

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, 1st February 2022 at 7.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mr M C Uren (Town Clerk) and 11 members of the public (most up
to item 189/21)

188/21 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 have chaired a meeting of the Licencing Sub-committee in Turo, where we determined two applications.

I attended the Full Council Meeting in Truro where a petition was debated on a proposal to ban drag/trail hunting on Cornwall Council land. This petition was organised by the "League Against Cruel Sports". I spoke against the petition because drag/trail hunting is a lawful pursuit and to ban such a lawful activity would mean that the Council must ban all lawful activities on land it owns. The cost implications alone, having to re-write and negotiate tenancies agreements with tenant farmers would not be cost effective. I also asked if the Leader of the Council would join with me in lobbying our MP's and Parliament to repeal the Tamar Bridge Act and make the crossing free for all to use, just like the Prince of Wales Bridge over the River Severn? I was somewhat disappointed with the answer given by Cllr Desmond who went on about the Tamar Crossings including

the ferry and how he did not think a repeal would be possible due to maintenance costs on the bridge and the subsidies for the ferry.

I met with local musician and entertainer Del Hodd to discuss the Jubilee Celebrations and sought his professional help and guidance on how to stage a concert in the Rec. I am pleased to report he is willing to help organise the staging, sound and ensuring that the acts get on and off stage with the minimum of fuss.

I attended the latest meeting of the Cornwall Airport Newquay Consultative Forum. I asked a number of questions including staffing numbers at the airport, are we back to pre-pandemic levels with our staffing? The answer is NO currently they are 30% down on staffing numbers compared to before Covid.

We attempted to hold a meeting of the Newquay and St Columb Community Network Panel. Sadly, I was the only Councillor to join the Meeting as Newquay Town Council held a Special Meeting on the same evening - we were not quorate and so abandoned the meeting.

I have dealt with many queries from residents from all three parishes within the division on various matters including planning, housing, benefits, school transport and placements and fly tipping!

Sadly, fly tipping is becoming more prevalent of late - fridge freezers dumped in town and people's unwanted furniture dumped at the side of the road. This anti-social behaviour is unacceptable. We identified via CCTV one assumed offender, and the Council will not hesitate in contacting the Police if we can positively identify any culprits.

Correspondence has been received from Coastline Housing regarding shared ownership of new properties on Station Road".

189/21

Public Forum:

A number of members of the public present spoke about Planning Application PA22/00048. Basically, they object most strongly to this Application. They consider that the local community has been betrayed by Cornwall Council in the fact that they approved the original Application on 29th November 2021. There is an increase in the output and noise, thus making the curtilage boundary less. There is a terrific impact on the

environment and there is now a lack of wildlife in the area. In answer to a question it was confirmed that a number of residents had submitted comments on the original Application, but these had arrived after the date, through no fault of theirs. It could be said that the company are ransacking the habitat. There is also concern about light pollution and people's mental health state must also be considered. One member of the public asked if what Palls were undertaking was legal. The answer, as far as everyone was concerned was no and they should be prosecuted. It appears that there has been a problem of actually being able to speak to the Planning Officer involved. Cllr Wills advised that the Town Council is only a consultee in the process.

190/21 **Report from Police:**

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

The Town Clerk read the Report –

“Police figures from 01/01/22 to 01/02/22 are as follows:

6 x Assaults
1 x Harassment
1 x Misuse of Communications Offence
2 x Criminal Damage
3 x Theft from Shop
1 x Burglary

Kind regards

PC 13338 Dan Carthew”

191/21 **Apologies for Absence:**

An Apology for Absence had been received from Cllr Mrs Warner (unwell).

192/21 **Members' Declaration of Interests:**

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

None

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

None

193/21 **To confirm Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 18th January 2022:**

The Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 18th January 2022, were presented by the Mayor.

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

194/21 **Payment of Accounts – Members to Approve the Payment of Accounts to the end of January 2022:**

The Mayor proceeded to present the Accounts, paid up to the end of January 2022.

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

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Whetter seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the Payment of Accounts, up to the end of January 2022.

195/21 **Planning Matters:**

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 Wills stated that we had obviously heard the views of the members of the public who had attended our Meeting this evening. Pall had been unable to send anyone to the Meeting, but the answers to questions that the Town Council raised on now on their website. Cllr Taylor advised that they really have not answered the questions. He was most concerned regarding one of the chemicals that is to be used in the Treatment Plant. He explained about this chemical and advised that if inhaled it causes a problem. Local residents will be exposed to this daily. He confirmed that he is also most concerned regarding the environmental issues. Cllr Whetter wondered why the operations could not be transferred to Pall's factory in Redruth. It would appear that this is not feasible as the Redruth factory makes different items as opposed to the St Columb factory which makes, basically, medical equipment. Cllr Taylor has also spoken to the

Water Board regarding amongst other things sewerage. The Town Clerk read the answer which had now appeared on Pall's website regarding: what chemicals are being used in the Treatment Plant? What contingency plans are there in case the Treatment Plant leaks? What policies and procedures are there in place for the disposal of chemicals from the Water Treatment Plant? How did you choose where the Water Treatment Plant goes? Will there be any odours? If so, how will odours be controlled? After some further debate Cllr Taylor proposed, Cllr Whetter seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to object to the Application on the grounds that the extension is too close to the housing; the environmental impact; lack of transparency; noise pollution; light pollution; ransacking of habitat; loss of wildlife; causing mental health issues.

PA22/00445 – Demolition of existing garages and redesign for the construction of new dwelling with parking under – Garages to the rear of 36 – 38 Fore Street, West Street, St Columb Major – Mr and Mrs Balding

The garages in question have been an eyesore for some time and anything will be an improvement. The only question is whether, in fact, this is sustainable.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Allen seconded, and it was RESOLVED to support the Application. There were three abstentions.

196/21

Road Traffic Order:

Cllr Wills spoke on this matter. The recommendation is that we apply for a Road Traffic Order to provide additional double yellow lines around the town. The areas that have been suggested where double yellow lines would assist greatly are:

the bottom of Union Hill

extend the existing lines down to Bridge and, in fact, over the bridge at junctions adjacent to the Doctor's Surgery

Station Road, from Philihaugh down to Trekenning Roundabout

Both sides of Barn Lane

One side of Treventon Rise.

Cllr Roberts made the point again that if these lines are provided then they must be enforced.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs McLeod seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to go forward with the Road Traffic Order.

197/21 **Additional CCTV Cameras:**

Cllr Wills again explained about the problems that are occurring on West Street and the fact that a number of residents have moved because of the anti-social behaviour of a number of local young people. He further advised that the proprietor of the Chip Shop has agreed for a CCTV camera to be placed on his building. This camera will look directed on to the side entrance to the Recreation Ground. Cllr Allen advised that another local resident in West Street has stated that he is more than happy for a CCTV camera to be fitted to his property. This just needs to be confirmed. Another resident in West Street has also stated that she would be happy for a CCTV camera to be placed on her property. With these latter two properties we would have a very good view of the whole of West Street. We could install three cameras, or should we just install two? The cost of each camera is about £890. It was eventually decided to wait until Cllr Allen gets confirmation, and then possibly go for two cameras in the first instance.

198/21 **Additional Play Equipment at The Hurlings:**

The Town Clerk advised that we have now obtained four prices for a climbing wall at The Hurlings Play Area. Both firms have quoted for a single-sided climbing wall and a double-sided one:

Firm 1 – single-sided wall - £4,166.10
 double-sided wall - £5,636.47

Firm 2 - single-sided wall - £3,020.00
 double-sided wall - £3,920.00

After some discussion, Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Allen seconded, and it was RESOLVED to accept Firm's 2 price for a double-sided wall - £3,920.00.

Councillors were advised that the new swings have now been installed at The Hurlings Play Area.

199/21 **Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:**

Cllr Wills gave an update on the town's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. As stated in his report, he has recently met with Dell Hodd regarding the Shindig in the Park and arrangements are progressing well. He mentioned that 50's Themed Street Party on 2nd June, and the Concert in the Church on 5th June with Nankersey Male Choir and Indian Queens Band. It is also hoped to be able to supply all the pupils at the school with a commemorative mug.

200/21 Town Clerk/RFO Advert:

The advert for the Town Clerk/RFO is now on-line, and in the Press. We have received eight requests for an Application Pack so far and one completed Application Form has been received. The closing date for Applications is 18th February 2022. He explained the procedure that will happen after Application Forms have been received.

Cllr Wills also advised that the current Town Clerk/RFO is now back working full-time, and will continue to do so until his retirement.

201/21 Correspondence:

The following items of correspondence have been received:

- a) Crowdfunder – National Emergencies Trust
- b) Parish Online Newsletter – January Edition
- c) CC – Town and Parish Council Bulletin – 28.01.22

202/21 Any Other Business

- a) Cllr Wills spoke about the goal posts on The Hurlings field. There are continuing problems with the goal posts being moved, almost on a daily basis. One of the residents is still complaining about balls continually striking her windows. One solution would be to concrete the goal posts in. They could also be moved over by the Brewery hedge. Cllr Whetter suggested placing concrete in the bases of the posts. We will certainly bare this in mind. It was eventually agreed that the goal posts be concreted in over by the Brewery hedge.
- b) Cllr Mrs Fuery reported that there were a number of bricks appearing proud on pavements. It was confirmed that this is Cornwall Council's responsibility.
- c) Cllr Mrs McLeod stated that she was having problems in contacting the Environment Agency regarding problems with the river.
- d) Cllr Roberts asked for some advice regarding the Radar Speed Signs. They will only illuminate if you are doing over 20 mph. It is also very possible that we will be moving one, or may be more, of the signs to different locations soon.
- e) Cllr Mrs Jiggins stated that a number of drains appear to be blocked, and need clearing out. This again is the responsibility of Cornwall Council.

- f) Cllr Mrs Jiggins also wished to express her thanks to our Handy person for the work he has done in trying to tidy up the area opposite the Co-op.
- g) Cllr Whetter asked whether the bollards at the Cross Putty end of Newquay Road could be replaced. They have become damaged and not that visible in the dark. We will refer this matter to County Highways.

203/21

Date of Next Full Council Meeting:

The date of the next Full Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on 15th March 2022. This date may be altered, but Councillors will be informed if there is any alteration.

The Meeting ended at 8.15pm.

Dated: 15th March 2022

Signed: