

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD VIRTUALLY
ON THURSDAY 5TH MAY 2021 AT 7.15 PM

Councillors: J Martin (Town Mayor) in the Chair

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

Mrs G A Geer
Mrs N Roberts
T E Grattan-Kane

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)

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Mayor thanked all Councillors and Officers (past and present) for their input and support over the term of the current Council and wished everyone well for the future.

292. Apologies

An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Reverend Reed.

293. Absent without Apologies

Councillor Williams was absent without submitting apologies.

294. Public Participation

Mr C Dawson, former Town Clerk, thanked Members for his time with the Council advising that it had been a pleasure working with Councillors, wishing those not standing well for the future and wishing good luck to those standing in the election.

Councillor Grattan-Kane paid tribute to the three Councillors who were not standing at the election advising that it had been a particularly challenging time over the past 15 months and thanking them for giving their time and effort for the benefit of the community. Councillors Mrs Geer, Mrs Roberts and Edgcumbe responded.

295. Minutes

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 18th March 2021 be approved and signed as a true record.

Councillor Grattan-Kane abstained from the vote as he had not been present at the meeting.

296. Minutes of the Amenities Committee

It was proposed by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Amenities meeting held on 25th March 2021, be received.

297. Minutes of the Planning Committee

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 31st March 2021, be received.

298. Report of the Projects Officer

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

- Town Vitality Funding – The agreement had come through and it was in the process of being checked through before being signed and returned.
- Helston Cultural Quarter – Once the funding from the Town Vitality Fund was received the preferred architect could be appointed.
- Wendron Leats and Helston Kennels – They were continuing to review content for the digital exhibition and were investigating whether an animation could be included. He confirmed that he would develop the formation of a friend group.
- Helston Energy Scoping Study – The scoping study was expected to be completed by the end of the following week.
- Coronation Gardens/ King George V Playing Fields – A successful consultation session had been held with St Michaels School and the consultation leaflet had started to be issued by partner organisations. A drop in session was being organised for Wednesday 2nd July 2021 and he aimed to take a costed scheme to the Amenities Committee meeting in July.
- Monument Walk Markets – The Market was reopening on 13th May 2021 and there should be at least 6 stalls possibly more.

Councillor R J L Boase queried when the broken bollard at Coronation Park was due to be replaced. The Town Clerk advised that the cost of the works had been reimbursed by the person who had hit the bollard and the orders to supply and fit a replacement bollard were about to be placed.

299. Report of the Town Clerk

(1) Helston Furry Youth Cafe

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

RESOLVED – that the grant for the provision of youth services be paid to The Furry Youth Café (Helston).

(2) Virtual Meetings

The Town Clerk updated Members on the situation with virtual meetings confirming that the legislation would end on 7th May 2021 requiring a return to physical meetings. She advised that it was suggested that a scheme of delegation could assist if a physical meeting was not possible and confirmed that a revised scheme of delegation was being produced by the Cornwall Association of Local Councils. It was agreed that the decision be deferred to the Annual meeting when further information was available.

It was proposed by Councillor Kenchington, seconded by Councillor Thomas, and

RESOLVED – that the Annual meeting take place in full on Thursday 20th May at 7pm to reduce the number of physical meetings scheduled for May.

300. Schedule of Accounts for Payment

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

RESOLVED – that Account Nos. 696-754 inclusive as listed and set out as an Appendix to these Minutes, in the total sum of £49,489.70 be received.

301. Exclusion of the Press and Public

On the proposition of Councillor Grattan-Kane, seconded by Councillor Kenchington, 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 items of business by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

302. Confidential Report of the Town Clerk

(1) Master Keys System

Further information was requested on the Master Keys System. Following a detailed debate it was proposed by Councillor Kenchington, seconded by Councillor Grattan-Kane, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to proceed with the Master Keys System should the additional information be favourable.

(2) CCTV Camera at Coronation Park

On the proposition of Councillor Thomas, seconded by the Mayor, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Council install a CCTV Camera and association equipment to monitor Coronation Park and a grant towards the cost be sought from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Meeting closed at 8.28pm

Confirmed

Town Mayor