

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON
ON MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2024 AT 6.30 PM

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

R J L Boase
Mrs F N E Boase
J Martin

T Grattan-Kane
M Benyon
P Webb

D Willey
M P Andrew

Officers: Miss P J Lavelle (Town Clerk)
Mr R James (Projects Officer)

41. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Thomas and P Williams.

42. Absent

Councillor R Williams was absent without giving apologies.

43. Public Participation

A member of the public expressed the opinion that it would be nice to see more members of the public involved in the discussion and that Council had a role to play providing leadership for the project. He expressed the opinion that there were many options available and that the issues could be addressed allowing the creation of a facility which was needed by the community.

A further member of the public spoke in support of the project expressing the opinion that the Scout group who were based at Coronation Gardens should be involved in the discussions. She then expressed the opinion that a single building with one set of services could be a beneficial option giving the example of the community facility on the neighbouring housing estate.

A member of the public advised that they were a resident of the area and expressed concern with the impact on parking advising it was an issue in the area and how construction traffic would be dealt with.

44. Coronation Gardens Community Café Project

The Projects Officer summarised the issues with the proposed Café Project detailed in his report (circulated prior to the meeting). A detailed debate ensued during which Members expressed the opinion that the remit of the project needed to be expanded to provide a facility which offered a wider range of uses to the community. Further concerns were raised with the location of the current building and it was agreed that it was

appropriate to review the options including giving consideration to the positioning and sustainability of the facility. During the debate the involvement of the Helston Scouts was queried and the Town Clerk confirmed that they were invited to the working group meetings and the Projects Officer was in contact with the organisation outside of meetings. It was also confirmed that Councillors Mrs Boase and Councillor Benyon currently represented the Council on the Coronation Gardens Working Group.

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

RESOLVED – that Standing Order 1.14 be suspended to allow members of the public present to make further comment.

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstain – 1

A member of public expressed the opinion that it was an appropriate point to take stock advising that the community space was more vibrant than it had been two years ago with much more community use and it would be good to expand on this advising she felt a flexible building was the way to go.

A further member of the public advised that he disagreed that relocating the building further from the access point was the solution when concerns had been raised regarding vehicular access. He further expressed the opinion that the Council were passing the decision to others and needed to show leadership.

It was further proposed by Councillor Mrs Boase, seconded by Councillor Grattan-Kane, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that Standing Order 1.14 be resumed.

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Andrew, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Coronation Gardens Working Group consider the future direction of the Community Café Project with continued engagement with the community to make recommendations to Full Council within four months on potential ways forward.

The Mayor advised that as part of this review he desired a Councillor from the working group to champion the project and the working group would report back to Council on a monthly basis.

Councillors Willey and Andrew indicated that they also wished to join the working group. *Following the meeting the Mayor also indicated that he wished to be part of the working group.*

Meeting closed at 7.20pm

Confirmed

Town Mayor