

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON
ON THURSDAY 15TH JULY 2021 AT 7.00 PM

Councillors: T Grattan-Kane (Town Mayor) in the chair

R Williams	J Martin	G T Looker
R J L Boase	M J Kenchington	S L Ramsden
Mrs F N E Boase	M Benyon	P M Webb
M H Thomas	A Gilbert	

Officers: Miss P J Lavelle (Town Clerk)
Mr M Searle (Projects Officer)

55. Prayers

The Meeting opened with Prayers offered by Councillor Thomas.

56. Absent

Councillors Reverend Reed and Real were absent without submitting apologies.

57. Cornwall Councillor Reports

Cornwall Councillor Foreman apologised for missing the previous meeting and updated Members on the progress with the Meneage Road Crossing. He advised that he had also been asked to bring the offer of a landmark tree to Members attention. Councillor Foreman further advised that he had visited the pop-up vaccination site that day and expressed the opinion that whilst the rates had dropped people still needed to be cautious.

Councillor Benyon queried Cornwall Councillor Foreman's decision to vote against the Motion at Cornwall Council to support the Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill. Councillor Foreman outlined his reasons advising that he had to base his decision on the information available at the time.

Councillor R J L Boase queried when the Community Chest Funding would become available. Cornwall Councillor Foreman advised that the Councillors were being provided with the information the following week and the funding would be released shortly afterward.

Cornwall Councillor Thomas advised that he continued to be involved with a number of casework issues including planning matters, parking and traffic management issues and an orphan open space. He advised that he was working with the Place Shaping Board regarding the Town Centre Revitalisation Projects. Councillor Thomas further advised that he was in the process of setting up a user group for Helston Sports Centre and encouraged members of the centre to contact him. Councillor Thomas then updated Members on the outcomes from the Cornwall Council Full Council meeting. Councillor Thomas further advised that the Community Chest funding of £3,000 for the municipal year had been signed off and the application process would begin the following week.

58. Public Participation

A member of the public advised that when he was young he had been told there was an emergency and an ice age was coming but it had not happened and he was still waiting.

The Chair of the Helston Climate Action Group (HCAG) advised that the world was on fire and it was not an ice age that was occurring but the world was heating up. The representative then spoke in respect of Cornwall Councillor Foreman's comments in respect of the Motion at Cornwall Council regarding the CEE Bill to express the opinion that the amendment was not required as the Environmental Bill was going through but the CEE Bill would make the Environmental Bill more effective. He then queried the activities of the Carbon Footprint Working Party and the situation with the installation of solar panels on the Guildhall. Councillor Kenchington outlined the activities of the Carbon Footprint Working Party to investigate the Council's carbon usage and confirmed that results would be taken to the September Full Council meeting. The Town Clerk gave an update on the status of solar panels.

59. Minutes

On the proposition of Councillor R J L Boase, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 17th June 2021 be approved subject to the above amendment and signed as a true record.

60. Minutes of the Planning Committee

It was proposed by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Martin, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 1st July 2021, be received.

61. Announcements

The Town Clerk advised that Ms Heath would be leaving the Council at the end of August and expressed her appreciation and best wishes for the future. The Mayor expressed his thanks for the work Ms Heath had carried out particularly praising her work with re-establishing the Town Tidy. Councillor Martin advised that as the previous Mayor he wished to acknowledge the support Ms Heath had provided and Councillors expressed their thanks.

The Mayor advised that at a recent Town Tidy 12 volunteers had attended and 12 bags of rubbish and waste had been collected. He advised that a further event was scheduled for the following Wednesday at 10am and encouraged volunteers to take part. Councillor Mrs Boase advised that another event was proposed for 22nd August at 2pm in the Trengrouse Way Car Park. The Mayor further advised that CAST were also seeking volunteers for a tidy event.

The Mayor then advised that the speed signs were no in situ and he hoped they would emphasise the need for public safety and impact on the issue with speeding vehicles.

62. Publication of Council Activities

Councillor Benyon advised that it was difficult to find information on the climate declaration and what actions the Council had taken and expressed the opinion that it would be helpful to publicise these activities.

Following a detailed debate it was proposed by Councillor Benyon, seconded by Councillor Martin, that the Council publicise details of its activities in response to the Climate Emergency declaration via the Council's website, social media pages and other means.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Mrs Boase, seconded by Councillor R J L Boase, that the Council publicise details of all of its activities via the Council's website, social media pages and other means. The amendment was approved.

A further amendment was proposed by Councillor Ramsden, seconded by Councillor Gilbert, that the Council publicise details of all of its activities via the Council's website, social media pages and other non-digital means. The amendment was approved and become the Substantive Motion, and it was

RESOLVED – that the Council publicise details of all of its activities via the Council's website, social media pages and other non-digital means.

63. Report of the Projects Officer

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

- Welcome Back Fund – Further details of the survey form had been circulated and he hope to receive a response in the following weeks.
- Helston Cultural Quarter – The topographical survey work had commenced that day.
- Coronation Gardens/ King George V Playing Fields – an application had been submitted to the Places for Homes fund.

The Project Officer then responded to Members questions.

64. Report of the Town Clerk

(1) Representatives on the Helston Climate Action Group

On the proposition of Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Benyon, it was

RESOLVED – that Standing Order 1.14 be suspended to allow a member of the public to speak.

The Chair of the Helston Climate Action Group advised that he would anticipate that everyone would be supportive and could engage with the Helston Climate Action Group without being the Council's official representative.

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

RESOLVED – that Standing Order 1.14 be resumed.

Following a detailed debate it was proposed by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Thomas, and

RESOLVED – that Councillor Ramsden be appointed as the Town Council’s representative on the Helston Climate Action Group and Councillor Benyon be appointed as the Deputy.

(2) Traffic Regulation Orders

Councillor Thomas advised that the Portfolio Holder at Cornwall Council had indicated that a review on the situation with Traffic Regulation Orders may take place.

This item was noted.

(3) West Cornwall Local Action Group

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

RESOLVED – that the Mayor be appointed as the Town Council’s representative on the West Cornwall Local Action Group.

65. Schedule of Accounts for Payment

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

RESOLVED – that Account Nos. 191-244 inclusive as listed and set out as an Appendix to these Minutes, be certified for payment in the total sum of £42,030.87.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Confirmed

Town Mayor