

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 June 2022 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs P Wills (Mayor), S Allen (Deputy Mayor), Mrs F Fuery, K Roberts, Mrs L Jiggins, S Whetter, Mrs F McLeod, S Taylor, B Daniels, S Culley, T Coad

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

25/22 **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 Cornwall Council’s Standards Committee, of which I am the Chairman, at New County Hall - details of which are available on the Cornwall Council website.

I attended the site of the former Creamery at Trevarrian with the new owners of the site, who are looking at development of a new housing estate. Considering this site is outside the settlement, and was previously agricultural land, and the local Parish Council will be against this proposal, I don’t think it will be approved.

It was my pleasure to attend our school and present the children with their Jubilee Mugs. The Deputy Mayor and I had our photo taken with the School Council. The children were delighted.

I have recently been made a member of Cornwall Council's Appeals Committee. I have undertaken the training and yesterday attended my first full meeting. It's mainly school transport appeals.

I have attended both St Wenn and Mawgan-in-Pydar's Parish Council Meetings in my roll as Cornwall Councillor and delivered my monthly reports.

I have met with our Community Link Officer, Helen Fincham, in my roll as Chairman of the Community Network Panel, to discuss the up-and-coming agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr Mrs McLeod and I attended the new slimmed down Cornwall Airport Newquay Consultative Forum. This used to be run by Cornwall Council. However, since the reduction in staff, the new Forum will be completely run by the Airport Management Team. However, the airport remains wholly owned by Cornwall Council. The old Forum had about 50 members - the new one will consist of about 15- 20 members, and will concentrate on the business aspects of the airport site, and commercial flights. We agreed a new "Terms of Reference" and we heard from Spaceport Cornwall and Goonhilly on work being undertaken to prepare for the first satellite launch, which is due in late summer. We have been given the date of the launch, but we also all signed a confidentiality agreement as some of the matters that will be discussed will be business sensitive. The launch date will be released to the press and public very soon.

I attended the Annual Meeting of Cornwall Council at New County Hall, where it was my pleasure to second Cllr Pauline Giles to carry on as Chairman of Cornwall Council for another year. Cllr Giles phoned me and asked if I would be prepared to second her, and I accepted her invitation to do so. Cllr Giles has proven to be an excellent Chairman over the last year bringing her great sense of duty, humility, and humour to the roll. She has been an excellent ambassador for the Council.

The Clerk and I interviewed Georgina Barnecutt for the role of Senior Library Assistant. I am pleased to report she has taken on that job.

I held a virtual meeting with Scott Mann MP for North Cornwall who has agreed to assist me in trying to get through Parliament the recommendations of the Parliamentary Committee on Standards in Public

Life's Report on changes to the Local Governments Code of Conduct and possible sanctions change for those who have made a serious breach of the Code, including suspension. The Report was released three years ago, and Central Government keep promising to bring the recommendations onto the Statute Book, but have to date failed to do so. Mr Mann has agreed to press the Minister responsible on my, and Cornwall Council Standards Committee's, behalf.

The five Cornwall Councillors who are within our Network area meet monthly to discuss issues in the Newquay and St Columb area. We held this meeting last week.

I attended all our Town Council Organised Platinum Jubilee events in the parish - the Street Party, the Jubilee Shindig in the Recreation Ground, and the Concert in the Church with Nankersey Male Choir and Indian Queens Band. We were blessed with wonderful weather for all our outdoor events, all of which were extremely well attended, as was the concert. I would like to thank the Town Council for giving me the mandate to organise these events and obtaining the Jubilee mugs. We have received nothing but praise from the community, and I believe that once again St Columb Major showed others how to mark these national events, and we should take pride in doing it far better than some of the bigger Towns in the County. I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to Del Hodd who oversaw the staging, P.A system and generator hire, as well as ensuring the attendance and smooth changeover of bands, etc. during the Shindig. Of course, he also performed at the event. All events were trouble free, and the community came together to celebrate this unique once in a lifetime occasion. I also attended the Service of Thanksgiving for the Jubilee at St Wenn Parish Church.

I have today held a telephone meeting with our Divisional Police Inspector, Guy Blackford to discuss the vandalism to the skate ramps and bus shelters in the parish. This is an agenda item which we will discuss later“.

Cllr Mrs Jiggins asked about the apparent lack of buses in the St Columb Major area. There are buses that go to Wadebridge, Truro and Newquay, but that is all. It appears that a number of routes have been cut.

26/22 **Public Forum:**

Lisa Sulley, from Situ 8 spoke about Planning Application PA22/04406. She spoke about access off Station Road. Great detail has been given to the preservation of trees on the site. It will be a traditional construction. No concerns have been raised from residents. It will be a full-time residence.

Cllr Wills advised that he had received a number of concerns from residents regarding the state of the footpath opposite the new development in Station Road. He has contacted Coastline Housing and they have confirmed that the footpath will be re-instated, probably towards the end of June.

27/22 **Co-option of Councillors:**

No prospective Councillors were present.

28/22 **Report from Police:**

There was no Police presence, and no Report had been received.

29/22 **Apologies for Absence:**

All Councillors were present.

30/22 **Members' Declaration of Interests:**

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

None

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

None

31/22 **To confirm Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting, held on 3rd May 2022 and the Minutes of the Closed Session, held on 3rd May 2022:**

The Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting, held on 3rd May 2022, were presented by the Mayor.

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

The Minutes of the Closed Session of the Annual Council Meeting, held on 3rd May 2022, were presented by the Mayor.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Whetter seconded, and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Closed Session be accepted. There were five abstentions.

32/22 **Payment of Accounts – Members to Approve the Payment of Accounts to the end of May 2022:**

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

A number of comments were made about cheques paid, payments received and Standing Orders/Direct Debits.

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

33/22 **Planning Matters:**

PA22/04116 – Single storey rear extension – 17, Hawkens Way, St Columb, Cornwall TR9 6SS – Mr and Mrs Dawes

Basically, this is just an extension, and should cause no problem whatsoever.

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

PA22/4185 – Conversion and re-instatement of redundant farm buildings to form residential five dwellings with associated storage building, parking and ground works – Barns at Trevithick Farm, Trevithick, Newquay, Cornwall – Mr Richard Teagle

The barns concerned are derelict. Any improvement would be beneficial. The converted barns will be residential private housing. It is hoped that local families will rent these barns. They will definitely not be holiday lets.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Roberts seconded, and it was RESOLVED to support the Application. There was one abstention.

PA22/04532 – Proposed live/work unit (Rebuild of previously approved live/work unit PA21/11183) – Trenoweth Manor Farm, Talskiddy, St Columb, Cornwall – Miss Verity Biddick

Approval was granted in 2021 for this. It is, in effect, a re-build of the previous Application.

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

PA22/04561 – “Retention of chalet for residential accommodation” with variation of Condition 1 of Decision Notice C2/06/01605 dated 22/11/2006 – The Chalet, Pentrieve, St Columb, Cornwall – Mr and Mrs P Emery

This is off the road and not visible.

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

PA22/04406 – Outline Planning Permission for a single dwelling with all matters reserved, except access – Land South of Polita, St Columb, Cornwall – Mr T Chapman

This is what could be considered as “infill and rounding off”.

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

PA22/04694 – Existing windows replacement – 12, Fair Street, St Columb, Cornwall TR9 6RL – Mrs Emma Rowley

There would appear to be no major issues concerned with this Application.

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

PA22/03867 – New residential unit – 74, Highfield Avenue, St Columb, Cornwall TR90 6SA – Mr Richard Clatworthy RTC Developments

There appear to be no problems with this Application. This will not be a holiday let. It is a very interesting design shape.

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

34/22 **Proposed Memorial for the last Mrs Bill Glanville:**

Cllr Wills advised that we have heard nothing from the Old Cornwall Society. The intention now is not to pursue this matter.

35/22 **Town Hall - Roof:**

The Town Clerk advised that a Listed Building Application will be submitted to Cornwall Council by the end of this week. Our Surveyor has obtained some budget costs for the work of replacing the roof. Currently the cost is in the region of £90,000. This does not include the removal of the covering attached to the inside of the tiles. Mr Hayes is looking into Grants, and it is hoped that we may be successful in obtaining Grants, which may have to be match funded.

36/22 **New Bench for the Jackie Law Memorial Garden:**

The Town Clerk advised that the Church, or members of the PCC have suggested that a bench be placed in front of the Jackie Law Memorial Garden. There used to be a bench there, and the concrete base is still in place. They wondered if a Jubilee Bench could be bought. We have looked into this matter and obtained a price from David Ogilvie in the sum of £1,129. Cllr Daniels wondered whether this was a good idea. It is likely to attract youngsters and could cause vandalism. Is there a need to provide such an expensive bench. We could go for a wooden bench, or a bench like we have around the town – plastic over metal slats. Cllr Culley wondered whether it would be worthwhile obtaining a price from a firm in Mawgan (Nick Platt) who makes and supplies metal benches at a much reduced cost. He will make enquiries and forward information to the Town Clerk.

37/22 **Additional CCTV Cameras?**

The Town Clerk advised that the two new CCTV cameras have now been installed in West Street – one on the back of the Fish and Chip Shop and one on 10, Fore Street. Some Councillors wondered whether these cameras would help in trying to crack down on vandalism in this area. It would appear that youngsters are now going down Victoria Street, into Halveor Close, through the gate to the Play Area and into the Recreation Ground. Would it be sensible to place a CCTV camera in Victoria Street or Halveor Close? There is also a suggestion to place a CCTV camera somewhere in Union Square. Councillors were asked to think about this matter, and it will be discussed again at the next Meeting.

38/22 **Partial New Fencing around the Bowling Club:**

The Town Clerk read a letter that had been received from The Bowling Club. Basically, the Bowling Club are asking for vegetation to be removed and a new fence installed on the side of the Green backing on to the field. We have obtained a price to undertake this work, in the sum of £2,858. After some discussion, it was decided to Precept this for next year. Cllr Culley advised that work can only take place to remove the vegetation outside the nesting season – September to February.

39/22 **Vandalism – Bus Shelters and Skate Parks:**

Cllr Wills advised that yesterday he had written to Inspector Blackford about the recent vandalism undertaken on the skate ramps in the Recreation Ground and the total defacing of the two bus shelters in the Cattle Market and Trelawney Pack. Basically, we are not happy with the response we have received from our local Police. They are saying that it is extremely difficult to secure a prosecution because of the age of the culprits. Restorative justice has been suggested. The culprits have admitted stealing the paint from Mole Valley and spraying the skate ramps, etc. Their parents are horrified by the action that their children have taken. Inspector Blackford has promised to look into this matter and report back. A general discussion ensued. It was mentioned that in a similar situation a graffiti board was provided, and youngsters could then use this. This appeared to work. Councillors eventually agreed that the culprits should be made to repaint the container; request £500 by way of a contribution from each family; litter pick with Tony Roberts and come to the next Town Council Meeting and apologise for their actions.

40/22 **Correspondence:**

The following items of correspondence have been received:

- a) Town and Parish Council Newsletter – 06.05.22
- b) Town and Parish Council Bulletin – 19.05.22
- c) Letter from Lanteglos by Fowey Parish Council regarding Cornwall Council's actions on the allocation of social housing
- d) Cornwall Council – Supplier Newsletter – 27.05.22
- e) Letter from Max Beason – 05.06.22

41/22 **Any Other Business**

- a) Cllr Allen spoke about a lot of rubbish which is being dumped behind the Portaloo in the Allotments. We could go for a big "Clean Up" and obtain a skip for a period and enable all Allotments Holders to get rid of

all the rubbish which has accumulated over time. We will certainly look into this matter.

- b) Cllr Wills advised Councillors about a problem that has occurred in the Allotments regarding a cockerel. Cockerels are not allowing in the Allotments.
- c) Cllr Mrs Fuery wondered whether anything further had been heard about the empty bungalow in Halveor Close. The answer was, unfortunately, we have heard nothing further from Ocean Housing.
- d) Cllr Mrs Jiggins advised that children are climbing on a tree in the Play Area of the Recreation Ground. The tree is unstable and should be looked at as to whether it should be removed. We will investigate the matter.
- e) Cllr Taylor is having great difficulty contacting Pall and arranging a Meeting with them. Cllr Wills will try to arrange such a Meeting as soon as possible.
- f) Cllr Daniels is concerned regarding the state of the weeds around the town. Although the Contractors should have undertaken one spraying, it would appear that this is not the case. We will look into the matter.
- g) Cllr Whetter expressed concern regarding the netting over the entrance to the Kernow Ear Centre. There appear to be dead pigeons, or parts thereof. Cllr Culley agreed to sort this matter out.
- h) The Town Clerk read a letter that had been received from Cornwall Council – Enforcement Team stating that they are having problems with staffing and may not be able to fulfil their SLA. We will not be charged for any patrols that do not happen.
- i) The Town Clerk advised that the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements for 2021/22 are just about complete. The Internal Auditor has still to visit. As soon as this has happened, we will have to call an Extraordinary Full Council Meeting to confirm these documents. These documents have to be with the External Auditor by 1st July 2022.

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Date of Next Full Council Meeting:

The date of the next Full Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on 21st July 2022.

The Meeting ended at 8.35pm.

Dated: 21st July 2022

Signed: