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 October 2019 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs P Wills (Mayor), Mrs J Warner (Deputy Mayor), Mrs L Jiggins, B Daniels, E Culley, Mrs B Rogers, Mrs F Fuery, W Draper

In attendance: Mr M C Uren (Town Clerk), Mrs S Theobald (Clerk to St Wenn P. C.), six representatives from Aria Resorts.

130/19 **Mayor's Welcome:**

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.

Personal Announcement:

Cllr Draper advised that he would be resigning from the Town Council with immediate effect, because he now found it very difficult to work with the Council. Cllr Wills thanked him most sincerely, for all the hard work he has put in to the Council since becoming a Councillor.

Announcement and Diary Dates:

The Mayor's Report (also incorporating the County Councillor's Report) was presented by Cllr Wills:-

"Since my last briefing, I attended Cornwall Council's Cabinet Meeting, where Spaceport was discussed, and the proposed funding of approximately 12 million pounds, to make Cornwall Airport Newquay Spaceport ready, was voted on, and approved by 6 votes to 4. I urged Cabinet Members to think very carefully before voting for approval. My concern is the lack of investment by Virgin Orbit in the project, and the fact that the rockets are at present still untested! I pointed out that the people of the U.S State of New Mexico invested in a purpose-built Spaceport in 2006, at a cost of 220 million dollars for Virgin Galactic, and to date it has not been used! This spending now must be voted on by Full Council in November. I will be urging fellow Councillors to vote

against the proposal. Also discussed was the proposed new Waste Management Contract, which will possibly come into effect in 2020/21.

To date those who have tendered are far above the proposed budget for the Contract, and the matter has been deferred, until negotiations can take place with Contractors, to try and get the price down. One option open to Cabinet is to keep the process as is NOW, and again I will be urging Members to vote this way.

I chaired a Pre-agenda Meeting of Cornwall Council's Standards Committee at New County Hall. The full Meeting will take place on October 25th. Before then, I will be chairing an Interview Panel, which will meet over two days in Camborne, to interview prospective new Members of the Committee.

I attended mandatory training for Members of the Licensing Act Committee in St Austell.

Sadly, I have attended two funerals since our last Meeting, those of Mr Alan Beecham, and Mr Bob McGrady.

I attended a Meeting of Cornwall Council's Customer and Support Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee, of which I am a Member.

I attended the Newquay and St Columb Community Network Meeting, held in St Wenn, where we were given a presentation on the new Saints Cycleway, which will link Perranporth with Newquay, as part of four new trails. A presentation on Community House Building was also given. The Panel also agreed the final phase of the Community Highways Schemes for this current Cornwall Council up to 2021. The lighting of Cross Putty Junction, which I put forward, was included in this round of funding, and a feasibility study will now be undertaken. The implementation of a 30mph speed limit in Rosenannan will also go ahead.

I attended an All Members Briefing on Stewardship of the Council, given by the Chief Executive, in which she delivered the first of two 'In-year' Stewardship of the Council briefings, to provide Members with a four-month review of the Council's performance - plus, "Carbon Neutral Cornwall". The Briefing included a summary of the Carbon Neutral Action Plan, including an overview of the evidence base, greenhouse gas inventory, along with the scale of the change required. The Briefing also included a summary of Cornwall Council's role in delivering the Action Plan, the key challenges the Council faces, and

an overview of the early priorities, and options for mitigation and adaption in the medium and long term.

This morning I attended a Breakfast Meeting at the Aerohub Business Park, at Cornwall Newquay Airport, for a briefing on what plans they are putting forward, and to try and get more businesses to relocate to the Park.

I also had a tour of Retallack this afternoon, at my request, to see for myself what is happening with the groundworks, and the proposed Plan before us tonight.

The Clerk and I met this morning with the Rector, Rev Helen Baber, Mike Errington of the RBL, members of RAF ST Mawgan, and the Town Crier, to discuss the forthcoming Remembrance Service".

Presentation by Retallack Resort & Spa

The six representatives from Aria Resorts were welcomed to the Meeting. Mark Chadwick introduced the Planning Application, and with the assistance of the other reps., proceeded to make a Presentation on Retallack Resort & Spa. He explained about the history of the site. Planning Application PA13/09392 was issued for the construction of 334 lodges. Aria Resorts acquired Retallack Resort in 2018. The area that the current Planning Application PA19/06504 is known as the Golf Course, and is for 23 lodges. This is on the old Golf Course, which really was a Pitch and Putt Course – basically a grassed area. The units will be single storey – 2 or 3 bed. This will make the total number of units 347, as opposed to 334, which were originally applied for. The idea is for the facilities to be centralised. A comprehensive Masterplan will be applied for, together with the responsibility for the Business Model for the site. There is a strong focus on resort facilities. It is hoped that the Masterplan will be submitted to Cornwall Council within the next month. Advanced Highways Brown Signage was mentioned, with various options being explored. Aria Resorts want Retallack to achieve its own identity. They will be promoting St Columb Major. It is purely a holiday resort. A number of "fleet" lodges will be kept by Aria (40%). There will be no "Golf Course". The Leisure Facilities will be expanded into a central area, and will be open to the public. A meeting is to be held soon with the Landscape Officer, who has stated that there is too high a unit density, and there could be a requirement to lose up to 7 units. Aria Resorts are working very closely with this Officer to hopefully achieve a mutually beneficial compromise. £2 million has already been spent on a new water treatment system. This system will be sufficient to cater for all the additional lodges, and the additional leisure facilities at the Resort. It was confirmed that traffic must not be directed to go through the single track roads around St Wenn. It appears that currently sat navs are directing traffic this way.

The reps. from Aria Resorts were thanked for their most informative and useful presentation.

131/19 **Public Forum:**

There were no members of the public present.

132/19 **Report from County Councillor and Police:**

The County Councillor's Report has already been given. There was no Police presence, and no report had been received. It was noted that PC Lenton had attended the last Full Council Meeting on 17th September, and presented his report then.

133/19 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllrs Roberts and Allen (both unwell).

134/19 **Members Declarations of Interest:**

Declarations of Interest, in accordance with the Agenda:

None

Declarations of gifts to the value of £25:

None

135/19 **To confirm Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 17th September 2019**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on 17th September 2019, were presented by the Mayor. With regards to the first paragraph on Page 7 (Item 125/19), the following sentence should be added "Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Warner seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously, to approve the recommendations made by the Working Party".

With this addition, Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Rogers seconded, and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted. Cllr Daniels abstained, as he was not present at the Meeting.

136/19 **Payment of Accounts – Members to Approve the Payment of Accounts to the end of September 2019:**

The Mayor presented the Accounts, to be paid up to the end of September 2019.

Some explanations were given about cheques issued, and monies received.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Warner seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously, to approve the payments of accounts up to the end of September 2019.

137/19 **Planning Matters:**

PA19/06504: Erection of 23 holiday accommodation units, together with parking, landscaping and associated works – Retallack Resort and Spa, Winnards Perch, St Columb, Cornwall – AG Retallack

It was agreed that suitably located brown signage was a must. Cllr Daniels stated that overall he considered that the Application had been presented very professionally. Councillors agreed to make a Site Visit to Retallack.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Warner seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to support this Planning Application

138/19 **Neighbourhood Development Plan:**

Cllr Wills advised that the Steering Group has not met since the last Council Meeting. The next Meeting is either tomorrow, or next Wednesday. He will be attending that Meeting, and will give an update at the next Full Council Meeting.

139/19 **Smallseum:**

Cllr Mrs Warner advised that she has dropped off the old postcards to Andy Huckelby. The next step is to measure the glass panels and blow up the postcards, and then laminate them. Cllr Mrs Jiggins has also supplied a number of old postcards. A further report will be submitted when more progress has been made. It was suggested, and agreed, to include an item in the next Mayor's Report, to request suitable photographs from any locals, which could also be included.

140/19 **Fencing in the Recreation Ground:**

The Town Clerk advised that because of the heights of the new panels, the existing concrete posts will need to be replaced. The price received is for 15 panels. It was thought that this was too many. Surely only about 4 – 6 panels will be needed to cover the area behind the goal posts. The matter will be investigated again, and a revised quote requested. The question of providing a net behind the goal post is still being looked into.

141/19 **Devolved Projects:**

Cllr Wills advised that we have written to the residents of both Carloggas Grove and Trelawney Parc. We have received a number of replies from residents in Carloggas Grove, but to date, we have received nothing from residents in Trelawney Parc.
Cllr Wills advised that he is meeting with a representative from Ocean Housing next week, regarding a number of items which need to be sorted out – namely cars being repaired in Trelawney Parc, and Highfield Avenue, the state of a garden in West Park, and branches of trees that require lopping in Springfield Close.
With regards to Trekenning Road Car Park, we have written to the Building Surveyors, advising them of exactly what we require regarding the specification, etc. for carrying out drainage works and resurfacing. When the specification is received, it was agreed that this should be placed in the newspaper, and tenders invited. As stated at the last Meeting, it is hoped that work will be undertaken at the beginning of April 2020 – the Car Park will be closed for up to two weeks, while the resurfacing and ancillary works are undertaken.
It was pointed out that the new flower bed opposite the Co-op has now been painted. The red colour is the same colour that the wall behind the car parking area, opposite the Co-op, will be painted.
Cllr Wills proceeded to show Members a copy of a plan of The Hurlings field, which showed some ideas as to what could be done in this area. The four options will be the same as the options given to the residents of Carloggas Grove and Trelawney Parc. It was agreed that the necessary letters be sent to the residents of The Hurlings, and Parc-an-Cronor Estates.

142/19 **Cost of Car Parking Permits:**

The current cost of Car Parking Permits is £70 per year. Currently we only have Permits issued for the Recreation Ground Car Park. As stated at the last Meeting, 45 spaces will be allocated to Permit Holders in Trekenning Road Car Park. A general discussion took place regarding what the charge should be. Eventually it was agreed that the cost of all Car Parking Permits should be increased to £100 per year (4 voted for; 2 against; 1 abstention). This figure will be reviewed on an annual basis.

143/19 **Ideas for Precept 2020/21:**

Whilst Members were reminded about putting forward any ideas for next year's Precept, it was stated that the majority, if not all, of monies set aside will go to the Devolved Projects.

144/19 **External Auditor Report 2018/19:**

The Town Clerk took Members through the External Auditors Report for 2018/19. There were only two areas which needed further clarification, and these have been taken on board. He did point out that we can now state that all of the problems that occurred with monies, VAT, etc. back about six years ago, have now been satisfactorily sorted. At last we are now on an "even keel".
Cllr Daniels proposed a vote of thanks to the Town Clerk, for all his extremely hard work in sorting out the finances of the Council. This was seconded by Cllr Wills, and passed unanimously.

145/19 **Correspondence:**

The following items of Correspondence have been received:

a) CC – Link into Libraries – 06.09.19
b) CC – Localism Newsletter – September 2019
c) Letter of thanks from St John Ambulance re: donation
d) Letter of thanks from Merlin MS Centre re: donation

146/19 **Any Other Business:**

a) Cllr Mrs Warner spoke about the middle tree opposite the Co-op. It appears to be dead. If this is the case, it could be removed, and the area built up, and a bush planted. We will check the situation, and report back.
b) Cllr Mrs Warner mentioned again about the possible provision of a net behind the goal posts at the Play Area end of the Recreation Ground. As stated, we are still looking into the matter.
c) Cllr Mrs Warner expressed some concern regarding the Town Council's van. There are problems with it starting at present. She will forward the name and telephone number of an electrical specialist, who may be able to assist. It was also suggested that a new battery could resolve the problem.
d) Cllr Mrs Fuery asked about the whereabouts of the seats that used to be inside the side gate of the Recreation Ground. They seem to have disappeared. We will look into the matter.
e) Cllr Mrs Jiggins spoke about overhanging trees going down Halveor Lane (sycamores and ash trees). This really is the responsibility of the landowner from where the trees are growing. We will investigate the matter and also contact Highways/Environment..
f) Cllr Mrs Jiggins spoke about a conifer tree in the Memorial Garden in the Cemetery. Basically it is looking dead, and needs cutting down. We will investigate the matter.
g) Cllr Daniels spoke about the proposed improvement work at the Cross Putty junction. It was confirmed that the cost of this work will come out of the Highways budget, not the Town Council's budget. However, should the Feasibility Study be successful, the cost of

installing the lights may be a shared project between Highways and the Town Council. Again, however, should planning permission be granted for new housing along Newquay Road, or Trekenning Farm, the cost of installing the lights would be part of those projects.

h) The Town Clerk advised Cllrs Mrs Jiggins and Mrs Fuery that he has some forms which need to be completed, before they can accompany the Police on a patrol.

i) The Town Clerk spoke about the area opposite the Doctor's Surgery, and the possibility of extending the car parking area. A price has been obtained from Grasscrete, to lay the type of surface requested by the Highways Manager. For a 15 bay extension, the cost will be just over £10,000. We are awaiting a price for having the area tarmaced instead. The question of whether we will require Planning Permission is still being investigated. We will report back to the next Meeting.

147/19 **Date of Next Full Council Meeting**

The next Full Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 5th November 2019 at 7.00pm

The Meeting ended at 8.45pm

Dated: 5th November 2019 Signed: