

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON
ON THURSDAY 17TH JUNE 2010 AT 7.15 PM

Councillors: R J L Boase (Town Mayor) in the Chair

R Williams
Mrs S M E Swift
N J C Devenish
K Reynolds

Mrs V J Matthew
D C Swift
Mrs F N E Boase
R R Pryor

M H Thomas
J P Radford-Gaby
Mrs W A Radford-Gaby

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

67. Prayers

The Mayor advised that his Chaplain, Canon David Miller, had given his apologies and thanked Reverend Dorothy Noakes for assisting in his absence. Prayers were then offered by Reverend Noakes.

68. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs Matthew declared an interest in item 7 of the Town Clerk's Report (Agenda item 17) as a member of the group which had carried out the consultation for a Loyalty Card Scheme.

69. Police Matters

The Mayor extended a welcome to WPC Butcher who presented a detailed report which included recent crime figures and those for the corresponding period from the year previous. WPC Butcher then spoke on the work of the Making a Difference (MAD) Project in conjunction with RNAS Culdrose and the Phoenix Project and welcomed suggestions for jobs for both projects.

The Mayor advised that there was an increase in parking on pavements in Church Street and Cross Street. WPC Butcher agreed to monitor the situation.

Councillor Mrs Swift advised that there were a number of vehicles for sale in the lay-by on Clodgey Lane which prevented it being used by other vehicles and asked if the Police could be aware of the situation.

70. Public Participation

Mr I Perry congratulated the Mayor on his election. He then queried the legislation against parking on the pavement and also made mention to disabled parking at the Cattle Market development, warning signs and markings on the Porthleven Road and the public toilets being closed in the evening of Flora Day.

Mr Upton spoke on item 1 of the Town Clerk's Report (Agenda item 17) to ask if a copy of the English Heritage Listing document was available and expressed the opinion that the report portrayed a negative view. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Town Council had not applied for the listing and the Applicant would be able to make the document available to the public. Councillor Reynolds advised that the information included in the Town Clerk's Report was a

statement of fact as included in the listing document. Mr Upton then queried if the Courtroom Training provided by Cornwall Council was available for members of charitable organisations. The Town Clerk advised that the invitation to Courtroom Training had been extended to Town & Parish Clerk's and agreed to contact Cornwall Council to confirm if it was open to other organisations.

Cornwall Councillor A Wallis spoke as a private individual to thank the Police for their assistance following a minor car accident where he and his son were slightly injured and expressed his appreciation of the follow up call he had received.

71. Minutes

On the proposition of Councillor Devenish, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, it was
RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 18th May and 20th May 2010 be approved and signed as a true record.

Councillors Mrs Swift, D.C. Swift and Pryor abstained from the vote on 18th May 2010 as they had not been present at that meeting.

72. Minutes of the Planning Committee

On the proposition of Councillor Devenish, seconded by Councillor Mrs Matthew, it was
RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 20th May and 3rd June 2010, be received.

73. Minutes of the Amenities Committee

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs Swift, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, it was
RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on the 27th May 2010, be received.

74. Minutes of the Play Committee

On the proposition of Councillor J P Radford-Gaby, seconded by Councillor Mrs Radford-Gaby, it was
RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Policy, Finance & Resources Committee meeting held on the 7th June 2010, be received and the recommendations approved.

75. Announcements

The Town Clerk advised that, further to his announcement at the previous meeting, the Town Council had received an unqualified report from the External Auditor and therefore it was anticipated that the Town Council would be reaccredited Quality Status. Councillor Reynolds thanked the Town Clerk for the work involved in obtaining a clear audit report.

The Mayor thanked those who had attended his Civic Service and the Town Clerk and his staff for their assistance.

76. Reports from Local Cornwall Councillors and the Community Network Manager

a) Community Network Manager

Mrs C Chadwick expressed the hope that Members found the presentation on the role of a Town Centre Manager helpful and informative and also that the Active Partnering meeting had been useful. Mrs Chadwick further advised that she had been assisting the South Kerrier Alliance with the launch of the Loyalty Card Scheme and had drafted an invite to a launch meeting to discuss the Scheme. Mrs Chadwick confirmed that she had made the request to include the Helston Town Council crest on the invite as she was of the opinion that a lot of the businesses within the town identified with the Helston Town Council crest whilst businesses in rural areas tended to identified with the South Kerrier Alliance logo. It was advised that the meeting would take place on the same day as the Stithians Show and Mrs Chadwick confirmed that an additional meeting could be held if necessary. In answer to Members' questions Mrs Chadwick advised that it had taken four weeks to get the Penzance Loyalty Card Scheme running and that the inclusion of the Cornwall Council logo on the invite had not been considered, but she believed that this could politically cause confusion with the businesses.

b) Local Cornwall Councillors

Councillor Wallis advised that in response to Mr I Perry's comments regarding warning markings on the Porthleven Road, he would not renew the dragon's teeth markings until he had evaluated the cost of a pedestrian crossing. Councillor Wallis then spoke on a meeting at Coronation Park and asked if the meeting had been arranged by Helston Town Council. Upon confirmation that it had not, he expressed his disappointment that he had not been invited to the meeting as the Cornwall Council Ward Member for the area and advised that he had been working on a solution to the weed problem in the lake for the previous nine months. Following a detailed debate it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Swift, seconded by the Mayor, and

RESOLVED – that a letter be sent to Cornwall Council to request a meeting with the Cornwall Council officers involved.

Councillor Wallis further informed Members of the details of his Member's Allowances. Councillor Mrs Swift advised that she had seen an article in the local Press which reported that Cornwall Councillors were being encouraged to recycle and had been given composting materials which she believed was a step to far in the current economic climate. Councillor Wallis advised that he was not aware of this initiative and agreed that, in his opinion, Councillors should pay for any recycling materials they received.

The Town Clerk advised that an apology had been received from Councillor Robertson. The Town Clerk further advised that apologies had also been received from Councillor Mrs Haycock and confirmed that a copy of her report had been circulated in Members' folders. At Councillor Mrs Haycock's request the Town Clerk read an update regarding the weeds in the kennels contained in her report.

77. Youth Forums

Following a detailed debate it was proposed by Councillor D.C. Swift, seconded by Councillor Mrs Matthew, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Council formally requested that the Community Network Manager organise an open meeting of youth groups in the town to progress a youth forum.

78. Section 106 Funding

Members discussed the Section 106 funding from Sainsbury and Tesco and referred to an informal meeting with the Town Centre Manager from Newquay. Members particularly noted that the breakdown of figures included for the Section 106 funding were budget amounts and not finalised. Following a detailed debate it was proposed by Councillor Devenish, seconded by Councillor Mrs Swift, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Town Clerk write to the Head of Planning and Regeneration at Cornwall Council to confirm that Helston Town Council was fully behind the Section 106 funding and requested the transfer of funds for the Town Centre Manager at the earliest opportunity.

79. Helston Business Park

Councillor Reynolds raised his concerns regarding the Helston Business Park and advised that the Government was replacing the South West Regional Development Agency with the Cornwall Development Company. Councillor Reynolds then expressed the opinion that the Town Council should select a Councillor to become the Helston Business Park representative who would be involved in all discussions concerning it. Following a detailed debate it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Swift, seconded by Councillor Reynolds, and

RESOLVED – that Councillor Devenish be nominated to act as Helston Town Council’s representative regarding the Helston Business Park and the Town Clerk write to the Cornwall Development Company to express Members’ concerns regarding the Business Park and request that Helston Town Council be involved in all discussions.

Councillor Devenish abstained from the vote.

80. Condition of the Town Kennels

Councillor J P Radford-Gaby advised that Cornwall Council had cleared the worst of the weeds from the Kennels and expressed his concern that they had been allowed to reach that condition. Following a detailed debate it was proposed by Councillor J P Radford-Gaby, seconded by Councillor Thomas, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Clerk be authorised to spend up to £100 of the Community Payback Scheme budget at a rate of £20 per day per gang to clear weeds as soon as they become unsightly, up until the Town Centre Manager was in post.

81. Report of the Town Clerk

(1) Community Centre, 3 Penrose Road – Application for Listing

This item was noted.

(2) Courtroom Training

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

RESOLVED – that:

- a) the Town Clerk be authorised to attend the Occupiers Liability Act session; and
- b) clarification be sought to confirm whether it was possible for the Town Warden to attend the Highways Act session and, if able, he be authorised to attend.

(3) White Wash Wall – Meneage Road

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

RESOLVED – that the Town Council authorised the additional £300 required to cover the lime pointing works.

(4) Children and Young Peoples Roadshows

This item was noted.

(5) Helston Fire Station

This item was noted.

(6) CALC Larger Councils Conference

This item was noted.

(7) Town Crest

Following a detailed debate on the proposition of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor J P Radford-Gaby, and on the second vote of the Mayor, it was

RESOLVED – that the Town Council allowed the use of the Town Crest on the invitation to businesses regarding the proposed Helston & Lizard South Kerrier Loyalty Card Scheme.

(8) Helston & The Lizard Community Network

This item was noted.

(9) Internet Provider

Following a brief debate it was proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Mrs Radford-Gaby, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Council change internet provider.

(10) Bank Signatories

It was proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Mrs Swift, that Councillor Devenish be appointed as a bank signatory. It was further proposed by Councillor J P Radford-Gaby, seconded by Councillor Mrs Matthew, that Councillor Mrs Boase be appointed as a bank signatory.

Following a paper ballot it was

RESOLVED – that Councillor Devenish be appointed as a bank signatory.

82. Report of the Town Warden

Councillor Mrs Matthew spoke on item 4 of the Town Warden's report to express the opinion that non-feeding of pigeons required enforcement as it exacerbated the situation.

Councillor Devenish queried the reason why there was no indication of the volume of litter collected which he had requested in every report. The Town Warden advised that he was not aware that this information was required in every report. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Town Warden did at least one hour of litter-picking every day.

The Mayor declared an interest in the following item.

The Deputy Mayor took the Chair at 9.41pm

83. Schedule of Accounts for Payment

On the proposition of Councillor J P Radford-Gaby, seconded by Councillor Thomas, it was

RESOLVED – that Account Nos. 71-106 inclusive as listed and set out as an Appendix to these Minutes, be certified for payment in the total sum of £16,696.41.

(The Mayor declared an interest in Account No. 90. The Mayor and Councillor Mrs Boase declared an interest in Account No. 76. Councillor Williams declared an interest in Account No. 105.)

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

The Mayor resumed the Chair at 9.43pm

84. Attendance at Meetings

Councillor J P Radford-Gaby had attended the West Sub Area Planning Committee meeting to speak on Planning Application PA10/00279/F (erection of a dwelling at 39A Church Hill).

Councillor Mrs Boase had attended the Bulwark Road meeting, the Street Festival meeting and advised that she had circulated an update on South Kerrier Alliance projects in Members' folders.

Councillor Mrs Matthew had attended a Nansloe School Governors meeting.

Councillor Reynolds had attended a site meeting for Planning Application PA10/00279/F (erection of a dwelling at 39A Church Hill) and the West Sub Area Planning Committee meeting to speak on Application PA10/00346/F (erection of two dwellings on the plot to the rear of 117 Meneage Street).

Councillor Devenish had attended an Active Partnering meeting with Mrs Chadwick together with the Mayor, Councillor Mrs Swift and the Town Clerk.

Councillor Mrs Swift had attended two Cornwall Association of Local Councils Executive meetings, one Cornwall Association of Local Councils General meeting and a West Cornwall Healthwatch meeting.

85. 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.

86. Exclusion of the Press and Public

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs Swift, seconded by Councillor Devenish, 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.

87. Helston Community Centre

The Town Clerk circulated a letter from the Helston & District Community Association and correspondence from the Council's Solicitor. Following a detailed debate it was proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Mrs Radford-Gaby, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Council agreed to hold a meeting between the Full Council and the Full Management Committee of the Helston & District Community Association.

Councillor Devenish voted against the Motion.

In accordance with Standing Order 1.27 the meeting closed at 10.15pm

Agenda item 24, to discuss a Council Vehicle, was deferred until the following Full Council meeting.

Confirmed

Town Mayor