

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON
ON THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.00 PM

Councillors: M J Kenchington (Town Mayor) in the Chair

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

T Grattan-Kane
M Benyon
G T Looker
S L Ramsden

P M Webb
M P Andrew
D Willey
P E Williams

Officers: Miss P J Lavelle (Town Clerk)
Miss A Retallack (Deputy Town Clerk)
Miss C L Caldwell (Projects Officer)

278. Prayers

The Meeting opened with Prayers offered by Councillor Andrew.

279. Apologies

An apology for non-attendance was submitted by Councillor Martin.

280. Cornwall Councillors' Reports

Cornwall Councillor Thomas gave a report during which he made particular mention to:

- A tribute to Edwina Hannaford;
- His involvement with a number of casework issues;
- The Traffic Regulation Orders for Helston North would proceed, apart from Penrose Road with more consultation forthcoming for residents of Penrose Road;
- Assisting with Town Revitalisation/Recovery and Accelerator Fund conversations; and
- Along with Cornwall Councillor Foreman assisting the Helston and District Twinning Association in presenting their case for a new road in Helston to be named after Plougasnou.

Cornwall Councillor Thomas then responded to Members questions.

281. Public Participation

Members of the public spoke in support of funding applications made by:

- The Flora Day Association
- Trevow Helston
- Helston CIC

282. 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 18th January 2024 be approved and signed as a true record.

283. Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

On the proposition of Councillor Benyon, seconded by Councillor Ramsden, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 24th January 2024 be received.

284. Minutes of the Planning and Licensing Committee

On the proposition of Councillor Ramsden, seconded by Councillor Andrew, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning and Licensing Committee meeting held on 1st February 2024 be received.

285. Notes of the Environmental Working Party

On the proposition of Councillor Willey, seconded by Councillor Benyon, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Notes of the Environmental Working Party meeting held on 1st January 2024 be received.

286. Notes of the Youth Engagement Working Party

On the proposition of Councillor Ramsden, seconded by Councillor Andrew, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Notes of the Youth Engagement Working Party meeting held on 17th January 2024 be received.

287. Announcements

The Town Clerk informed members that the Deputy Town Clerk would be clerking the March Full Council meeting due to the Town Clerk having annual leave.

288. Report of the Projects Officer

The Projects Officer updated Members on her report (circulated prior to the meeting) to advise that the next volunteer gardening event at King George V would be on 16th March.

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

RESOLVED – that the decision of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to offer £10,000 in matched funding from Neighbourhood CIL monies toward the Cultural Quarter Project be ratified.

If was further proposed by Councillor Grattan-Kane, seconded by Councillor R J L Boase, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that additional time be paid for the Conservation Officer to attend meetings

289. Report of the Town Clerk

(1) Grants

a) Flora Day Association Application

Members expressed the opinion that providing grant funding for equipment to carry out activities on the Council's behalf was not in the spirit of the grant budget. A brief debate ensued and at the conclusion of which it was proposed by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Grattan-Kane, and

RESOLVED – that:

1. Helston Town Council purchase the man cage from General Reserves and retain ownership of the equipment for use by the applicant subject to it being stored undercover by the equipment holder when not in use and being available for regular inspection by the Town Council and by an accredited appropriate person; and
2. any use of the man cage by other groups be approved by the Town Clerk.

Voting: For – 11, Against – 1, Abstain – 1

Councillor R Williams requested that his vote against the resolution be recorded.

b) Determination of whether a grant would be awarded

It was agreed to award a grant to each of the following organisations:

- i) 2nd Helston Brownies
- ii) 3rd Helston Rainbows
- iii) Cousin Jack's Theatre Company CIC T/A Trevow Helston
- iv) Culdrose Military Wives
- v) Fishermen's Mission
- vi) Pentreath Ltd
- vii) South Kerrier Alliance

It was agreed to not award a grant to Helston CIC and Music & Dance Education Trust.

On the proposition of Councillor Willey, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, it was agreed to award funding to the above organisations

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0, Abstain – 3

Councillor Benyon declared an interest in the Helston Climate Action Group application and left the meeting at 8.18pm.

It was proposed by Councillor Looker, seconded by Councillor Webb, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Council agreed to award a grant to the Helston Climate Action Group.

Councillor Benyon returned the meeting at 8.19pm.

A brief debate ensued regarding the most appropriate method of funding allocation.

Councillor Benyon declared an interest in the Helston Climate Action Group application and left the meeting at 8.23pm

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

RESOLVED – that under the general power of competence the applications chosen for support be funded in full as requested (detailed below) and that the remaining balance from the grant budget be put in an ear marked reserve for future allocation.

2nd Helston Brownies	£400.00
3rd Helston Rainbows	£1,127.00
Cousin Jack's Theatre Company CIC T/A Trevow Helston	£1,200.00
Culdrose Military Wives Choir	£500.00
Fishermen's Mission	£600.00
Helston Climate Action Group	£2,180.00
Pentreath Limited	£700.00
South Kerrier Alliance	£1,000.00

Voting: For – 11, Against – 0, Abstain – 1

Councillor Benyon returned to the meeting at 8.24pm

(2) Official Portrait of King Charles III

On the proposition of Councillor Ramsden, seconded by Councillor Looker, it was

RESOLVED – that the Town Council would not apply for a free official portrait of King Charles III from the Cabinet Office.

Voting: For – 7, Against – 6, Abstain – 0

It had been proposed by Councillor Thomas, seconded by the Mayor, that the Town Council apply for a free official portrait of King Charles III from the Cabinet Office. This Motion failed (For – 6, Against – 7, Abstain – 0)

(3) Martyn's Law

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

RESOLVED – that a Task and Finish Group be set up to draft and submit the consultation response on behalf of the Town Council.

The Mayor and Councillors Grattan-Kane, Ramsden and Webb indicated their interest in joining the group.

(4) Insurance

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

RESOLVED that:

- a) That full legal expenses cover be retained; and
- b) that the fidelity guarantee cover be increased to the next tier at an additional cost of £114.67.

(5) Crossing on Clodgey Lane

It was proposed by Councillor Benyon, seconded by Councillor Willey, that the Town Council indicate support of the crossing location on the condition that the speed limit on that road be lowered to thirty miles an hour to improve pedestrian safety.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor R J L Boase, seconded by Councillor Andrew, that the Town Council indicate support for the crossing location and request that the speed limit be lowered to thirty miles per hour and if this request was not successful the Town Council instigate a Traffic Regulation Order to lower the speed limit to thirty miles an hour.

Voting: For – 7, Against – 4, Abstain – 2

The Amendment was carried and became the Substantive Motion and it was

RESOLVED – that the Town Council indicate support for the crossing location and request that the speed limit be lowered to thirty miles per hour and if this request was not successful the Town Council instigate a Traffic Regulation Order to lower the lower the speed limit to thirty miles an hour.

Voting: For – 7, Against – 3, Abstain – 3

(6) Veterans and Family Hub

This request had been withdrawn.

(7) Christ Derided Painting

On the proposition of Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Grattan-Kane, it was
RESOLVED – that this item be deferred

Voting: For – 11, Against – 1, Abstain – 1

(8) St Piran's Event

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

RESOLVED – that the decision of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to instruct Peninsula Medical
Services at a cost of £135 plus vat and Infnitus Security £97.20 plus vat be ratified

(9) Commemoration of 80th Anniversary of D-Day

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

RESOLVED – that approval be given to cover expenditure of up to £1,100 in relation to the
planting display.

Voting: For – 8, Against – 2, Abstain – 3

(10) Christmas Lights Storage

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

RESOLVED – that, subject to receiving copy invoices, the £11,700 requested be paid over three
financial years with the first two instalments be taken from General Reserves.

Voting: For – 8, Against – 1, Abstain – 4

290. Payment of Accounts

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

RESOLVED – that Account Nos. 711-775 inclusive, as listed and set out as an Appendix to these
Minutes, in the total sum of £53,127.95 be certified for payment.

Voting: For – 12, Against – 0, Abstain – 1

291. Report on Attendance at Meetings

Members considered a report by Councillor Mrs Boase regarding the Helston CIC and
she responded to Members questions.

292. Exclusion of the Press and Public

On the proposition of the Councillor Thomas, 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.

293. Report of the Town Clerk

(1) HR and Health & Safety Advisory Support

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

RESOLVED – that Peninsula be appointed as HR & Health and Safety advisory support provider for five years from 1st April 2024.

Meeting closed at 9.39 pm

Confirmed

Town Mayor