

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON**  
**ON THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008 AT 7.00 P.M.**

**Present:** Councillor R. Williams (Town Mayor) in the Chair

**Councillors:**

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

**In Attendance:** Mr C. Dawson (Town Clerk)  
Miss P. J. Lavelle (Administrative Assistant)

**350. APOLOGIES**

An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor D.C. Swift who was working.

On the proposition of Councillor Devenish, seconded by Councillor Reynolds it was  
RESOLVED – that the Apology received be accepted, and the lack of an apology be noted.

**351. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

On the proposition of Councillor Phillips, seconded by Councillor Mrs Matthew 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 items of business by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**352. HELSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Town Clerk advised that further advice had been received from the National Association of Local Councils and forwarded to Members prior to the meeting.

A detailed debate ensued that took into consideration a report by the Town Clerk (previously circulated) that included advice from Counsel, Randle Thomas Solicitors, The Charity Commission and the National Association of Local Councils.

At the conclusion of the debate it was proposed by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Phillips and unanimously

RESOLVED – that

- (a) the Council sell the current Community Centre building at the highest value having sought advice regarding planning permission, and to look for a site to build a new Community Centre, and
- (b) the Council would make every effort to ensure current User Groups find alternative accommodation as and when the building closed.

It was further proposed by Councillor Devenish, seconded by Councillor Mrs Matthew, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Town Clerk produce a draft Press Release and circulate to Members for approval and release the following Monday morning.

It was also proposed by Councillor Phillips, seconded by Councillor Mrs Swift, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that a vote of thanks be given to the Town Clerk and his staff for all their hard work producing the report.

**Meeting closed at 7.47pm**

**Confirmed**

**Town Mayor**