

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD VIRTUALLY**  
**ON THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 AT 6.39 PM**

**Councillors:** J Martin (Town Mayor) in the Chair

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

Mrs G A Geer  
Mrs N Roberts  
T E Grattan-Kane  
D P Reed

R F Edgcumbe  
M J Kenchington

**Officers:** Miss P J Lavelle (Town Clerk)  
Miss A D Retallack (Deputy Town Clerk)  
Mr M Searle (Projects Officer)

**224. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor R J L Boase and Councillor Mrs Boase declared an interest in the grant application for Helston Country Market as Councillor Mrs Boase was a member of the Market.

The Mayor declared an interest in the grant request for the Helston Climate Action Group as a member of the Group.

**225. Helston CCTV System**

Representatives from Cornwall Fire and Rescue gave a presentation on Helston's CCTV System briefly outlining the provision and monitoring that was carried out. They highlighted the benefits of the system advising that it was used to help people in need as well as preventing and detecting crime and then responded to Members questions.

**226. Reports from Local Cornwall Councillors**

Cornwall Councillor Martin advised that he was a Member of the Cornwall Council Licensing Committee and applications were still being considered despite lockdown. He confirmed that the Planning Committee were also considering planning applications with a greater number than the previous year having been received. Cornwall Councillor Martin advised that Full Council were considering the budget the following week. He further advised that the election on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 was still expected to go ahead despite concerns with the safety and the inability to canvas which would prejudice independent candidate who didn't have the resources of parties. Cornwall Councillor Martin encouraged people to stand for both the Town and Parish Council elections. He then read a statement on behalf of Cornwall Council which outlined ways to vote including proxy votes and postal votes.

Councillor Reverend Reed expressed concern with a vehicle regularly parked in the Sithney Common Hill Lay-by advertising a business and queried if it could be moved as it was causing visibility issues when accessing/ exiting the lay-by. Cornwall Councillor Martin agreed to raise the issue with Cornwall Council.

Cornwall Councillor Thomas advised that he had received his vaccine and encouraged others to take it up when they had the opportunity. He expressed his thanks to the volunteers who were assisting with the vaccination process. Cornwall Councillor Thomas advised that he had been working to resolve a number of casework issues and had been working with the Projects Officer regarding the virtual Leats and Kennels exhibition. He advised that he had

attended virtual meetings for several Committees and confirmed that the Full Council meeting the following week would be considering a proposed 4.99% Cornwall Council Tax increase, with a 6.77% rise in the Police precept.

The Town Clerk confirmed that no report had been received from Cornwall Councillor Wallis.

**227. Public Participation**

A representative of the Lizard Child Trust spoke in support of their grant application to outline how their previous grant had been used and to explain their current requirement for a storage shed to store outdoor equipment.

Councillor Mrs Boase spoke in support of the Helston Country Market's Grant Application to advise that the Market wished to reopen when allowed and they required funding for advertising.

Representatives from CAST and the CAST-Off programme spoke in support of their request for grant funding detailing the CAST-Off event which took place during the pandemic and their plans for a second event.

Representatives from the Helston Climate Action Group spoke in support of their funding request outlining the progress they had made with the projects following the previous funding advising that they were grateful for the support they had been given by the Town Council.

**228. Minutes**

On the proposition of Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, it was RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 be approved and signed as a true record.

**Councillor Reverend Reed abstained from the vote as he had not been present at the meeting.**

**229. Matters Arising**

Councillor Mrs Boase queried if there were any updates regarding Council Accommodation. The Town Clerk confirmed that there were currently no updates.

**230. Minutes of the Amenities Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Boase, seconded by Councillor Mrs Geer, and RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021, be received.

**231. Minutes of the Planning Committee**

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021, be received.

**232. Announcements**

The Mayor commended the activities of the Community Response Team advising that the response was still continuing but the phone line was no longer being manned by volunteers with calls now being taken by the office. He thanked all those involved for their help.

**233. Mayor's Cadet**

The Mayor suggested the appointment of a young person as a Mayor's Cadet who could attend events and report on views of young people. Following a brief debate it was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Kenchington, and

RESOLVED – that the Council approved the creation of a Mayor's Cadet in principle and delegated the development of the position to the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee.

**At the discretion of the Mayor, the Projects Officers Report was brought forward.**

**234. Report of the Projects Officer**

The Projects Officer updated Members on his report (circulated prior to the meeting) including:

- Penrose Road Car Park – A response had not yet been received from Cornwall Council and the Projects Group had discussed alternative options for control of the area. The Projects Group had endorsed Councillor Grattan-Kane's proposal to surrender the use of the Drill Hall Yard as part of the Cultural Quarter project.
- Helston Energy Scoping Study – The contract had come through that day and assuming it was acceptable he hoped the project would progress shortly.
- Wendron Leats and Helston Kennels – Good progress was being made with the content for a digital exhibition and video or sound clip regarding experiences of the Kennels were being sought. Councillor Thomas updated Members to advise that the lack of water flow in Godolphin Road was due to a repair requirement confirming that Cormac had permission from the landowner to carry out the works and they would take place when weather and time commitments allowed. Councillor Thomas then encouraged Councillors and former Mayors to participate in the digital exhibition by sharing their memories of the Kennels.
- Coronation Gardens – The information on the concept plan and costings would be taken to the July Amenities Committee to allow proper consultation to take place.

In respect of the Guildhall – Lower Ground Floor project it was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Kenchington, and

RESOLVED – that the Council seek quotations from design professionals for producing a simple concept design for the lower ground floor of the Guildhall that would allow for versatile use and include specific works required to make it suitable for use by third parties, including the need for a compliant fire break with the rest of the building.

**Councillor Mrs Geer declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting at 8.18pm.**

**235. Drill Hall Yard**

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

RESOLVED – that in support of the development of the Cultural Quarter project by the Place Shaping Board, Helston Town Council agreed to surrender the use of its parking facility within the Drill Hall Yard, with the associated loss of income generation, to facilitate the progress of the project.

**Councillor Mrs Geer returned to the meeting at 8.28 pm**

**236. Report of the Town Clerk**

**(1) Grants**

On the proposition of Councillor Kenchington, seconded by Councillor Thomas, it was

RESOLVED – that:

a) in pursuance of the powers conferred by the General Power of Competence, a grant of:

- i) £5,000 be pledged to the Cornubian Arts & Science Trust (CAST) in respect of their CAST-Off programme;
- ii) £1,000 be pledged to the Helston Athletic Football Club in respect of a mains gas connection;
- iii) £150.00 be awarded to the Helston Country Market in respect of advertising;
- iv) £2,070 be awarded to the Helston Cricket Club in respect of a Bola bowling machine;
- v) £1,500 be awarded to Helston Friendship Club for the purchase of a P A System and the provision of a meal out and entertainment for the group;
- vi) £500 be pledged to Helston Makes It! in respect of the Helston’s built environment project;
- vii) £800 be awarded to the Helston Memory Community Café for their newsletters and quiz activity sheets;

- viii) £3,000 be awarded to the Helston Rugby Football Club in respect of the provision of a play area;
  - ix) £180 be awarded to Marie Curie (South West) for the provision of one nights nursing care; and
  - x) £435 be awarded to the Lizard CHILD Trust in respect of a replacement shed; and
- b) the balance of £2,495 be contributed from General Reserves.

## **(2) Helston Climate Action Group**

It was proposed by Councillor Kenchington, seconded by Councillor R J L Boase, and

RESOLVED – that, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the General Power of Competence, a grant of £2,970 be awarded to the Helston Climate Action Group to allow the extension of the Climate Emergency Outreach project.

**Councillor Reverend Reed left the meeting at 8.42pm**

## **(3) Parking issues within the Town Centre**

Following a brief debate it was agreed that the details of the complaint be forwarded onto Cornwall Council and enquiries be made when the Civil Enforcement Officers were expected to return.

### **237. Schedule of Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED – that Account Nos. 646-695 inclusive as listed and set out as an Appendix to these Minutes, be certified for payment in the total sum of £37,782.13.

**Meeting closed at 7.56pm**

**Confirmed**

**Town Mayor**