

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON**  
**ON THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 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

J P Radford-Gaby  
J Martin  
Mrs G A Geer

Mrs 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)

**214. Prayers**

The Meeting opened with Prayers offered by Councillor R J L Boase which included a minute's silence in memory of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mark Upton.

**215. Apologies**

Councillor Harrison advised that he would have to leave at 8.45pm if the meeting continued beyond this time.

**216. Police Matters**

Councillor Martin advised that he had heard an announcement regarding the closure of Police Stations confirming that he understood the Helston Police Station would close during 2018.

**217. Reports from Local Cornwall Councillors and the Community Network Manager**

a) Local Cornwall Councillors

Councillor Mrs Boase advised that Cornwall Councillor Mrs Haycock had given her apologies.

Councillor J Martin referred to the parking issues at Flora Gardens to advise that he understood Cornwall Council was going to adopt the road and confirmed he was still compiling evidence of the parking problems.

b) Community Network Manager

The Mayor confirmed that there was no report from the Community Network Manager.

**218. Public Participation**

A member of the public suggested that the Town Council hold its meetings at alternative venues around the town such as the Rugby Club or Football Club to encourage more members of the public to attend. Councillor R J L Boase expressed the opinion that alternative venues were a good idea but reminded Members that the Council was not permitted to hold a meeting at licenced premises when there was an alternative available but suggested that other venues such as church halls would be suitable.

**219. Report from the Helston Business Improvement Partnership (HBIP)**

The Town Clerk advised that apologies had been received from Mrs Moralee, HBIP BID Development Manager, and read a report on her behalf which updated Members on the HBIP activities and made particular mention to the forthcoming Christmas Events.

**220. Minutes**

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 be approved and signed as a true record.

**221. Minutes of the Planning Committee**

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015, be received.

**222. Minutes of the Amenities Committee**

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Special Amenities Committee meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015, be received.

**223. Announcements**

The Mayor paid tribute to Councillor Mark Upton advising that there had been many tributes posted on the Helston Town Council and Mayor Helston Facebook sites. The Mayor advised that the Book of Condolence for Councillor Upton was located at the rear of the Council Chamber if anyone present wished to sign it. The Town Clerk read sympathy messages received from the Mayor of Porthleven and the Mayor and Mayoress of Penryn.

The Mayor then advised that he had attended the following events:

- A twinning visit to Plougasnou showing Members the gift received from the Mayor of Plougasnou;
- Two interviews with Radio Cornwall regarding parking issues in Grange Road and a conversation with the Chairman of Cornwall Council regarding the matter; and
- The Public Realm meeting at which he had agreed to take part in a publicity event on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015.

The Mayor advised that the ceiling had been repaired in the Mayor's Parlour and confirmed that the Guildhall Working Party would be meeting to discuss the decoration. The Mayor further advised that he was saddened to receive the resignation from Mrs Knight and expressed his thanks for her contributions to the Council. The Mayor referred to the Civic Ball advising that tickets were available at a cost of £27.50 with proceeds in aid of the Roy Castle Foundation for Lung Cancer research. The Mayor then asked Members to remain behind at the conclusion of the meeting to judge the entries for the Helston Town Council video competition.

**224. Update regarding the Furry Café**

The Mayor advised that there was no further news regarding the Youth Café and confirmed that he would update Members when he had any information.

**225. 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.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Boase, seconded by Councillor Radford-Gaby, and

RESOLVED – that the Council issue a Press Release in advance of the tree works starting on the wooded embankment adjacent to the Bowling Green.

It was further proposed by Councillor R J L Boase, seconded by Councillor Harrison, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that Option 1, the public realm project proceeding in advance of the Bowling Club project, be pursued as the preferred programme.

On the proposition of Councillor Radford-Gaby, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Council purchase 5 no. 16A extension leads together with outdoor sockets, connectors, adaptors and cable covers as necessary up to a maximum value of £500, funded from the Section 106 Town Centre Management budget, to enable effective use of the existing feeder pillars for any future town events.

It was proposed by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Council did not purchase any additional feeder pillars at the present time.

**226. Report of the Town Clerk**

**(1) Christmas Lights**

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

RESOLVED – that:

- a) in pursuance of the powers conferred by Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfied the requirements of that Section, the Council approved a £500.00 grant towards the Christmas Lights; and
- b) the Christmas Lights Committee be given permission to utilise electricity from the Guildhall to power lights in that vicinity.

**(2) Casual Vacancy – South Ward**

The Town Clerk confirmed that an election had not been requested for this vacancy and the position would be filled by Co-option. The Town Clerk further advised that he had e-mailed Members and it had been agreed not to advertise the vacancy until after the West Ward By-election.

**(3) Casual Vacancy – West Ward**

The Town Clerk confirmed that the closing date for nominations was 4.00pm the following day. Councillor R J L Boase expressed concern that there had only been one day for candidates to submit nomination papers in Camborne. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Elections Office was based in St Austell and they were only able to spare an Officer for one day to be available in Camborne. Councillor R J L Boase expressed concern the this would disenfranchise prospective candidates. The Town Clerk agreed to write a letter to express Members' concerns.

**(4) Council Representative**

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

RESOLVED – that Councillor Martin be appointed as Helston Town Council's representative for the Cornwall Association of Local Councils.

It was further proposed by Councillor Radford-Gaby, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, and

RESOLVED – that the Mayor be appointed as the Deputy representative for the Cornwall Association of Local Councils.

Following a secret ballot it was

RESOLVED – that Councillor Harrison be appointed onto the Helston Welfare Trust.

**(5) Naming of Housing Development**

On the proposition of Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Martin, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that Members accepted 'Gwealdues Court' as the proposed name for the housing development on the former Gwealdues Hotel site.

**227. Schedule of Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED – that Account Nos. 324-368 inclusive as listed and set out as an Appendix to these Minutes, be certified for payment in the total sum of £34,080.34.

**228. 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.

**229. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

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

**230. Confidential Report of the Town Centre Regeneration Officer**

**i) Monument cleaning, repairs and architectural reinstatement**

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

RESOLVED – that the tender from KPK (Builders) Ltd be accepted for the sum of £26,769.70.

**Meeting closed at 8.14pm**

**Confirmed**

**Town Mayor**

*Following the meeting Members agreed to introduced the new selection of Committee membership process (Min. No.186/2015) with immediate effect.*

*Councillor Williams and Councillor Harrison indicated that they wished to join the Amenities Committee.*