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, 4th February 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs P Wills (Mayor), Mrs B Rogers, B Daniels, Mrs F McLeod, S Allen, Mrs F Fuery, E Culley

In attendance: One member of the public and Mr M C Uren (Town Clerk)

239/19 **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.

Announcement and Diary Dates:

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

"Since my last report, I met with Mr Juszczak, as the Council requested, and put to him and his wife our suggestion for a Disabled Parking Bay outside of Number 8. He was delighted and accepted. Since then, he has let it be known that in fact, he now will park in the Residents Parking Area, and no longer requires a reserved parking space.

I have requested, from Cornwall Council Enforcement Team, some early morning and late evening patrols from the Dog Warden, to try and catch those who are not picking up after their pets. There has been a spate of dog fouling in the centre of town recently. The Cornwall Council Enforcement Manager, Zoe Hall, is meeting with the Clerk and I next week, to discuss this and other issues.

I attended a meeting in Bodmin with the Portfolio Holder for Transport, where Councillors were briefed on the new parking charges being introduced shortly. An extra ten pence on the hour will be brought in as from April, at all Cornwall Council Car Parks.

I attended a meeting of the Customer and Support Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee at New County Hall. This was a Committee Training Session, and we also heard from Commercial Services and the Climate Change Action Plan – Nick Hayden and Mark Holmes - a look at the actions under the remit of this Committee, and how scrutiny can add value.

On Saturday evening I attended the St Columb Major Rotary Club President's Dinner, at the Hotel Bristol, where I and the Mayoress represented the Town Council".

240/19 **Public Forum:**

There were no questions put forward.

241/19 **Report from County Councillor and Police:**

The County Councillor's Report has already been given.

The Town Clerk presented the Police Report:

"Apologies PCSO Parry – day shift, PCSO Burgess – rest day

Eleven crimes reported this month of January 2020.
Same time period last year we had 21 crimes reported.

As listed below:
1. Harassment
2. Common Assault
3. Common Assault
4. Common Assault
5. Common Assault (last three Common Assaults linked to one incident)
6. Malicious communication
7. Racial harassment
8. Criminal damage
9. Harassment
10. Death by dangerous driving
11. Assault

This month the Local Policing Team are actively dealing with issues of vehicles being parked on pavements, causing members of public to go out into the road.

We would also like to remind local dog owners, that if you are walking through public rights of way, through farmland with livestock present, your dog must be on a lead.

To remove any dog mess, and dispose of it correctly in a bin, and not leave dog mess bags thrown up in the hedges, or in the field itself.

We have had several complaints regarding this issue, and we have been patrolling the areas concerned.
It is the start of the busy lambing season, and the ewes will see any dog as a predator.

Regards.

Anita Parry PCSO St Columb Major.

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242/19 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllr Roberts (on holiday), Cllr Mrs Jiggins (unwell), and Cllr Mrs Warner (unwell).

243/19 **Members Declarations of Interest:**

Declarations of Interest, in accordance with the Agenda:

Cllr Daniels – Item 252/19

Declarations of gifts to the value of £25:

None

244/19 **To confirm Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 21st January 2020**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on 21st January 2020, were presented by the Mayor.

Cllr Wills advised that the Steering Group of the NDP has asked the Town Council to sign off the bill. We have stated that we will still need to approve the final draft of the Questionnaire (Item 230/19).

Cllr Daniels advised that he had bumped into Andy Hucklesby recently, who had stated that he will get the Smallseum "up and running" as soon as possible. However, it may not be ready in time for this year's Hurling Celebrations (Item 231/19).

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Culley seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously that the Minutes be accepted.

The Minutes of the Closed Session of the Full Council Meeting, held on 21st January 2020, were presented by the Mayor.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Allen seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously that the Minutes be accepted.

245/19 **Payment of Accounts – Members to Approve the Payment of Accounts to the end of January 2020:**

The Mayor presented the Accounts, to be paid up to the end of January 2020.

A number of questions were asked, and answers provided, about cheques paid, and also monies received.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Fuery seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously, to approve the payments of accounts up to the end of January 2020.

246/19 **Planning Matters:**

PA19/08885 – Reserved matters application following outline approval PA17/04250 for proposed residential development – Land North East of Pall, St Columb Major Industrial Estate, St Columb, Cornwall – Mr Dan Lloyd

Some consultee comments had been received, and these have been taken into account with these matters. Basically, all that is happening is a ”tweeking of certain aspects of the plan”. Planning approval has already been granted.

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

PA19/09612 – Extend Parking Area – Land off Trekenning Road, St Columb, Cornwall – St Columb Major Town Council

Cllr Wills advised that we have received correspondence from the Planning Officer, together with a letter from the Tree Officer. The Town Clerk read the Tree Officer’s letter. After much discussion, and in light of the Tree Officer’s comments, Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Culley seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to scrap the idea of extending the car parking area opposite the Doctor’s Surgery.

PA20/00742 – The continued use of the holiday unit permitted by application number C2/04/00892 as a dwelling house – Swallows Return, Blackacre Bungalow, St Columb, Cornwall – Mr and Mrs P Emery

This is a new Application which has been received today. Given its location, and the nature of usage, no Member could see any problem with this Application.

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

247/19 **V E Day Commemorations – 8th May 2020:**

Cllr Wills advised that the Concert, to be held in the Church on 8th May 2020, will have Nankersey Male Choir performing, together with the Redruth Town Band. The format will be similar to the last Concert, whereby in the first half the Choir and Band will sing and play pieces from the Second World War, and in the second half, pieces from films of the Second World War. The Finale will again be everyone joining in with Rule Britannia, Land of Hope and Glory, and Trelawny. We may make a small charge for the Concert this time. We will this time be celebrating not only VE Day, but also VJ Day, and the 100th Anniversary of the Town War Memorial (30th June 1920).

Cllr Wills also mentioned about the possibility of buying Commemorative Mugs for the children at the Academy. This would be similar to what we did five years ago. He showed Members pictures of what the Mugs would look like. The Mugs will cost just under £2 each. The Academy currently has 379 students on roll. After some debate, Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Fuery seconded, and it was RESOLVED to buy 500 Commemorative Mugs. Five voted for; one voted against, and there was one abstention.

248/19 **Smallseum:**

There was nothing further to report on the Smallseum. See comments under Item 244/19.

249/19 **Review Library's Opening Hours:**

Cllr Wills reported that we have not had a very large response on the Library's Questionnaire – about a dozen in the box in the Library, and two on-line. The consensus of opinion is to "keep as is" the Library opening hours. Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Culley seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to keep the Library's hours as they are now, and to review in twelve months' time.

250/19 **Trekenning Road Car Park – Resurfacing:**

Cllr Wills gave an update on exactly where we are regarding the resurfacing of Trekenning Road Car Park. The Town Clerk read out the figures to Councillors from the three tenders received. These incorporated both the Phase 1, and Phase 2 costs for the work.

Cllr Wills explained that we have received £25,000 from Cornwall Council to help in financing this project. After some considerable discussion, especially with regards to the unexpectedly high costs

involved, it was agreed that we should actively seek further tenders. It was also agreed that we need an options breakdown of exactly how the project could be funded. Bearing in mind the time factor, it may be necessary to call an Extraordinary Meeting to discuss this matter, prior to the next Full Council Meeting.

251/19 **Provision of Additional CCTV Cameras:**

Cllr Wills spoke on this matter. Currently there are no cameras covering Fore Street, from the Town Pump down to the Post Office. To this end, we would be looking to install two new cameras. Actual sites still have to be agreed with property owners, and to optimize coverage. It was also thought appropriate to install another camera somewhere in West Street. This area is renowned for dog fouling. The cost of each camera is about £300.

It was also mentioned that the current CCTV software system needs to be upgraded. The system has been installed for well over six years. The cost to carry out the upgrading, and including the new cameras, is £2,686.00 plus VAT.

Cllr Mrs McLeod proposed, Cllr Allen seconded, and it was RESOLVED to upgrade the current CCTV system, and install three new cameras. There were five for, one against, and one abstention.

At this point Cllr Daniels left the room.

252/19 **Remuneration of Town Councillor:**

The whole question of whether we can remunerate a Town Councillor was discussed. There are a number of problems associated with this. The Town Clerk read out a letter he had received from the SLCC. It is possible to grant honorariums. After some further debate, Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Allen seconded, and it was RESOLVED that each of the Councillors concerned will be offered an annual honorarium of £300. Five voted for, with one abstention.

At this point Cllr Daniels returned to the room.

253/19 **Correspondence:**

The following items of Correspondence have been received:

a) CC – Cornwall Design Guide & Cornwall Streetscape Design Guide
b) CC – Ethical Standards – Code of Conduct Training – March 2020
c) CC – Community Governance review Update – 22.01.20
d) CC – Hold the date for Localism Climate Change Workshop
e) CC – Cornwall Council Climate Change Development Planning Document

f) CC – Community Governance Review Stage 3: Consultation Information Events
g) CC – Advert for a Lay Member of Cornwall Council's Standards Committee
h) CC – Town and Parish Council Newsletter – 30.01.20
i) CC – GLL Community Fund
j) CC – Community Governance Review Public Consultation Update – 04.02.20

254/19 **Any Other Business:**

a) Cllr Culley asked whether he was right in thinking that the proposed new development on the other side of the A394 would have a petrol station. The answer was yes, it was a suggestion.
b) Cllr Mrs Rogers advised that there is still a mound of earth, situated by the new seat, at the entrance to Trekenning Road Car Park.
c) Cllr Mrs Rogers advised that weed killer has been sprayed on Plot 14 at the Allotments.
d) Cllr Mrs Fuery asked whether the question, with regards to NI and Income Tax for the person undertaking the street cleaning and toilet cleaning had been sorted. The whole matter has now been resolved.
e) Cllr Mrs Fuery asked whether it would be possible for the pavement to be lowered, around by where the seat has been fitted at the entrance to Trekenning Road Car Park. The answer was not really, as the pavement has been lowered previously by the Council at the other end.
f) Cllr Mrs McLeod wondered whether anyone else had heard that Boots might be closing down. No-one else had heard about this.
g) Cllr Daniels asked whether it would be possible to contact the DVLA, and request that they check on vehicles in Trekenning Road Car Park. We will pursue the matter.
h) The Town Clerk spoke about the visit to the Youth Club, which did not take place tonight. They are having problems retaining volunteers. Another date will be arranged in the not too distant future, and Members will be informed accordingly.
i) The Town Clerk has received two letters requesting donations. Their requests will be included on the next Agenda.
j) The Town Clerk advised that adverts should be in the Press tomorrow for all the Contracts – Street Cleaning, Toilet Cleaning, Grass Cutting and Verge Cutting, Weed Control, and Footpaths Cutting. The closing date for tenders is 6th March 2020. Thanks were expressed to Matthew Jenkin for assisting with previous documentation, and to Cllr Daniels for all his assistance in proof reading, etc. The Working Party was also thanked for their contribution towards the Contracts.

255/19 **Date of Next Full Council Meeting:**

The next Full Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 3rd March 2020 at 7.00pm

The Meeting ended at 8.35pm

Dated: 3rd March 2020 Signed: