –

“Crime figures from 01/11/21 to 01/12/21

13 reported crimes in this period

1. Common assault x 6
2. Threats to kill
3. Theft x 2
4. Theft of motor vehicle
5. Assault by beating
6. Burglary commercial premises
7. Theft by employee

Regards

St Columb Police Team

PCSO Parry
PC Carthew”

158/21 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllr Mrs Warner (unwell) and Cllr Allen (family unwell). Cllr Roberts was not present.

159/21 Members’ Declaration of Interests:

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

None

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

None

160/21 To confirm Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 2nd November 2021:

The Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 2nd November 2021, were presented by the Mayor.

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

161/21 Payment of Accounts – Members to Approve the Payment of Accounts to the end of November 2021:

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

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

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

162/21 Planning Matters:

PA21/10191 – The existing use of land for residential purposes in association with the residential dwelling known as Ashwood Lodge – Ashwood Lodge, Black Cross, Newquay, Cornwall – Miss Clare Aykroyd

PA21/11082 – Retrospective Application for the construction of a swimming pool, plant room, boundary wall and paved surface – Ashwood Lodge, Black Cross, Newquay, Cornwall – Miss Clare Aykroyd

It was agreed that we discuss both these Applications at the same time. Basically, this property is out of the way and not generally visible.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Whetter seconded, and it was RESOLVED to support these Applications. There were 3 in favour, 2 against, and 1 abstention.

PA21/09629 – Listed Building Consent for alterations to ground floor forming Post Office, including new staircase to existing first floor – 3, Market Place, St Columb TR9 6AN – Mr and Mrs M Giddings

It was confirmed that the question of the moving of the Post Office is out for public consultation.

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

PA21/10041 – Conversion and first floor extension of store to form a dwelling house – 5, Higher East Street, St Columb TR9 6RJ – Mr Michael Ainsworth

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

PA21/11183 – Proposed live/work unit (using existing building) – Trenoweth Manor Farm, Talskiddy, St Columb, Cornwall – Miss Verity Biddick

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

PA20/01716 – Reserved Matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for Construction of 25 dwellings, a day nursery, public open spaces and internal estate roads following outline approval PA16/05308 dated 8th March 2017 – Land off Dinas Road, Dinas Road, St Columb, Cornwall – Mr David Elsmore

Concern was expressed about the increase in traffic in the Bospolvans area, together with access and egress problems. It would appear the road has not been adopted by Cornwall Council, so it is therefore not maintained by them. Affordable housing was mentioned. Members were of the opinion that this was not sustainable.

Cllr Mrs McLeod proposed, Cllr Mrs Jiggins seconded, and it was RESOLVED to object to the Application, for the reasons given above. There were 3 in favour, 2 against, and 1 abstention.

PA21/00957 – Outline proposal for a single dwelling – Land West of 36, Bank Street, St Columb, Cornwall – Mr R Golding

Members considered that, basically, there was no difference between applying for one, or two dwellings. Again, Members did not consider that this was sustainable.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs McLeod seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to object to the Application, for the reasons given above.

PA21/11206 – Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), works to include cutting back 2 x birch trees – 53, Old Rectory Mews, St Columb TR9 6BZ – Mr David Lloyd

Members agreed that as long the trees were only “cut back” and not “cut down”, they would go with the recommendations of the Tree Officer.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Whetter seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to support the recommendations of the Tree Officer.

PA21/11329 – Construction of drive-in all-weather canopy for the uploading of vehicles and additional external storage units – VMV Self Storage, Polita, Bridge Farm, St Columb, Cornwall – Mr Victor Jones, VMV Self Storage Ltd

Members again were satisfied that this area is out of public view.

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

PA21/11492 – Proposed two-storey extension with Juliet balcony – 60, Highfield Avenue, St Columb TR9 6SA

Members expressed concern regarding the privacy of other neighbours.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs McLeod seconded, and it was RESOLVED to object to the Application, for the reason given above. There were 3 for, 2 against and 1 abstention.

PA21/11957 – Works to trees in a Conservation Area, namely, G1, Leyland Cypress – fell due to shading and potential damage through root growth/incremental stem growth to retaining wall and G2 various shrubs, a Bay tree and holly – reduce growth back to the lawn edge – Polwithen, 1, Arundell Gardens, St Columb TR9 6BA - Enturfitt

As this Application is for works in a Conservation Area, it will be decided under delegated authority. There is no need to submit comments to the

local planning authority, as this communication is merely to notify that an Application has been received.

163/21

Installation of Swings at The Hurlings:

The Town Clerk explained problems that have occurred with regards to our Handyman actually installing the swings. We have now obtained a quotation from SNC – Playground Specialists to remove the existing swing and install the two new swings, together with the installation of rubber bonded mulch to one swing, and extend the rubber safe surface to the other swing, in the sum of £4,675.00. Basically, we have no option but to accept this quotation.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Fuery seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to accept SNC's quotation of £4,675.

164/21

Litter Picking:

Cllr Wills explained how this matter had come about. Richard Hootton came across someone in Newquay who is running a Volunteer Litter Picking Service for the town of Newquay. Would not this be a good idea for St Columb Major? Members were, in the main, of the opinion that this was indeed a good idea. However, it was stated that people should be responsible for picking up their own litter. It was eventually agreed to go back to Richard Hootton requesting more information – number of volunteers required; costings of the litter pickers, bags, etc.; will volunteers need insurance? On receipt of this additional information the matter will be discussed further.

165/21

Artwork for Remembrance 2022:

Cllr Wills spoke about this matter. Dick Twinney has made a suggestion to have a 5' x 4' picture of the artwork supplied on a piece of marine ply attached to posts on Trekenning town entrance road grass for the Remembrance period. It was also thought that another picture could be placed at the Cross Putty entrance to town. Three quotations have been received – one for a banner - £104; one on dibond board - £220; one on foamex board - £162. These prices are all for two pictures. After some discussion, Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Fuery seconded, and it was RESOLVED to accept the second quotation – artwork 5' x 4' on dibond board, in the sum of £220.

166/21 **Civility and Respect Project:**

The Town Clerk explained about the Civility and Respect Project. The Project aims to promote civility and respect in public life, including good governance, positive debate, and support the wellbeing of Councillors, Professional Officers and Staff. The first newsletter has been produced, which includes updates on: The project's mission; Project overview; Anti-bullying petition; Local government call for evidence regarding the abuse and intimidation of Councillors; Bullying and Harassment statement
As a first step in the promotion of Civility and Respect, Councils may wish to add a statement to their website stating that bullying, harassment and intimidation will not be tolerated. After some discussion, Members agreed that a Bullying and Harassment Statement should be added to our website.

167/21 **Correspondence:**

The following items of correspondence have been received:

- a) Cornwall Council – Town and Parish Council Newsletter – 05.11.21
- b) Cornwall Council – Town and Parish Council Newsletter – 03.12.21
- c) Correspondence from Cllr Evans regarding improvement to road safety and general wellbeing. Basically, this is about “20 s Plenty for Cornwall”. As Members were aware, Cllr Wills has already discussed this matter at a previous Meeting. It appears that so far 242 applications have been received. Three areas are being highlighted – St Ives, Launceston and the Roseland Peninsula. It may be that this matter will go on a Highways Scheme. However, after some discussion Members agreed that this Town Council should add its name to “20 s Plenty for Cornwall”.

168/21 **Any Other Business**

- a) Cllr Mrs Fuery asked for the latest position regarding the cutting of the trees at Springfields. The matter has been referred to Highways, but to date we have had no response. We will chase Highways again.
- b) Cllr Mrs McLeod advised that she had recently attended a WREN Zoom Meeting (St Breock Wind Farm Community Fund).
- c) Cllr Mrs McLeod expressed concern regarding the state of the river at Bridge. It needs serious attention. This matter has already been referred to the Environment Agency, but with more details of the problems being encountered, the Environment Agency will be contacted again.
- d) Cllr Mrs McLeod expressed grave concern regarding the indiscriminate parking around the bridge at Bridge. Cllr Wills advised that it is the

- e) intention to extend the double yellow lines down Bridge Hill and over the bridge. Members stated that there were a number of other areas around the town where double yellow lines should be inserted. Cllr Wills suggested that we could request a Road Traffic Order. An item regarding this matter will be included on the next Agenda.
- f) Cllr Mrs Jiggins advised that she had thanked our Handyperson for the box he had made to go around one of the trees opposite Co-op. The other box is more complicated to make, but is in the process of being made.
- g) The Town Clerk advised that detailed analysis is now available on the Radar Speed Signs, should anyone wish to view it.

169/21 Date of Next Full Council Meeting:

The date of the next Full Council Meeting will be 18th January 2022.

170/21 Resolution:

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 the Resolution, seconded by Cllr Mrs McLeod, and RESOLVED unanimously that we now go into Closed Session.

This part of the Meeting ended at 8.10pm

Dated: 18th January 2022

Signed: