

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON
ON THURSDAY 19TH JUNE 2008 AT 7.15 P.M.

Present: Councillor N.J.C. Devenish (Town Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors:

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

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

56. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Williams and Martin who were both out of the County, and the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

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

RESOLVED – that the Apologies be received and accepted.

57. INTERESTS

All Members present declared an interest in Agenda item 6 for the reasons stated below:

Councillor Mrs Swift
(Board member of South Kerrier Alliance and a member of Kerrier District Council's Planning Committee).

Councillor Keay
(Kerrier District Council Planning Committee).

Councillor Mrs Matthew, Mrs Boase and Pryor
(Members of South Kerrier Alliance).

The Mayor and Councillors Phillips, R.J.L. Boase, Reynolds and Mrs Matthew
(Members of Helston Town Council's Planning Committee)

Councillor DC Swift
(His wife was a current Board member of South Kerrier Alliance)

58. 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 regarding P.A.C.T.

59. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr I Perry voiced his concerns regarding pedestrians crossing the Porthleven Road, which had increased with people going to the farmers market, and expressed the opinion that there should be a crossing similar to the one located on the Penzance Road. Mr Perry also advised that there were currently only two disabled parking spaces at Coronation Park and expressed the desire to see at least two more spaces allocated.

Mr D Harris advised that he had been reading about the algae problems experienced at the boating lake and expressed the opinion that chemicals would not solve the problem. Mr Harris suggested using the road sweeper to remove the algae from the surface of the lake once a week.

60. PROPOSED BUILDING ON THE FORMER CATTLE MARKET SITE

Josyanne Thatcher – Kerrier District Council Regeneration Officer and Helen Woods, the architect, gave a presentation on three designs for the proposed building on the former cattle market site and responded to Members' questions. Members were then invited to individually respond to the consultation.

61. MINUTES

Councillor Phillips advised that the first line of the second paragraph of Min. No. 15. a) should be amended to read 'Councillor Phillips thanked Members for their support regarding the retention of RNAS Culdrose ...'

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs Swift, seconded by Councillor Phillips, it was

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 13th May and 15th May 2008 be approved subject to the above amendment and signed as a true record.

62. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 15th May and 5th June 2008, be received.

63. MINUTES OF THE HARVEST FAIR COMMITTEE AND THE JOINT TOWN TWINNING COMMITTEE

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Harvest Fair Committee meeting held on the 5th June 2008, be received.

64. MINUTES OF THE POLICY, FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee meeting held on the 29th May 2008, be received and the recommendations approved.

65. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised that he was working on the next edition of the Mayor's Blog which would be ready for publication by the end of the month.

66. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

a) Local County Councillors

Councillor Curnow expressed his congratulations to the Mayor and apologised that he had been unable to attend the Mayor Choosing as it coincided with the Cornwall County Council Annual Meeting and then passed on his congratulations to Councillor Williams for his election as Vice Chairman of Kerrier District Council.

Councillor Curnow informed Members that he had funded the Dragons teeth which were painted on the Porthleven Road and had been advised that this section of road did not meet the criteria for a pedestrian crossing, but he would be willing to make further investigations.

Councillor Curnow further advised that, together with Councillors Phillips and Mrs Lyne, he had met with representatives of Helston School and Community College regarding their concerns with the building and confirmed that Helston School and Community College would be on the Agenda of the Children, Young People and Family Services Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Phillips advised that he had two schemes out for consultation - a traffic calming scheme in Church Hill and the other near Canons Place.

Councillor Reynolds requested further information on why Cornwall County Council had objected to the planning application for alterations to the wind farm at Goonhilly Downs. Councillor Curnow advised that he did not know as he was not a Member of the Planning Committee. Councillor Phillips confirmed that the rationale was that the existing concentration was thought to be better than fewer but much larger wind turbines.

b) Local District Councillors

Councillor Mrs Haycock advised that she had spoken to Andy Mead regarding the litter problem mentioned in the Town Warden's report and she asked that Customer Services be informed of any problems and they would ensure they were dealt with. Councillor Mrs Haycock also expressed concerns with the bloom in the lake and advised that she had spoken with a marine biologist who was also of the opinion that chemicals would not work and that mechanical removal would be a better solution.

The Mayor advised that he had been told that the small sweeper used in the Town had been out of commission for six or seven weeks which he believed had resulted in several of the narrower areas not being swept, exacerbating the litter problem. The Mayor asked Kerrier District Councillors present if they could apply pressure to get the sweeper fixed. The Mayor also asked what Kerrier District Council's expected response time for a complaint regarding litter was. Councillor Mrs Haycock confirmed that she would enquire as to Kerrier's target times.

67. IDENTITY CARDS

The Mayor expressed the opinion that as the Council was gradually being asked to take on more responsibilities, with Planning Committee Members currently visiting sites and Amenities Committee Members possibly visiting play areas, that as a responsible Council the correct identification was required. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs Swift, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the necessary photography be organised and identity cards be produced for all Members and staff.

68. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

(1) One Cornwall

(a) Parish Elections

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

RESOLVED – that 'Option 4 – May 2013' be selected as the Town Council's preferred option.

Councillor Mrs Swift abstained from the vote.

(b) Parish Meeting

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

RESOLVED – that the Mayor and the Town Clerk attend the Parish meeting regarding One Cornwall on Tuesday 8th July 2008.

The Mayor abstained from the vote.

(c) Localism Charter

This item was noted.

(d) The Boundary Committee

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

RESOLVED – that the Town Clerk respond to the Boundary Committee stating that the letter from the CALC Executive accurately reflected the views of the Council.

(2) Dogs on Leads by Direction (Kerrier District) Order, 01/2008

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

RESOLVED – that a letter supporting the Order be sent to Kerrier District Council.

(3) Police Authority Liaison Meeting

This item was noted.

(4) Staff Training

(a) Town Warden

On the proposition of Councillor Boase, seconded by Councillor Reynolds, it was proposed that the Town Warden attend the course on the issue of Fixed Penalty Notices at a maximum cost of £300.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Mrs Swift, seconded by Councillor Phillips, that this item be deferred to the next meeting to allow the Town Clerk to establish if the course cost had been reduced.

The amendment was carried and became the substantive motion and it was

RESOLVED – that this item be deferred to the next meeting to allow the Town Clerk to establish whether the course cost had been reduced.

(b) Administrative Assistant (Mr Phillips)

This item was noted.

(c) Town Clerk and Administrative Assistant (Miss Lavelle)

It was proposed by Councillor Phillips, seconded by Councillor Keay, and
unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Town Clerk and Miss Lavelle attend the ‘Finance for Local Council Clerks’ course on Friday 27th June 2008 and the ‘Planning for Local Council Clerks’ course on Friday 19th September.

(5) Road Naming – Taylor Wimpey Development off Clodgey Lane

Following a detailed debate it was proposed by Councillor Phillips, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Council recommended that the four roads be named:

- i) Hawkins Way;
- ii) Plover Avenue;
- iii) Passmore Road; and
- iv) Robinson Drive.

(6) CALC Affiliation 2008/09

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

RESOLVED – that an additional voluntary donation of £50 be paid.

(7) Play Event

The Town Clerk advised that Councillor Mrs Swift, the Town Warden and himself would be attending the Play Event and requested that if any other Members were interested to let him know by Monday 23rd June.

(8) Bus Shelters – Coinagehall Street

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Swift, seconded by Councillor Mrs Matthew, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the decision be deferred until the Town Clerk had received a response from Mr Stanley and had obtained costings for designs which were more in keeping with the Conservation Area.

(9) PACT Public Meeting

This item was noted.

69. REPORT OF THE TOWN WARDEN

This item was noted.

Councillor Keay took the Chair at 9.19pm

70. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

RESOLVED – that Account Nos. 63-105 inclusive as listed and set out as an Appendix to these Minutes, be certified for payment in the total sum of £19,552.29.

(The Mayor declared an interest in Account No. 103. Councillor Mrs Swift declared an interest in Account Nos. 74 and 75 and Councillors R.J.L. Boase and Mrs Boase declared an interest in Account No. 91.)

It was agreed that the Cheques would be signed by Councillors Mrs Swift and Reynolds.

The Mayor resumed the Chair at 9.20pm

71. ATTENDANCES AT MEETINGS

Councillor Pryor had attended the Carnival Queen Choosing and a South Kerrier Alliance Meeting together with Councillor Mrs Matthew.

Councillor Mrs Boase had attended the Mayor's Civic Service together with Councillors Mrs Swift, Phillips, R.J.L. Boase, Reynolds, Mrs Matthew, D.C. Swift and Pryor.

Councillor Mrs Matthew had attended the Playgrounds meeting together with the Mayor and Councillor Mrs Swift.

Councillor Reynolds had attended the Cloud Nine eco homes show house and the Goonhilly Wind Farm open day as part of his renewable energy investigations.

Councillor R.J.L. Boase together with Councillor Mrs Boase had represented the Mayor at the Helston & Kerrier Music Society Concert.

Councillor Phillips had attended the West Cornwall Health Watch meeting.

Councillor Mrs Swift had attended a CALC Executive meeting, sat as the CALC representative on the Localism Group, attended a Citizens Advice Bureau meeting and advised that the Citizens Advice Bureau Offices were going to amalgamate and she had been elected onto the Board of Citizens Advice Bureau Cornwall. Councillor Mrs Swift also represented the Mayor at the Phoenix Project presentations.

Councillor Key had attended a Nansloe School Governors Board meeting and a Premises meeting.

The Mayor advised that he had attended numerous civic events during which he had met a lot of people and had been very warmly received.

72. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

On the proposition of Councillor Pryor, seconded by Councillor Mrs Matthew, 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.

73. GUILDHALL BLINDS

Members considered a report by the Town Clerk circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Councillor R.J.L. Boase, seconded by Councillor Reynolds; and

RESOLVED – that vertical blinds be purchased from J C Williams House Furnishers at a cost of £496.34.

Councillor Phillips voted against the motion.

Meeting closed at 9.37pm

Confirmed

Town Mayor