

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

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

**Councillors:**

Mrs S.M.E. Swift  
N.C. Martin  
P. Phillips  
R.J.L. Boase

N.J.C. Devenish  
K. Reynolds  
Mrs V.J. Matthew  
D.C. Swift

Mrs F.N.E. Boase  
R. R. Pryor

**Officers:** Miss P. J. Lavelle (Administrative Assistant)  
Mr L. Phillips (Administrative Assistant)

**336. PRAYERS**

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

**337. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillor Keay and the Town Clerk who were both unwell.

On the proposition of Councillor Boase, seconded by Councillor Pryor, it was

RESOLVED – that the Apologies be received and accepted.

**338. COMMUNITY ENERGY PLUS**

The Mayor extended a welcome to Mr Robert Pickering from Community Energy Plus. Mr Pickering gave a presentation during which explained the objectives of Community Energy Plus and the Home Health Scheme. Mr Pickering then responded to Members' questions.

**339. MINUTES**

On the proposition of Councillor Phillips, seconded by Councillor Martin, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and the Special Town Council meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007 be approved and signed as a true record.

**340. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2008, be received.

**341. MINUTES OF THE HARVEST FAIR COMMITTEE**

On the proposition of Councillor Devenish, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, it was  
RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Harvest Fair Committee meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2008, be received and the recommendations approved.

**342. MINUTES OF THE POLICY, FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

On the proposition of Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Mrs Swift, it was  
RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2008, be received and the recommendations approved.

**343. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor informed Members that he had attended several events and made particular mention to Mr I Perry's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations at which he had the privilege of presenting Mr Perry with a Town Plaque.

**344. POLICE MATTERS**

The Mayor extended a welcome to PCSO Whitfield and PSCO Pascoe. PCSO Whitfield presented a detailed report which included recent crime figures and those for the corresponding period from the year previous. PCSO Whitfield and PCSO Pascoe then responded to Members questions.

**345. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr I Perry thanked the Police for their efforts and expressed his disappointment in the lack of support at the Service of Remembrance for HMS Anson. Mr Perry then thanked the Mayor for attending his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations and for the Plaque he had presented.

**346. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

a) Local County Councillors

Councillor Devenish asked County Councillors present if the Scheme reported in the local Press for Helston Community College was an official scheme or merely aspirations for the site. Councillor Phillips confirmed that he was aware of the Scheme but the plans were very long term.

b) Local District Councillors

Councillor Mrs Haycock informed Members of her ongoing investigations together with Councillor Phillips into trading in lay-bys. She also advised that improvements had been made to the entrance/ egress in Coronation Park on the Porthleven Road. Councillor Mrs Haycock further advised that she had been nominated onto the One Cornwall Committee.

Councillor Mrs Taylor advised Members that Kerrier District Council had been awarded a very large sum by the Big Lottery Fund some of which was going towards the King George V play area. Councillor Mrs Taylor further advised that she had been asked to serve on the Audit Committee and the Strong Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Mrs Swift informed Members that she had been invited by One Cornwall to sit on three of their groups.

### **347. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

#### **(1a) CALC Conference and AGM**

It was proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Phillips, and

RESOLVED – that Councillors R.J.L. Boase, Mrs Matthew and Mrs Boase and the Town Clerk be authorised to attend the CALC Conference and AGM at a cost of £10 per delegate.

#### **(1b) CALC Elected Officers and Representatives to Outside Bodies 2008**

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

RESOLVED – that Councillor Mrs Swift be nominated to continue as Chairman of CALC, Deputy Delegate to NALC and Deputy Delegate to the Cornwall Community Strategy Group.

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

#### **(2) Preparing for Local Government Review**

It was proposed by Councillor Devenish, seconded by Councillor Phillips, and

RESOLVED – that Councillor Mrs Matthew and the Town Clerk together with Councillor Mrs Boase, if available, attend the Seminar on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **(3) Cornwall County Fire Brigade – IRMP Service Plan 2008/09**

**Councillor Phillips declared an interest in this item.**

Following a brief debate it was proposed by Councillor Devenish, seconded by Councillor Mrs Swift, and

RESOLVED – that this item be deferred to the 21<sup>st</sup> February meeting.

#### **(4) Kerrier Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year**

This item was noted.

#### **(5) Temporary Road Closures**

This item was noted.

#### **(6) Town Warden**

This item was noted.

#### **(7) Ope between Peacocks Store and The Music Parlour, Coinagehall Street**

Following a detailed debate it was proposed by Councillor R.J.L. Boase, seconded by Councillor Pryor, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Clerk investigate ‘stopping up’ the Ope.

### **(8) Damage to Council Property**

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

RESOLVED – that the Town Clerk make enquiries regarding a heavy duty bench for the Sunken Garden.

### **(9) Partners and Communities Together**

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

RESOLVED – that the Town Council would pay half of the hall hire for the PACT meeting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at a cost of £8.00.

### **(10) Assets Conference**

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

RESOLVED – that the Members of the Assets Adoption Working Party be authorised to attend the Assets Conference.

### **Councillor Devenish took the Chair at 8.20pm**

### **348. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

RESOLVED – that Account Nos. 317-347 inclusive as listed and set out as an Appendix to these Minutes, be certified for payment in the total sum of £11,951.40.

(The Mayor declared an interest in Account No. 347.)

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

### **The Mayor resumed the Chair at 8.46pm**

### **349. ATTENDANCES AT MEETINGS**

Councillor Mrs Matthew had attended a Transition Towns Initiative meeting and together with Councillor Pryor also attended at a South Kerrier Alliance meeting and gave Members a report.

Councillor Reynolds met with Mike Cook from Miller Patterson who provided a quotation of £858.00 including VAT to bring the Guildhall roof insulation up to standard (Min. No. 301/2007). It was proposed by Councillor Devenish, seconded by Councillor Mrs Matthew, and

RESOLVED – that the quotation from Miller Patterson to bring the insulation up to standard at a cost of £858.00 including VAT be accepted.

Councillor Mrs Swift had attended a One Cornwall team meeting and provided Members with copies of the paperwork and her notes. Councillor Mrs Swift had also attended two Citizens Advice Bureau Board meetings, three Cornwall Association of Local Councils Executive meetings, a Participatory Budgeting meeting with the One Cornwall Team, a West Cornwall Together meeting and was due to attend a Standard Board Steering Group meeting in Birmingham. She also advised that she had been invited to be part of the team organising the PACT meetings.

The Mayor had attended the HMS Anson Memorial at Loe Bar and the Service of Remembrance in the Church. Councillor Mrs Swift expressed the opinion that many Councillors would have attended the service had they been invited. It was proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Mrs Matthew, and

RESOLVED – that the Press be made aware that only the Mayor and Mayoress were invited to the HMS Anson Memorial and Service of Remembrance.

**Meeting closed at 9.02pm**

**Confirmed**

**Town Mayor**