

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, 18th January 2022 at 7.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mr M C Uren (Town Clerk)

173/21 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:

"Firstly, I wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year, and I sincerely hope that 2022 is a much better year for all of us

Since we last met, I have chaired a meeting of the Community Network Panel, plus the Full Cabinet Meeting where the forthcoming budget for 2022/23 was discussed. The final budget will go before Councillors in early February.

I have chaired two meetings of the Licencing Committee, one in Truro and the other in Camborne, where several contentious applications were heard.

In my role as Shadow Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Transport I met with senior officers for an update on transport policy, plus planned and current schemes underway. I met with senior officers to set the agenda for the forthcoming Standards Committee Meeting in my role as chairman of the Committee.

As a member of the Constitution and Governance Committee we met to consider proposals to introduce afternoon and evening meetings of some

of Cornwall Council's Committees. After much discussion I proposed that there should be no change to the current structure. The reasoning for my thoughts on this is the fact that the prospect of meeting evenings is not appealing considering that some meetings currently starting at 10am can run into late afternoons, and since the election in May Councillors' workloads have increased. I am fortunate that I have three very good parishes to look after - some Councillors have many more local Town and Parish Councils within their areas, plus the extra workload on officers, and the extra cost involved would not be cost effective. I am pleased the Committee agreed with me and voted unanimously to recommend to Full Council NO CHANGE.

I have attended several All-Members Briefings on subjects such as the Mid-Term Financial Plan and Budget, Carbon Natural Cornwall, and Members' Safety.

I have today attended the Full Council Meeting at NCH. I spoke against a petition asking for Drag Hunting to be banned on Cornwall Council Land. My reasoning is that be you for or against any form of hunting, drag hunting is a lawful activity. There is also the fact that the land in question is predominately tenant farmland and is it right for the Council to impose on tenants, plus if we ban one lawful activity should we ban all of them such as rambling, horse riding etc.

I also asked the Leader and Transport Portfolio Holder would they consider that now, with a Tory controlled Council, six Tory MP's and a Conservative majority in the Commons, starting a campaign to have the Tamar Bridge Act repealed and the bridge handed over to Highways England? We could all work together to deliver something for the people of Cornwall. I was given the usual guff that although they agreed with me the correct thing was to go through the relevant Committee with any suggestions!.

I very much look forward to working with you all in 2022".

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Public Forum:

There were no members of the public present. However, another e-mail has been received from a local resident. It reads "Could a progress chart be produced showing the action required, the Councillor responsible for it, the date by which it should be completed, progress being made, and the final outcome? Being easily accessible on the website, and reviewed quarterly or half-yearly, it would give a better understanding within our community of the work of the Town Council". This matter has already been discussed previously by Councillors. After some further debate Councillors again stated that as far as they were concerned all this information is available, whether it be on the Website, Facebook, or the

Town and Country Magazine. If members of the public want to know exactly what is happened, they could actually attend the Council Meetings.

175/21 **Report from Police:**

There was no Police presence, but a Report was received, actually after the Meeting.

The Report read as follows:–

“Crime figures from 01/11/21 to 01/01/22

Common assault x 13
Threats to kill x 1
Stalking x 1
Theft of motor vehicle x 1
Theft other x 1
Criminal damage x 5
Assault ABH x 4
Drink drive x 1
Burglary dwelling x 1
Theft by employee x 1
Section 5 Public Order x 1

Kind regards

Dan and Anita
St Columb Police Team”

176/21 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllr Mrs McLeod (previous engagement) and Cllr Whetter (shielding). Cllr Mrs Warner was not present.

177/21 **Members’ Declaration of Interests:**

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

None

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

None

178/21 **To confirm Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 7th December 2021:**

The Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 7th December 2021, were presented by the Mayor.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Fuery seconded, and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted. There were two abstentions.

The Minutes of the Closed Session of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 7th December 2021, were presented by the Mayor.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded, and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted. There were two abstentions.

179/21 **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 December 2021.

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

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

180/21 **Planning Matters:**

PA21/11416 – Listed Building Consent to remove old rag slate from existing ground floor kitchen and replace with reclaimed slate fitted to battens of the kitchen roof. Fit new insulation and breathable roofing felt – 32, Fair Street, St Columb TR9 6RL – Mr Weekes NONE

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

PA21/12770 – Single-storey rear extension – Chylan, 28, Union Hill, St Columb TR9 6AR – Mr Ray Brown

It was thought that this extension should not cause a problem.

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

PA21/00048 – Full planning application for the extension of existing buildings, the provision of a new tank farm, regenerative thermal oxidizer, boiler house, wastewater treatment plant, drainage, landscaping, car parking and associated engineering works without compliance with Condition 1 of decision notice PA21/08088 dated 29/11/2021 – Pall (Newquay) Ltd., St Columb Major Industrial Estate, St Columb TR9 6TT – Pall Manufacturing UK Ltd.

Cllr Taylor had a number of concerns regarding this Application – the actual treatment plant, what chemicals are being used, the fact that the extension is very close to existing houses. After some discussion it was agreed that we invite someone from Palls to come and explain the details of the Application at our next Meeting. We also need to request an extension for the response from Planning.

181/21 Road Traffic Order:

Cllr Wills spoke on this matter. It was wondered whether in fact we could prepare our own project for the town. This would be, in the main, the provision of double yellow lines at various locations around the town. Cllr Roberts made the point that people now take very little notice of double yellow lines. What is needed is the presence of Traffic Wardens seen more often around the town. Cllr Allen advised that there has recently been Traffic Wardens issuing warnings to people parked on double yellow lines outside the school. After some further discussion it was agreed that Members bring forward suggestions of where the double yellow lines could be provided around the town to the next Council Meeting.

182/21 Parking Fees - Oasis Centre Volunteers:

Cllr Wills explained about volunteers having to pay in the Car Park when visiting the Oasis Centre re: the Food Bank. It is wondered whether, in fact, we could give them a special parking permit allowing them to park free of charge for the very short time they are actually in the Car Park. Councillors agreed to produce one special permit, and to trial this for three months.

183/21 Provision of additional CCTV camera:

Cllr Wills spoke on this matter. Over the Christmas and New Year periods there have been a number of incidents in the Recreation Ground. We could install a CCTV camera to view the side entrance to the Recreation Ground. The proprietor of the Fish and Chip Shop is happy for a camera to be placed on his property. Cllr Allen also stated that he thinks another

resident in West Street would be happy for a CCTV camera to be fitted to his property. This matter will be checked. The Town Clerk advised that the cost of a CCTV camera is £889. A discussion ensued whereby other venues were suggested for additional cameras. Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to provide two additional CCTV cameras in West Street, and to consider more cameras at the end of the financial year.

184/21 **Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:**

Cllr Wills gave an update on the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. On 2nd June it is hoped to be holding a 50's Themed Street Party. Cllr Wills is meeting with the Young Farmers soon to discuss the decorating of three arches around the town. The Street Party will be held from 11.00am to 2.00pm, and the roads will be closed for this period. The Street Party will actually take place in Wesley Place Car Park and along Fore Street. On 3rd June there will be Shindig in the Park. There will be six bands performing on a stage. Cllr Wills is meeting with Del Hood soon to sort out all the details. At present nothing is planned for 4th June. However, it has been suggested that perhaps the local pubs. could organize something themselves. On 5th June there will be a Concert in the Church with Nankersey Male Choir and Indian Queens Band. Cllr Wills also advised that we are looking into providing mugs again for the pupils in school.

185/21 **Correspondence:**

The following items of correspondence have been received:

- a) CC – Town and Parish Council Bulletin – Budget Consultation – 17.12.21
- b) Cornwall Citizen – Newsletter of Citizens Advice Cornwall – Winter 2021/22
- c) CC – Town and Parish Council Newsletter – 14.01.22

186/21 **Any Other Business**

- a) Cllr Mrs Fuery asked whether the Carnival is going ahead this year. The answer was “Yes, as far as we are aware”.
- b) Cllr Mrs Fuery asked for the latest position regarding the overhanging trees at Springfield. County Highways have stated that in their opinion there is no problem, and nothing needs to be done at present. Cllr Mrs Fuery will take the matter up directly with the Highways Manager.
- c) Cllr Roberts asked whether Hurling will be taking place this year. Again, the answer was “Yes, as far as we are aware”.

- d) Cllr Mrs Jiggins advised that she has been undertaking some work on the planters and has noticed there is a lot of litter and rubbish opposite the Co-op; around the Memorial Steps and inside the Lych Gates. She also mentioned about the box-type construction that our Handyperson has made to go around one of the trees opposite Co-op. There is still a need for another one to go around the other tree. She also expressed concern regarding chippings that are constantly being scattered around this area.
- e) The Town Clerk advised that we have received e-mails from a resident at The Hurlings complaining about where the goal posts have been sited. One goal post has been moved and footballs are now being constantly kicked and hitting her property. The one goal post has been moved, not by us, but presumably by someone, or a number of people from The Hurlings. We will investigate the matter further and try to come to a more acceptable outcome.
- f) The Town Clerk advised that the swings are being installed in The Hurlings Play Area this week.
- g) The Town Clerk advised that an advert is out for his replacement. The advert is on the fish4jobs website, in the Cornishman, West Briton, Cornish Guardian and Newquay Voice and on the SLCC and CALC websites.

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Date of Next Full Council Meeting:

The date of the next Full Council Meeting will be 1st February 2022. It has been decided to cancel the next Full Council Meeting after 1st February as it was scheduled to take place on 1st March – Hurling Day. 15th March will be the next Full Council Meeting.

The Meeting ended at 8.10pm

Dated: 1st February 2022

Signed: