

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, 19TH April 2022 at 7.10pm.

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

In attendance: Mr M C Uren (Town Clerk) and two members of the public

221/21 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 attended New County Hall at the invitation of the Chairman to attend the official nomination of four groups in Cornwall who have been shortlisted for the national “Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service”. Two of the four nominees are from the St Columb Major, St Mawgan and St Wenn Electoral Division - these being the Air Ambulance and the Oasis Centre. This is quite an achievement and the recognition they have each received has helped highlight the works they do within the voluntary sector. The winners will be announced in June.

I attended the Constitution and Governance Committee Meeting where several recommendations were agreed and put before Full Council. These included memberships of the Pensions Committee, and options for “Calling in Procedure” to Full Council.

I chaired a meeting of the Newquay and St Columb Major Community Network Panel, where the next round of funding for the Community Highways Schemes were agreed. I am pleased to report that the Traffic

Calming Gateways at Trevarrian have been approved. Along with the Parish Council's Commitment to provide Solar Speed Awareness signs. This will go a very long way to helping reduce speeding in and around Trevarrian in all directions. The next Expression of Interest Forms should go live very soon. The Panel also heard from the organisers of Boardmasters 2022, who briefed the Panel on all aspects of this year's festival and lessons learnt from the previous year.

I attended an All Members Briefing on the proposed County Deal being offered to Cornwall by Central Government - an elected Mayor for Cornwall is on offer. This is something I cannot support. My reasoning is as follows - An elected Mayor is not answerable to the Council and cannot be gotten rid of with a vote of no confidence, unlike the current system. Putting so much power into the hands of one person undermines our democracy, and you never know who's going to stand, we could end up with a Trump-like personality.

I have chaired a Pre-agenda Meeting of the Standards Committee, which is due to be held in May.

I met with Senior Officers in my role as Shadow Transport Portfolio Holder for my bi-monthly briefing.

I have met online with our new Network Panel Manager, Helen Finchman. This was a getting to know you session in my role as Chair of the Panel.

I attended Full Council at New County Hall where I spoke against lowering the voting age to 16 and abandoning the first past the post system. I also spoke and voted in favour of a motion sending Cornwall's support to the people of Ukraine. I supported all the recommendations from the Constitution and Governance Committee, and the Miscellaneous Licensing Committee.

I have attended the "Oasis Centre" AGM at Bedruthan Steps Hotel. The work they do in helping elderly and lonely people is outstanding, and I will continue to support them as best as I can.

I have also attended St Wenn and St Mawgan Parish Council Meetings.

Last Thursday I attended the St Columb Major Town Council Christmas Dinner (finally) at the Ring O' Bells. A thoroughly good time was had by all".

222/21 Public Forum:

There were no questions raised.

223/21 Report from Police:

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

The Town Clerk read the Report –

“Police Crime Figures –

1. Assault by beating x 2 reports
2. Using threatening/abusive words and behaviour x 2 reports
3. Common assault x 2 reports
4. Assault actual bodily harm
5. Assault
6. Dog dangerously out of control x 4 reports
7. Criminal damage x 2 reports
8. Communicating letter conveying false information
9. Fail to provide a specimen of breath
10. Stalking
11. Theft x 2 reports

Regards
St Columb Major Neighbourhoodm Team
PC Carthew PCSO Parry
01637 880617”

224/21 Apologies for Absence:

An Apology for Absence had been received from Cllr Mrs Jiggins (unwell).
Cllr Taylor was not present.

225/21 Members’ Declaration of Interests:

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

None

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

None

226/21 **To confirm Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 15th March 2022:**

The Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 15th March 2022, were presented by the Mayor.

The Mayor asked for an update on the installation of the new CCTV cameras in West Street. The Town Clerk will chase the contractor.

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

227/21 **Payment of Accounts – Members to Approve the Payment of Accounts to the end of March 2022:**

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

A number of comments were made about cheques and transfers paid and income received. The amounts we are paying for Mole Eradication seems very high. The matter will be looked into. What is the latest position with regards to Major Steps? It would appear that they will be moving out of the Childrens' Centre and into Tropicana this September. Presumably they will also be moving out of the old Wesley Chapel? Again we will look into the matter.

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

228/21 **Planning Matters:**

PA22/02338 – Erection of a building for storage and distribution (B8) use, together with associated works – Seventh |Haven, Road from Junction North of Black Acre to Ruthvoes Farm, St Columb, Cornwall – Terry and Sandra Sleeman TPS

The proposed building is not visible from the road – cannot no problem with it.

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

PA21/02238 – Construction of garage for 3 vehicles – Mandalay Park, Road from the A39 Roundabout at St Columb Major to Castle Road, Quoit, St Columb – Mrs Tina Watson

Again, this is “off the beaten track” and should not cause any problems.

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

PA22/02853 – Construction of single storey extension – Rose Cottage, Ruthvoes, St Columb, Cornwall – Miss Alison Beare

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

PA22/02732 – Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land from equestrian/agricultural to leisure for Trekenning Tourist Park (Caravan Site), for a continuous period of no less than 10 years prior to the date of application – Trekenning Tourist Park, Access to Trekenning House, Trekenning, Newquay – Mr and Mrs Maurice and Foster Black and Lee

There was general concern amongst Councillors regarding this Application. There are most definitely safety issues and the area will be an eyesore. The area concerned is also too close to the main road.

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

PA22/02727 – Retrospective permission for the removal of part existing 900mm high stone boundary wall and removal of remaining stone boundary wall to form additional off-street parking – Wisteria House, 19, Bridge, St Columb, Cornwall – Mr Chris Keeble

Councillors were of the opinion that they should be made to put back the wall. The property is in a Conservation Area. Enforcement should be requested to look at the original hedge.

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

PA22/02997 – Single garage extension and extension of dropped access – 44, Penkernick Way, St Columb, Cornwall TR9 6BQ – Mr Alan Bissett

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

PA22/02915 – Demolition of existing rear two-storey extension, with a replacement two-storey rear extension and a connecting single-storey extension without compliance with condition 2 detailed in decision notice PA20/05870 dated 23.09.2020 – 7, Bridge Hill, St Columb, Cornwall TR9 6BY – Judith Hughes

This will cause problems with parking. What is the extension to be used for – holiday lets?

Cllr Mrs McLeod proposed, Cllr Mrs Fuery seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to object to the Application, on the grounds raised above.

PA22/03084 – To replace existing Conservatory Roof – 8, Station Road, St Columb, Cornwall TR9 6RY – Mrs W Ring

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

PA22/03586 – Revised design & layout in regard to farm building conversion to three residential dwellings (previously granted Prior Approval PA21/11772 for change of use & conversion of the agricultural building to form three dwellings) - Penhellick Barton, St Columb, Cornwall TR9 6DZ – Mr & Mrs White

This is basically a revised design and layout.

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

PA22/03460 – Alterations to dwelling to use existing garage as living accommodation. Construction of new conservatory. Provision of new garaging – Springfield House, Road from Junction South East of Higher Quoit Farm to Springfields Pony Centre, Ruthvoes, St Columb – Mr Gavin McNerlin

Again, this is not visible from the road and should not cause any problems.

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

229/21 **Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:**

Cllr Wills gave an update on the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations that will be taking place in town over the Bank Holiday period in June. We have just received Platinum Jubilee Mugs for the School. Each child will receive a Mug – any left over will be sold at cost price. All the Acts for “The Shindig in the Park” have been confirmed. Thanks must be extended to Dell Hodd for all the work he is doing in co-ordinating this event. We have asked the Carnival Committee if they would be able to put up bunting for the Street Party. They have said they will let us have the bunting, but are unable to put it up. We will arrange for our Handyperson to do this. The Concert in the Church on the Sunday is going ahead as planned. Both Indian Queens Band and Nankersey Male Choir will be in attendance. During the Concert bells will be rung between 19.52 and 20.22 – the date when the Queen came to the throne and her 70th Anniversary. Bells will be rung in Churches all over England.

230/21 **Proposed Memorial for the last Mrs Bill Glanville:**

Cllr Wills gave an update on the proposed memorial for the late Mrs Glanville. The Old Cornwall Society was informed that the Smallseum was dedicated to Mrs Glanville. We understand that the matter will be discussed further at the next Meeting of the Old Cornwall Society.

231/21 **Remunerations to people for carrying out planting around the town:**

Cllr Wills spoke on this matter. In the past we have made remunerations to people who have helped with planting around the town.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Allen seconded, and it was RESOLVED that this should continue with people being given £300 as previously.

232/21 **CALC Membership Invitation:**

The Town Clerk read an e-mail that had been received from CALC regarding a membership invitation. A general discussion ensued when a number of comments were made regarding the pros and cons of re-joining CALC. It was eventually agreed not to take up the invitation of joining CALC.

233/21 **Correspondence:**

The following items of correspondence have been received:

- a) Letter from Mrs Warner

- b) Parish Online Newsletter– March edition
- c) Town and Parish Council Newsletter – 08.04.22

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Any Other Business

- a) Cllr Mrs Fuery advised that No. 5 Halveor Close is still empty after four years. We will take the matter up with Ocean Housing.
- b) Cllr Wills again commented on the brilliant work undertaken by our Town Crier at the recent Hurling Celebrations.
- c) Cllr Allen advised that there is now a problem with siting one of the new CCTV cameras on 28A, Fore Street. Cllr Wills advised that we could now erect it on Field View, West Street instead.
- d) The Town Clerk spoke about Mrs Warner’s resignation, and the fact that people have until 25th April to inform the County Council that they wish to request an election to fill the vacancy.
- e) The Town Clerk advised that we have received a letter from Wesley Place (St Columb) Limited informing us that the rent has been increased in accordance with the retail price index prevailing on 1st January. Such an interest is due with effect from the quarterly payment due on 25th June 2022. The revised annual rate will be £14,058 per annum.
- f) The Town Clerk gave an update on where we actually are with regards to the Audits for 2019/20 and 2020/21. Correspondence has been received from Littlejohns and the necessary certificates have, eventually, been received. We still have to pay following the letter of complaint that Littlejohns received regarding the 2019/20 Audit.

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Date of Next Full Council Meeting:

The date of the next Full Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on 3rd May 2022. This will, in fact, be the Annual Meeting of the Council.

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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 Allen, and RESOLVED unanimously that we now go into Closed Session.

This part of the Meeting ended at 8.10pm.

Dated: 3rd May 2022

Signed: