

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON
ON THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.21 PM

Councillors: Mrs G A Geer (Town Mayor) in the Chair

R Williams
R J L Boase
Mrs F N E Boase
M H Thomas

J Martin
Mrs N Roberts
D J Potter
T E Grattan-Kane

R F Edgcumbe
M J Kenchington

Officers: Miss P J Lavelle (Deputy Town Clerk)
Miss R Cook (Administrative Assistant)

200. Prayers

The Meeting opened with Prayers offered by Councillor Thomas.

201. Apologies for absence

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillor Reverend Reed, the Town Clerk and the Town Centre Regeneration Officer.

202. Police Matters

The Mayor advised that she had received an apology for absence from WPC Butcher who had updated the Mayor regarding safety concerns of multiple Taxi vehicles parking in the vicinity of the Taxi rank at the lower end of Coinagehall Street. WPC Butcher advised that after initially warning the Taxi drivers there was a brief period of abstention before multiple parking by the vehicles resumed. The situation had been reported to Cornwall Council's Licencing Department but she had not received any support from them. Cornwall Councillor Martin advised that he would discuss the ongoing issue with Cornwall Council's Licencing Department. WPC Butcher also advised the Mayor that Police Officers were not permitted to marshal the Remembrance Parade on Sunday 12th November and this event would require marshalling assistance from local volunteers. As the military would be present at the event WPC Butcher had asked if they could assist with this occasion. Councillor Grattan-Kane expressed the opinion, as Helston was a garrison town, he believed the police should be involved at the event.

On the proposition of Councillor Grattan-Kane, seconded by Councillor Williams, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that a letter be sent to Devon & Cornwall Police, copied to the Police and Crime Commissioner, to express the Council's concerns regarding the level of police involvement at Remembrance Sunday.

203. Reports from Local Cornwall Councillors

Cornwall Councillor Martin advised that he and Councillor Thomas had attended the West Sub Area Planning Committee meeting on the 25th September 2017 where the Helston Community College application had been approved. Councillor Martin further advised he would be requesting a site visit to view the Trelawney Road application. He also noted that Derek Thomas MP was due to meet with the CEO of Coastline and a resident representative. Councillor Martin advised he had attended several licencing committee meetings and several briefings on the Electoral Boundary Commission Review. He noted that the reduction in Cornwall Councillors could have a major impact on the role of the Town and Parish Councils giving more responsibility but not necessarily increasing the resources to support the extra duties and could discourage future councillors from standing due to the long hours involved and low pay received. Councillor Martin advised he was still compiling examples of Business

Rates increases for local businesses that had shared facilities and access, and was in communication with the Portfolio Holder for Business and with Derek Thomas MP. Councillor Martin advised he had chaired the Helston and South Kerrier Community Network Panel where the latest crime figures were reported and the impact of the new council structure on the future role of the networks was discussed. He advised that Cornwall Councillors had received a presentation on how the library would be reconfigured to accommodate the changes and inclusion of the One Stop Shop and Job Centre Plus.

Councillor Williams expressed his concern at the condition of the collapsed wall in Godolphin Road and asked the Cornwall Council Division Members to work together to resolve the issue.

Cornwall Councillor Thomas reported on his recent tour of the Cornwall Energy Recovery Centre advising that Cornwall's waste no longer went to landfill and was incinerated, however only 25% of households in Helston recycled. Councillor Thomas advised he had attended the West Sub-Area Planning Committee meeting, Electoral Boundary Commission Review meetings and a Children and Facilities Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting regarding the integration of Children's Services advising that the case studies detailed were very emotional listening and he was aware of the potential of the alternative delivery model but further investigations were still required. Councillor Thomas expressed concern regarding the consequences of the Electoral Boundary Commission Review and felt it was a hard task convincing the electorate about the importance of having an opinion about the reduction of Members of a future Cornwall Council. Councillor Thomas believed that 87 members was too few and that after the initial exercise had finished no cost savings would be made to the Council Tax payer for quite some time. Councillor Thomas advised that he was involved in the creation of an Events Policy that supported sport and cultural events in Cornwall although not via financial support. He confirmed Councillor Martin and himself were due to meet with the new Highways managers to discuss issues relating to Redruth Road, Meneage Road and Cross Street advising that they were exploring traffic speed reduction. Councillor Thomas advised that he had community grants funding available for local clubs and groups and recommended that interested parties applied via the Cornwall Council website.

The Mayor advised that apologies had been received from Cornwall Councillor Wallis.

Councillor R J L Boase expressed concern that Cornwall Councillor Wallis had not attended several Full Council meetings advising that he had a question for him which he wished to raise in a public forum. It was agreed that Cornwall Councillor Wallis be asked to attend the next Full Council meeting.

204. Public Participation

A representative of Carn Brea Morris Dancers spoke in support of their request for assistance with a road closure on Coinagehall Street in order for approximately 150 dancers to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Carn Brea Morris Dance Group on Sunday 17th June 2018. Further road closure implications were discussed as a result of the number of people dancing. In response to questions, the representative confirmed that dancers would be encouraged to dance whatever the weather conditions and there was slight flexibility in the timings of the event.

205. Minutes

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs Boase, seconded by Councillor Grattan-Kane, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 21st September 2017 be approved and signed as a true record.

206. Minutes of the Planning Committee

On the proposition of Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Kenchington, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 21st September and 5th October 2017, be received.

207. Minutes of the Amenities Committee

On the proposition of Councillor Potter, seconded by Councillor Martin, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on the 28th September 2017, be received.

208. Minutes of the Policy, Finance & Resources Committee

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs Boase, seconded by Councillor Grattan-Kane, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Policy, Finance & Resources Committee meeting held on the 10th October 2017, be received.

209. Announcements

The Mayor thanked Councillor Potter for organising the recent Helston Question Time and expressed the opinion that the turnout had been good and had sparked a lot of interest and conversation.

210. Co-housing Presentation

Councillor Potter requested that Helston Town Council support the presentation on co-housing to be held at the Guildhall on Wednesday 25th October 2017 in order to make the community aware of the mutual home ownership society to help shape how the provision of affordable high quality homes could be made available for people living in Cornwall.

On the proposition of Councillor Potter, seconded by Councillor Thomas, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that Helston Town Council support the presentation and discussion on co-housing to be held in the Guildhall on 25th October 2017.

211. Report of the Town Clerk

(1) Electoral Review of Cornwall

This item was noted.

(2) Fisherman's Mission – 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Festival

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs Boase, seconded by Councillor Thomas, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Town Council participate in the Fisherman's Mission, 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Festival.

(3) Carn Brea Morris

After a detailed debate it was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Martin, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Council agreed that:

- a) Carn Brea Morris hold the finale of their 40th Anniversary Celebrations in Coinagehall Street on Sunday 17th June 2018; and
- b) The road closure be obtained on behalf of Carn Brea Morris.

212. Schedule of Accounts for Payment

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs Boase, seconded by Councillor Potter, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that Account Nos. 315-377 inclusive as listed and set out as an Appendix to these Minutes, in the total sum of £63,157.75 be received and certified for payment.

213. Attendance at Meetings

On the proposition of Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Mrs Roberts, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Helston in Bloom written report be received.

214. Items for the next Agenda

The Mayor requested that Members contact the Town Clerk's office to place items on the following Full Council Agenda.

215. Exclusion of the Press and Public

On the proposition of Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Grattan-Kane, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting for the following item of business by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

216. Confidential Report of the Town Centre Regeneration Officer

(1) Proposed Planting for raised area at Castle Green Steps

Members considered the confidential report of the Town Centre Regeneration Officer (circulated prior to the meeting). A detailed debate ensued at the conclusion of which it was proposed by Councillor Kenchington, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Council approved the budget of £350.00 to cover the planting scheme designed by Robert Sanders.

Meeting closed at 8.26pm

Confirmed

Town Mayor