

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON**  
**ON THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2012 AT 7.15 PM**

**Councillors:** J P Radford-Gaby (Town Mayor) in the Chair

R Williams  
Mrs S M E Swift  
R J L Boase  
N J C Devenish

K Reynolds  
D C Swift  
Mrs F N E Boase  
R R Pryor

M H Thomas  
Miss J A Hornsby  
J Martin

**Officers:** Mr C Dawson (Town Clerk)  
Miss P J Lavelle (Assistant to the Town Clerk)

**182. Reports from Local Cornwall Councillors and the Community Network Manager**

a) Local Cornwall Councillors

**Councillor Williams entered the meeting at 6.17pm.**

Councillor Mrs Haycock referred to a question regarding sandbags raised by Councillor Martin at the previous Full Council meeting and advised that the sandbags had been placed by Coastline Area Wardens who had heeded the flood warnings and acted to protect the Coastline properties. Councillor Mrs Haycock then advised that the refuse and recycling collection had improved over the past few weeks confirming that a supervisor had visited and made a few amendments. She further advised that she believed that the public had heeded the press articles regarding the refuse problems. She then confirmed that, as mentioned in the Town Clerks Report (Agenda item 12), the supermarkets had agreed to an extension of time for the Section 106 funded Public Realm works and suggested that the Town Centre Manager be given the opportunity to present detailed proposals. Councillor Mrs Haycock then informed Members that the yellow line consultation had ended and the works near the schools were expected to be carried out during the school holiday. She further advised that Church Hill would be resurfaced prior to the yellow line work being carried out.

The Town Clerk advised that apologies had been received from Cornwall Councillor Wallis and read a report on his behalf in which he gave feedback on the Coronation Lake Centenary Event and advised that he was in the early stages of planning another event for the following year which he hoped the Council would again support.

b) Community Network Manager

The Town Clerk advised that apologies had been received from Mrs Chadwick and confirmed that a written report had been circulated with the Agenda.

**183. Public Participation**

A member of the public spoke regarding the refuse discussion at the previous meeting to advise that the Mayor had presented the problem to the two Cornwall Councillors present and they had responded. He then expressed the opinion that with time so precious it had not been necessary for the other Councillors to also comment. Councillor R J L Boase advised that he had been one of the Councillors who had commented on the issue but confirmed that he had spoken to enhance what was being said by informing the Cornwall Councillors of additional problems being experienced.

A second member of the public spoke to give an update on the Jubilee event which the Town Council had supported and advised that he had provided the Town Clerk with a copy of the accounts for the event. He then asked if the security costs for 3 Penrose Road were still being reimbursed by the former purchaser up until the exchange of contracts. The Mayor advised that this issue was being discussed but the former purchaser would be liable. The member of the public then clarified the wording which had been used in the press regarding the use of the proceeds. The Mayor confirmed the proceeds would be used for a community building. The member of the public enquired whether a feasibility study had been carried out. The Mayor confirmed that one had not been carried out. The member of the public then asked when the results from the Town Plan Questionnaire would be available as the information could assist the Epworth Hall with funding applications. The Town Clerk confirmed that the results had been circulated to Members who would be holding Focus Group meetings to consider the priorities for inclusion in a draft Town Plan.

A further member of the public advised that he had enjoyed both the Jubilee Event and the Coronation Lake Centenary Event and confirmed that he was pleased to hear about the extension of time for the Section 106 Public Realm funding. He then enquired when was it intended to modernise Meneage Street and Coinagehall Street and whether there was a food bank in Helston. The Mayor confirmed that there was a food bank in Helston. Councillor Mrs Swift confirmed that the modernisation of the town was being discussed by the Helston Business Improvement Partnership and would be progressed in due course.

The Treasurer of the Harvest Fair Association invited all Members to attend the Harvest Fair events being held on the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> September. She then spoke as Treasurer of the Helston & District Town Twinning Association – Plougasnou, to advise that an official visit was being held over the Harvest Fair weekend and confirmed that she could send an itinerary to any Councillors who were interested.

A member of the public queried if the payment to the Angel Hotel for the Helston Improvement Partnership Breakfast meeting included in the schedule of accounts would be paid from the Town Centre Management Section 106 funding. It was confirmed that it would.

A member of the public advised that he hoped the ideas on modernisation of the town would be available for public consultation and that the results would be swifter than the Town Plan.

#### **184. Minutes**

On the proposition of Councillor Pryor, seconded by Councillor D C Swift, it was

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012 be approved and signed as a true record.

#### **185. Minutes of the Planning Committee**

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July and 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2012, be received.

**186. Minutes of the Amenities Committee**

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs Swift, seconded by Councillor Pryor, it was

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012, be received.

**Councillor Mrs Boase requested that her abstention from the vote be recorded as the Harvest Fair Association had been mentioned in the Minutes.**

**187. Announcements**

The Mayor advised that it had been a pleasure to receive the Mayor and Mayoress of Haverfordwest the previous Sunday. During their visit he had given them a tour of the Guildhall and had received a gift of a plate which would be displayed in the Mayor's Parlour.

The Town Clerk confirmed that he would be on annual leave from the following day and would return to work on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2012.

**188. Report of the Town Clerk**

**(1) Public Realm S106 Funding**

On the proposition of Councillor Reynolds, seconded by the Mayor, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that:

- a) a letter be sent to Mr Broomhead, copied to Mr Mason, to thank him for his assistance with the Public Realm Section 106 funding and to request the transfer of funding to Helston Town Council at the earliest opportunity; and
- b) when received, the money be ring-fenced in a separate bank account.

**(2) Town Framework Steering Group**

Councillor Devenish expressed the opinion that there was a large amount of information for a new representative to cover and believed the remaining three representatives from the Town Council on the Steering Group would be sufficient. Following a brief debate it was proposed by Councillor Devenish, seconded by Councillor Mrs Swift, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Council's representation on the Helston Framework Steering Group be reduced to three Members.

**(3) Cornwall Community Flood Forum**

Councillors Mrs Swift, D C Swift and Martin indicated that they wished to attend the Cornwall Community Flood Forum Conference.

On the proposition of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Reynolds, it was

RESOLVED – that Councillors Mrs Swift, D C Swift and Martin be authorised to attend the Cornwall Community Flood Forum Conference on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012.

#### **(4) Register of Interests**

The Town Clerk recommended that Members submit a Register of Interests Form as soon as possible. This item was noted.

#### **(5) Code of Conduct Training**

The Town Clerk advised that the date of the Code of Conduct training had been confirmed as 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012 commencing at 6.30pm. The Mayor encouraged all Councillors to attend.

**The Mayor and Councillors Williams, R J L Boase, Mrs Boase and Martin declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting at 7.52pm.**

**Councillor Thomas took the Chair at 7.52pm**

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

Several Members asked questions regarding the Schedule of Accounts and the Town Clerk responded. The Town Clerk informed Members that the Schedule of Accounts was now circulated with the Agenda to give Members an opportunity to raise any questions prior to the meeting and to allow him to respond with all the available information. On the proposition of Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor D C Swift, it was

RESOLVED – that Account Nos. 186-224 inclusive as listed and set out as an Appendix to these Minutes, be certified for payment in the total sum of £32,720.52.

(The Mayor declared an interest in Account Nos. 186 and 218. Councillor Williams declared an interest in Account No. 198. Councillors R J L Boase, Mrs Boase and Martin declared an interest in Account No. 207.)

It was agreed that the cheques would be signed by Councillor Williams and Councillor Reynolds the following day.

**The Mayor and Councillors Williams, R J L Boase, Mrs Boase and Martin returned to the meeting at 8.03pm.**

**The Mayor resumed the Chair at 8.03pm**

#### **190. 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.

#### **191. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

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

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.

**192. 3 Penrose Road**

Members considered correspondence from the purchasers' solicitor. Following the debate it was proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Thomas, and

RESOLVED – that:

- a) the purchasers be granted a maximum twenty-eight days extension (to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012) to complete, provided:-
    - i) An additional £5,000 non-returnable deposit was paid immediately;
    - ii) The sum of £4,000 was paid to cover the Council's expenses (including but not limited to security, security fencing, utilities and Non-Domestic Rates) during the extension of time period; and
    - iii) This total sum of £9,000 to be deposited by 4.00pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012.
- and
- b) this was a one-off extension of time and the Council would not agree to any further extensions.

**Councillor Devenish requested that his vote against the Motion be recorded.**

**Meeting closed at 8.19pm**

**Confirmed**

**Town Mayor**