

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON**  
**ON THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2008 AT 7.15 P.M.**

**Present:** Councillor R. Williams (Town Mayor) in the Chair

**Councillors:**

J.H.M. Keay	R.J.L. Boase	D.C. Swift
Mrs S.M.E. Swift	N.J.C. Devenish	Mrs F.N.E. Boase
N.C. Martin	K. Reynolds	R. R. Pryor
P. Phillips	Mrs V.J. Matthew	

**Officers:** Mr C. Dawson (Town Clerk)  
Miss P. J. Lavelle (Administrative Assistant)  
Mr C Bowcutt (Town Warden)

**474. PRAYERS**

The Meeting opened with Prayers offered by the Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Andrew Hill.

**475. APOLOGIES**

An Apology for non-attendance was received from the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

**476. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Keay declared an interest in item 1 of the Town Clerk's Report (Agenda item 13) and Agenda item 19 as a Member of the Helston and District Community Association.

**477. POLICE MATTERS**

The Town Clerk read a detailed report on behalf of PC Treloar which included recent crime figures and those for the corresponding period from the year previous and an update on P.A.C.T.

It was then proposed by Councillor Phillips, seconded by Councillor Mrs Matthew, and

RESOLVED – that PC Treloar be advised that the Council would include details of the Police Surgeries on the Town Council website and, if provided, display a poster on the Town Council Notice Boards.

**478. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr I Perry passed his best wishes onto the Mayor and Councillors for Flora Day. He then expressed his concern with parking adjacent to the traffic lights in Coinagehall Street and requested an update on the Bus Shelters in Coinagehall Street. The Town Clerk advised that a meeting had been held regarding the bus shelters and plans were currently being drawn up. Councillor Phillips informed Mr Perry that a parking restriction scheme had been costed and approved.

Mr Davies spoke in support of Helston Old Cornwall Society's objection to the switching off of the kennels in Coinagehall Street for Flora Day, stating that they were a unique and unusual feature. Mr Davies then suggested ways to manage the litter on Flora Day.

Mr D Thomas, Development Officer at Mustard Seed, spoke in support of their request for a grant stating that many old people felt isolated and lacked social interaction and Mustard Seed wanted to carry out a survey to find out what help was required.

**479. MINUTES**

Councillor Mrs Swift advised that 'be kept' should be deleted from the resolution for Minute No. 440. (2) a) 2007.

On the proposition of Councillor Phillips, seconded by Councillor Mrs Matthew, it was RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2008 be approved subject to the above amendment and signed as a true record.

**Councillors Keay, Martin, Reynolds and D.C. Swift abstained from the vote as they had not been present.**

It was further proposed by Councillor Pryor, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, and RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Special Town Council meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008 be approved and signed as a true record.

**Councillors R.J.L. Boase and D.C. Swift abstained from the vote as they had not been present.**

**480. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, THE HARVEST FAIR COMMITTEE AND THE JOINT TOWN TWINNING COMMITTEE**

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of:

- a) the Planning Committee meetings held on the 20<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2008, be received;
- b) the Harvest Fair Committee meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2008, be received; and
- c) the Joint Town Twinning Committee meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2008, be received.

**481. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor advised that he had attended several events and made particular mention of the Annual Town Meeting and the Falmouth & Penryn Mayors Dinner.

**482. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

**(1) Community Centre**

a) It was proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Mrs Matthew, and

RESOLVED – that Mr Gibson be invited to make a presentation to members of the Council in six to eight weeks to include the following:-

- (a) The group's vision for the future of the building;
- (b) Details of forming the Social Enterprise;
- (c) Management structure and membership; and
- (d) A Business Plan.

**Councillors Keay, Martin, D.C. Swift and Mrs Boase abstained from the vote.**

Councillor Devenish expressed the opinion that this would not alter the original decision but would open up a 'dual track' with the original decision still being pursued.

- b) Correspondence received from the Chairman of PACT was noted.

**(2) Society of Local Council Clerks – Regional Conference**

This item was noted.

**(3) Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**

This item was noted.

**(4) Civil Parking Enforcement**

This item was noted.

**(5) Countryside Access Forum**

This item was noted.

**(6) Drill Hall Yard Shed**

It was proposed by Councillor Phillips, seconded by Councillor Mrs Matthew, and

RESOLVED – that the quotation of £270 be accepted to replace the door and frame of the Drill Hall Yard Shed.

**(7) Temporary Prohibition of Traffic**

This item was noted.

**(8) Flora Day - Kennels**

The Town Clerk confirmed that he would respond to correspondence received from the Helston Old Cornwall Society.

**(9) Mustard Seed**

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs Matthew, seconded by Councillor Reynolds, it was

RESOLVED – that Members supported Mustard Seed's idea, in principal, but requested further details of the Scheme before committing to any expenditure.

**(10) Carey Park Play Area**

Following a detailed debate this item was noted.

**(11) Trevenen Exhibition – Bank Signatory**

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

RESOLVED – that Councillor Phillips become a signatory for the Trevenen Exhibition.

**483. REPORT OF THE TOWN WARDEN**

The Town Warden gave a brief update to his report. Following a detailed debate it was proposed by Councillor Phillips, seconded by Councillor Reynolds, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Clerk write to Kerrier District Council to request that

- a) they make regular visits to the recycle bins in the Fairground Car Park and to monitor the litter;
- b) the Dog Warden be made aware of the dog fouling problem and be asked to act in co-operation with the Town Warden to resolve the issue; and
- c) dog waste bins be regularly emptied.

Councillor Devenish requested that items be placed on the Agenda for the Amenities Committee to consider the refurbishment of Council benches and the erection of signage in the An Henlys Play Area.

**Councillor Devenish took the Chair at 8.31pm**

**484. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

On the proposition of Councillor Phillips, seconded by Councillor Keay, it was

RESOLVED – that Account Nos. 1-28 inclusive as listed and set out as an Appendix to these Minutes, be certified for payment in the total sum of £16,994.70.

(The Mayor declared an interest in Account No. 27.)

It was agreed that the Cheques would be signed by the Mayor and Councillor Phillips.

**The Mayor resumed the Chair at 8.33pm**

**485. ATTENDANCES AT MEETINGS**

Councillor Pryor together with the Mayor and Councillors Mrs Swift, Martin, Phillips, Boase, Devenish, Reynolds, Mrs Matthew and D.C. Swift attended the Annual Town Meeting. Councillor Pryor had also attended the Electoral Review meeting at Kerrier District Council together with Councillors Mrs Matthew and Mrs Boase.

Councillor Mrs Matthew had also attended a South Kerrier Alliance co-ordination meeting, two Farmer's Market meetings, Kerrier Older Peoples Forum, the Transition Helston Seed Swap and the Bus Shelter meeting together with Councillors Phillips, Pryor and the Town Clerk.

Councillor Mrs Swift had attended two CALC Executive meetings, West Cornwall Together board meeting, four Electoral Review meetings, a meeting at Tremough University, Kerrier Older Peoples Forum, two Implementation Executive meetings and a Localism Group Meeting. Councillor Mrs Swift also represented the Council at the CCTV Interest Group Meeting and gave a report.

**486. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

On the proposition of Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Pryor, 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 items of business by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**487. COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Members considered correspondence from Randle Thomas Solicitors and following a detailed debate it was proposed by Councillor Devenish, seconded by Councillor Reynolds, and

RESOLVED – that:

- a) Randle Thomas Solicitors continue to represent the Council and
  - i) be instructed to serve notice on the Trustees of the Helston & District Community Association to seek possession of the Community Centre building; and
  - ii) request that the Town Clerk be advised when the notice had been served.

b) the Town Clerk be authorised to issue a Press Release on behalf of the Town Council to confirm when the Community Centre building would close.

**Councillor Keay abstained from the vote.**

It was further proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Mrs Swift, and  
RESOLVED – that a current edition of ‘Possession of Business Premises’ be purchased.

Members then considered correspondence received from Andrew George MP and following further debate it was proposed by Councillor R.J.L. Boase, seconded by Councillor Pryor, and

RESOLVED – that Andrew George MP be supplied with the information that was available in the public domain and to provide available dates for a meeting.

**488. STAFF REPORT 2007/08**

Members considered a report by the Mayor and Town Clerk (previously circulated). On the proposal of Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Phillips, it was

RESOLVED – that the Annual Staff Report 2007/08 be accepted as presented and the Town Clerk be authorised to review Posts 1, 2 and 3 and report to the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee.

**Councillor Mrs Swift abstained from the vote.**

**Meeting closed at 9.18pm**

**Confirmed**

**Town Mayor**