

# ST COLUMB MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, St Columb Major on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.00p.m.

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

**In attendance:** Mr M C Uren (Town Clerk)

**1. Mayor's Welcome:** The Mayor, Cllr Wills, welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

**Housekeeping:** The Mayor addressed Councillors, and members of the public, giving advice on emergency procedures, asking that all mobile phones be switched off, or turned to silent.

**2. Apologies for Absence:**

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

**3. To confirm Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

The Mayor presented the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting, held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Roberts seconded, and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted. There were three abstentions, as these Members had not been present at the Meeting.

**4. Mayor's Annual Address:**

The Mayor, Cllr Wills, gave his Annual Address, on the work and activities of the Town Council, since the last Annual Parish Meeting:-

“Good evening and welcome to this the Annual Parish Meeting of St Columb Major.

Of course, we did not hold a meeting last year due to the outbreak of worldwide Covid 19 Pandemic, which is still with us.

We must all remain vigilant and abide by the Covid Rules and Regulations.

There is without doubt light at the end of the tunnel, with the successful vaccine

roll out throughout the country. It is hoped that by June of this year many of the restrictions we have all faced over the last 14 months will be lifted.

So, what has happened Town Council-wise over the last year? Not a great deal, to be frank, but we have, however, kept the wheels turning, and the Clerk and I, managed the office, taking it in turns to man the 'phones and answer residents' queries. All the necessary paperwork and accounts have been kept up to date, and we are ready for the next external audit, although we are still at this time awaiting the return of last years.

From the previous year we did take over several assets from Cornwall Council. These included the Green at Highfield, the land at the "Hurling's Estate", the play areas at Carloggas Grove, and Trelawny Parc, and Trekenning Road Car Park.

In June of last year Trekenning Road Car Park was completely resurfaced, and new drainage installed. Yes, it did cost the Council £100,000, and yes one or two individuals did try and make a big thing about it, but the overwhelming majority of people remain very satisfied with the outcome. It has improved that area of the town incredibly. Trekenning Road Car Park is now a real parish asset, and something this Council should be very proud of. The field at the Hurling's and the Green at Highfield are now cut regularly, and we have received no complaints from residents.

The hanging baskets still went ahead last year, despite the pandemic. It lifted people's spirits during an uncertain time. They will go up again in the next few days. The cost of these is covered by grants from St Breock and Denzell Downs Wind Farm Community Grant Funds.

There was no official Switch On of the Christmas Lights last year, although the lights did go up, and we thank those who took the time to do this. We have provisionally booked the Lights Switch On for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December this year, and have ordered the fireworks. Let us hope that this year we can have this event, as well as a proper Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service. There will be no Civic Service this year, as this forms part of Carnival Week, which as you may know has been postponed.

This coming Saturday the long awaited Smallseum will be officially opened by yours truly, and I intend to dedicate it to the memory of the late Mrs Bill Glanville.

Over the next 12 months we will work towards revamping the play areas at the "Hurling's" and installing a toddler play area at Carloggas.

Tomasz has continued to do some outstanding work, including the new gates at the Lych Gate, and other projects. He continues to maintain all the town's assets to a very high standard, and we are extremely lucky to have him. He and the Clerk have both undergone First Aid Training, and successfully passed their courses.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan was doing well until the pandemic. A parish-wide poll was taken at the beginning asking if residents wanted to go ahead with a Plan. Over 85% of those who responded said yes. The Town Council is the umbrella group for this, but it is vital that people know that it must be publicly led. The Steering Group was on course for a second public engagement asking for residents' views on where any new development should take place. However as stated the pandemic hit and most of the Group went into shielding. They have not met since the start of Covid. It is hoped that they will recommence their work once further restrictions are lifted.

As I have said, it has been a strange time for all of us, but we as a Council can be very proud of our achievements, as we continue to progress the parish for the benefit of all parishioners”.

#### **5. Public Question and Answer Session:**

There were no members of the public present.

There being no further issues anyone wished to make, Cllr Wills thanked everyone for their attendance.

The Meeting closed at 7.10pm

Dated:

Signed: