

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON**  
**ON THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017 AT 7.15 PM**

**Councillors:** Mrs G A Geer (Town Mayor) in the Chair

R Williams  
R J L Boase  
Mrs F N E Boase  
M H Thomas

J Martin  
Mrs N Roberts  
D J Potter  
T E Grattan-Kane

Rev D P Reed  
R F Edgcumbe  
M J Kenchington

**Officers:** Mr C Dawson (Town Clerk)  
Mr M Searle (Town Centre Regeneration Officer)

The Mayor welcomed and congratulated Councillor Kenchington for being co-opted onto the Council the previous evening.

**67. Prayers**

The Meeting opened with Prayers offered by Councillor Reverend Reed.

**68. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations**

**a) Requests from Members for Dispensations**

The Town Clerk advised that dispensation requests had been received from Councillors R J L Boase and Mrs Boase.

It was proposed by Councillor Reverend Reed, seconded by Councillor Grattan-Kane, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Council awarded Councillor R J L Boase a dispensation for the civic year to remain in meetings, participate in debates and vote on matters relating to the South Kerrier Heritage Trust.

It was further proposed by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Grattan-Kane, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Council awarded Councillor R J L Boase a dispensation for the civic year to remain in meetings, participate in debates and vote on matters relating to the Helston Harvest Fair.

Members then considered dispensation requests submitted by Councillor Mrs Boase.

On the proposition of Councillor Grattan-Kane, seconded by Councillor Reverend Reed, it was

RESOLVED – that the Town Council awarded Councillor Mrs Boase a dispensation for the civic year to remain in meetings, participate in debates and vote on matters relating to the South Kerrier Heritage Trust.

It was further proposed by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Mrs Roberts, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Council awarded Councillor Mrs Boase a dispensation for the civic year to remain in meetings, participate in debates and vote on matters relating to the Helston Harvest Fair.

It was then proposed by Councillor Potter, seconded by Councillor Martin, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Council awarded Councillor Mrs Boase a dispensation for the civic year to remain in meetings and participate in debates but not vote on matters relating to the WW1 Heritage Project Group.

#### **69. Reports from Local Cornwall Councillors**

Cornwall Councillor Martin paid tribute to Mr Ben Dickinson – Area Highways Manager, who had recently passed away.

Cornwall Councillor Martin advised that, along with Councillor Thomas, he had been appointed to the West Sub-Area Planning Committee and he had also been appointed Vice-Chair of the Licensing Committee.

Cornwall Councillor Thomas advised that two gully grates had been replaced at Crosswalla Fields following a recent conversation with Ben Dickinson who would be sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues.

Cornwall Councillor Thomas further advised that he had attended a meeting at Helston Community College regarding its development plans and a possible 4G sports pitch. He then encouraged residents to contact Cornwall Council with their comments about the traffic trial at St John's bridge and informed Members that land around Gwinear Station had been saved from housing and a link to the main line was still a possibility in principle. He also informed Members that the Boundary Commission was recommending a reduction of Cornwall Councillors to eighty-seven from 2021 and a consultation was open for comments.

#### **70. Public Participation**

A member of the public was pleased to observe that Helston had very few empty shops compared to other nearby towns, however he was of the opinion that the streets look a little untidier than in the past.

Another member of the public welcomed Councillor Kenchington. He then suggested that the Council form a committee to facilitate communication between local organisations involved in the welfare of the elderly.

#### **71. Minutes**

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs Boase, seconded by Councillor Grattan-Kane, it was

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Town Council Meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> May and 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 be approved and signed as a true record.

**Councillors Potter and Kenchington abstained from the vote as they had not been present at those meeting.**

**72. Minutes of the Amenities Committee**

On the proposition of Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor R J L Boase, it was RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017, be received and the recommendation approved.

**73. Minutes of the Planning Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Mrs Roberts, and RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 be received.

**74. Minutes of the Policy, Finance & Resources Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor R J L Boase, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, and RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Policy, Finance & Resources Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 be received.

**75. Announcements**

The Mayor congratulated the Helston in Bloom group for the improvements it had made to the Sunken Garden and then suggested seeking funding to install a statue in that area. The Mayor thanked the Town Band for performing at the Sunday in the Park event and Councillor Grattan-Kane for his assistance. She then encouraged Members to attend the Civic Service on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

**76. Report of the Town Centre Regeneration Officer (TCRO)**

The Town Centre Regeneration Officer updated Members on his report (circulated prior to the meeting). Members gave consideration to sketches that would be used in the design of the Monument Walk shelter. Following an observation by Councillor Reverend Reed it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Boase, seconded by Councillor Mrs Roberts, and

RESOLVED – that lily of the valley be added to the Midday Dance lady.

The TCRO thanked Members that had returned Grylls Monument project evaluation forms which would be forwarded to the Heritage Lottery Fund administrators.

**77. Condition of Property**

Members gave further consideration to the condition of a property on Trengrouse Way deferred from the May Full Council meeting (Min. No.12/2017).

Members discussed the effect on neighbours and means of supporting the occupier. In response to a question the Town Clerk reminded Members that the Town Council could request that Cornwall Council issue a S.215 Untidy Land Notice.

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

RESOLVED – that the Town Council request that Cornwall Council issue a S.215 Untidy Land Notice.

**Councillor Williams requested that his vote against the Motion be recorded.**

During the debate Members also discussed another property in a similar condition in the same vicinity but agreed to defer the matter until further information was available.

**78. Helston Community College**

Councillor Reverend Reed advised that the Head Teacher and Chair of Governors had indicated that no funding would be available to furnish the new College buildings when completed and enquired if the Town Council could assist. A figure of £10,000 had been suggested for the sum required but the Town Clerk was asked to confirm.

Councillor R J L Boase suggested including the matter when the Policy, Finance & Resources Committee considered the 2018/19 budget in October. The Mayor advised that she would discuss the situation with Derek Thomas MP when their meetings resumed following the General Election.

**79. Report of the Town Clerk**

**Councillor Williams declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting at 8.25pm.**

**(1) Weddings at the Guildhall**

The Town Clerk updated Members regarding his meeting with a representative of the Registrar's Service.

Following the discussion it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Roberts, seconded by Councillor Martin, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Clerk apply for a Venue for Marriages license funded from General Reserves.

**Councillor Edgcumbe requested that his vote against the Motion be recorded.**

**Councillor Williams returned to the meeting at 8.42pm**

**(2) Public Meeting**

Councillor Thomas advised that, in his capacity as Cornwall Council Divisional Member, he wished to hold a Public Meeting to discuss traffic and highways issues with residents of the Redruth Road and surrounding areas. On the proposition of Councillor Potter, seconded by Councillor Kenchington, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that Helston Town Council supported Cornwall Councillor Thomas holding a public meeting in the Guildhall.

**(3) CALC Training 2017**

This item was noted.

**(4) Grant Application**

Members considered a grant application from Argyle Community Trust. Following a brief discussion it was proposed by Councillor Grattan-Kane, seconded by Councillor Thomas, and

RESOLVED – that a grant of £750 be awarded to the Argyle Community Trust to run training sessions in Helston over the school summer holidays.

**80. Schedule of Accounts for Payment**

On the proposition of Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Mrs Roberts, it was

RESOLVED – that Account Nos. 110-154 inclusive as listed and set out as an Appendix to these Minutes, be certified for payment in the total sum of £22,625.46.

**81. Reports on Attendance at Meetings**

Members considered a report submitted by Councillor Thomas regarding the Furry Café.

**82. 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.

**Meeting closed at 8.50pm**

**Confirmed**

**Town Mayor**