

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON
ON THURSDAY 16TH JULY 2015 AT 7.15 PM

Councillors: M H Thomas (Town Mayor) in the Chair

R Williams
R J L Boase
Mrs F N E Boase

Miss J A Hornsby
J P Radford-Gaby
J Martin

M Knight
N Roberts
A R Harrison

Officers: Mr C Dawson (Town Clerk)
Miss P J Lavelle (Deputy Town Clerk)
Mr M Searle (Town Centre Regeneration Officer)

99. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Upton and Mrs Geer.

100. Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensations

a) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

b) Requests from Members for Dispensations

The Town Clerk advised that a dispensation request had been received from Councillor Mrs Boase to allow her to speak and vote on matters relating to the Helston WWI Heritage Project.

It was proposed by Councillor Miss Hornsby, seconded by Councillor Martin, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Council awarded Councillor Mrs Boase a dispensation for the term of the current Council to remain in meetings, speak and vote on matters relating to the Helston WWI Heritage Project.

The Mayor and Councillors Williams and R J L Boase requested that their abstention from the vote be recorded.

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

a) Local Cornwall Councillors

Cornwall Councillor Mrs Haycock advised that she had followed up on the issues regarding seagulls spreading household waste and she had also spoken to the Town Warden who had expressed the opinion that the situation had improved. Cornwall Councillor Mrs Haycock advised that she was interested in the Town Councillors' opinions and confirmed that Cornwall Council had put in a lot of extra work to resolve the issue expressing the opinion that it was disappointing that the same problem reoccurred every year.

Cornwall Councillor Mrs Haycock further advised that she had attended the Inspectors' meeting regarding the HX1 Development and confirmed that the Application for HX2 was going to the Cornwall Council Strategic Planning Committee on 30th July 2015.

The Mayor referred to the use of seagull-proof bags advising that, if a bag was dropped at Helston Community College, he would be willing to do an Assembly to promote their use. He further advised that he was willing to assist a person who could not afford to purchase a seagull-proof bag. Councillor Williams queried what had happened to a Scheme by the District Council to provide every household with a bin. Cornwall Councillor Mrs Haycock advised that new contracts had been negotiated when the Unitary Authority was formed, so it was the same County-wide, advising that it was proven that people disposed of more rubbish when they had a bin.

Councillor Knight referred to the reappearance of a burger van in the Sithney Common Hill lay-by and queried whether this needed a licence. Cornwall Councillor Haycock advised that she was investigating issues with another van and confirmed that it did not require a licence.

Councillor Knight expressed concern with the condition of the road surface and the lack of road markings on The Furry and requested further information. Councillor Knight also expressed concern with the increasing problem caused by taxis parking outside of the taxi rank. Cornwall Councillor Mrs Haycock confirmed that she would follow the issues up.

The Mayor referred to the recycling of mixed plastics which Cornwall Councillor Mrs Haycock had made reference to at the previous meeting, and queried if this was a Pilot Scheme. Cornwall Councillor Mrs Haycock confirmed that Cornwall Council had funding and was looking at running a Pilot Scheme which would cover a large area similar to a former District.

The Mayor confirmed that an apology for absence had been received from Cornwall Councillor Wallis.

b) Community Network Manager

The Town Clerk confirmed that there was no report from the Community Network Manager but advised that she was willing to answer any questions forwarded from Members.

102. Public Participation

A member of the public referred to the problem of taxis parking outside of the taxi rank and expressed the opinion that the additional taxis should park further away and only come into the centre of the town when there was a space. He then referred to the use of dustbins to advise that they could cause problems if they were not collected in quickly when they had been emptied as they could be blown into the street.

103. Report from the Helston Business Improvement Partnership (HBIP)

Mrs Moralee, HBIP BID Development Officer, advised that a consultation paper had been sent out the previous week and offered to respond to Members' questions. Mrs Moralee and the Chair of HBIP expressed the wish to hold an information evening with Members to fully update them on the BID Development process. Following a detailed debate it was agreed that the Mayor would call an informal meeting.

104. Minutes

On the proposition of Councillor Radford-Gaby, seconded by Councillor Harrison, it was

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 18th June 2015 be approved and signed as a true record.

105. Minutes of the Planning Committee

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 18th June and 2nd July 2015, be received.

106. Announcements

The Mayor advised that he had attended the following events:

- Craft Box Cafe opening;
- Participated in the recording of a video for Helston & the Lizard Works;
- St John’s Feast at Penzance;
- Year 11 presentation evening at Helston Community College;
- Presentation of a cheque from the Mayor’s Fund to Helston Football Club;
- Helston Chamber Choir Concert;
- The HX1 Planning Appeal Inquiry together with Councillor Martin;
- The Falmouth Civic Service;
- Helston & District Town Twinning Association AGM;
- League of Friends of Helston Hospital Fete;
- Met with the Italian teenagers on a twinning visit; and
- A Mayor’s meeting hosted by the Mayor of Truro.

The Mayor further advised that he would be attending the Falmouth Sea Sunday event the following Sunday and thanked Councillors Williams, R J L Boase and Mrs Boase for attending events on his behalf. The Mayor encouraged Members to wear formal dress for the Freeman Ceremony on the following Tuesday. The Mayor then reminded Members that the Mayoress was holding the fourth crossword competition and encouraged participation.

107. Waste Reduction Scheme

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

RESOLVED – that Helston Town Council confirmed that it wished to be considered for participation in the Cornwall Council Pilot Waste Reduction Scheme.

108. WWI Heritage Projects

i) WWI Memorial Seat and WWI Talking Post

Councillor Knight circulated pictures of a memorial seat and talking posts for Members’ information. Councillor Knight confirmed that funding for the seat had been secured and explained how the talking post operated, following which she responded to Members’ questions. On the proposition of Councillor Knight, seconded by Councillor Radford-Gaby, it was

RESOLVED – that Helston Town Council allow, in principle, the siting of a WWI Memorial seat and a WWI ‘Talking Post’ in the area around the WWI Mini-Arboretum, at no cost to the Council.

ii) WWI Heritage Project

It was proposed by Councillor Knight, seconded by Councillor Martin, and

RESOLVED – that Helston Town Council released the £2000 WWI budget to the Helston WWI Heritage Project.

109. Town Twinning Document

The Mayor advised that it was sixty years since the Twinning Agreement with Sasso Marconi had been signed and expressed the opinion that the document was in a very poor condition. The Town Clerk advised that he had spoken to Helston Museum and they had suggested that the Council contact the PZ Conservation CIC who had provided an estimate of £55- £60 for the required work.

Following a brief debate it was proposed by Councillor Knight, seconded by Councillor Miss Hornsby, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Town Council proceed with the restoration works to the Town Twinning Document.

Councillor R J L Boase advised that he had attended the re-signing of the Twinning Agreement and suggested that this could be incorporated with the original. It was further noted that the Twinning Agreement with Plougasnou had not been framed. The Mayor suggested that the framing of the additional documents be investigated and further consideration be given at the September Full Council meeting.

110. Report of the Town Centre Regeneration Officer

The Town Centre Regeneration Officer updated Members on his report (circulated prior to the meeting) and responded to Members' questions.

Following a detailed debate it was proposed by Councillor Radford-Gaby, seconded by Councillor Miss Hornsby, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the assessment of the tenders for the detailed design and support drawings for the Public Realm works be made at a joint meeting of the Public Realm Board together with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor with the decision being made under delegated authority by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

It was further proposed by Councillor Knight, seconded by the Mayor, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Council provided 'in principle' assurances that it would:

- i) work in partnership with the Bowling Club to develop the proposed improvement project;
- ii) honour financial commitments to the cost of the design work relating to the public toilet and mains drainage elements of the project in line with an apportionment methodology to be agreed between the parties;
- iii) provide a reasonable period of time for the Club to develop and fund its project before proceeding with public realm works in Monument Walk; and
- iv) commit to the implementation costs relating to the public toilet and mains drainage elements in line with an agreed methodology in the event that the project was able to proceed within the agreed timeframe once set.

The Town Centre Regeneration Officer suggested that the reasonable period of time be a date in April 2016 following the Bowling Club's Sports Lottery application.

The Town Centre Regeneration Officer further advised that he had received a quotation for lighting in Peacock's Lane which would need to be considered as a confidential item.

The Mayor thanked the Town Centre Regeneration Officer for his due diligence.

111. Schedule of Accounts for Payment

On the proposition of Councillor R J L Boase, seconded by Councillor Martin, it was

RESOLVED – that Account Nos. 180-227 inclusive as listed and set out as an Appendix to these Minutes, be certified for payment in the total sum of £39,226.73.

112. Items for the next Agenda

The Town Clerk advised that it was now legal for prayers to be included on the Agenda and requested Members' confirmation on whether they wished for an item to be re-introduced. Members agreed that they wished to include an item for prayers on future Full Council agendas.

113. Exclusion of the Press and Public

On the proposition of Councillor Knight, seconded by Councillor Martin, 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 items of business by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

114. Confidential Report of the Town Centre Regeneration Officer

i) Grylls Monument Restoration

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

RESOLVED – that the Council accepted the quotation received from Cornwall Council's Historic Environment Service for the preparation of a Conservation Brief for the Grylls Monument at a cost of £146.00.

ii) Peacock's Lane Lighting

Following a brief debate it was proposed by Councillor Knight, seconded by Councillor Martin, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Council accepted SSE's quotation based on the mid-hinged galvanised lamp column option at a total cost of £2,631.38 to be supported by the Section 106 Town Centre Management fund subject to the Conservation Officer's consent and land owner's terms and conditions for ranting access.

Meeting closed at 8.43pm

Confirmed

Town Mayor