

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON
ON THURSDAY 19TH JULY 2018 AT 7.15 PM

Councillors: J Martin (Town Mayor) in the Chair

R Williams
R J L Boase
Mrs F N E Boase

M H Thomas
Mrs G A Geer
Mrs N Roberts

D J Potter
T E Grattan-Kane

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

79. Prayers

The Meeting opened with Prayers offered by the Mayor.

80. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Reverend Reed, Edgcumbe and Kenchington.

81. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs Geer declared an interest in Item 4 of the Town Clerk's Report (Agenda item 17) as she lived next door to the Furry Youth Café.

82. Reports from Local Cornwall Councillors

Cornwall Councillor Martin advised that he had been involved with several complaints regarding noise issues and had been advised of several issues of anti-social behaviour. He confirmed he was waiting for a reply from the Environment Agency regarding repairs to the leat in St Johns and advised that Cornwall Council was waiting for an acknowledgement of their comments in respect of the Appeals against the applications to demolish garages in Oates Road and Trelawney Road. Councillor Martin advised that he had attended the Community Network meeting the previous week which included a presentation on the Public Transport Strategy for Cornwall. Councillor Martin advised he had attended the initial CIC meeting which had met with Cornwall Council Officers for traffic and transport to discuss a way ahead for Helston. Councillor Martin further advised that he had attended the West Sub-Area Planning Committee meeting, a Licensing Committee meeting and a Full Council meeting during which the merger of Devon and Cornwall Police with Dorset was discussed. Councillor Martin confirmed that he was pleased to hear that the Space Hub was likely to be established at Newquay with the tracking and coordination of flights and satellite launches at Goonhilly expressing the hope that it would be beneficial for enterprise, jobs and tourism for the future.

Cornwall Councillor Thomas advised that he had been involved in a number of individual case issues and had attended meetings of Cornwall Council committee's and also several planning training sessions. He advised that the resurfacing of Station Road would take place the following week confirming that he was in regular contact with the Highways Department and Cormac and was aware of the budget limitations that they were working within. Councillor Thomas confirmed that he had championed the staged improvements in the CAST building on Penrose Road to Cornwall Council Cabinet members and officers. Councillor Thomas advised that he was engaged with two possible open space developments

and was keen to involve Green Infrastructure for Growth. He confirmed that he was pleased that Cornwall Council had devolved the maintenance of St Michaels Churchyard to Helston Town Council. Councillor Thomas confirmed that he continued to be concerned about traffic and pedestrian safety and expressed the opinion that the warmer temperatures appeared to have led to an increase in speeding and hoped that the Community Network could obtain vehicle activated signs to alert drivers to their antisocial behaviour. Councillor Thomas further advised that he was booked on a tour with the project manager of the building site for the new school and would report back in September. Councillor Thomas then gave Members a brief outline of Cornwall Council's activities.

The Town Clerk advised that apologies had been received from Cornwall Councillor Wallis who had submitted a report to confirm that he was clarifying the new road layout for the development on Bulwark following concerns raised by residents.

83. Police Matters

The Mayor extended a welcome to WPC Butcher who responded to Members' concerns regarding anti-social behaviour in the town to advise that the recent issues had been isolated incidents and that she was not aware of individuals coming to the town from Penzance. In response to a question, she advised that she had not received any complaints regarding anti-social behaviour near Monument Walk expressing the opinion that there was potentially more people sleeping out with the hot weather but they would make sure the bylaw was enforced.

Councillor Williams thanked WPC Butcher for the advice she had given to an organisation holding a charity tractor run. Councillor Thomas thanked WPC Butcher for all she was doing for the town.

WPC Butcher cautioned people to be very careful with telephone calls advising not to allow remote access to PC's or to provide personal or financial details, advising that this crime was distressing as people felt duped but the perpetrators were very persistent and anyone could be deceived.

84. Public Participation

A member of the public advised that his wife wished to express her congratulations to the people who had tidied the pavement near Pine Close and he queried why Cornwall Council could not clean the Fairground Car Park expressing the opinion that the lower end was in a poor condition.

85. Minutes

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 21st June 2018 be approved and signed as a true record.

Councillor Mrs Geer abstained from the vote as she had not been present at the meeting.

86. Minutes of the Planning Committee

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 21st June and 5th July 2018, be received.

87. Minutes of the Policy, Finance & Resources Committee

The Town Clerk reminded Members that the Minutes contained a recommendation to amend Standing Orders (Circulated prior to the meeting). On the proposition of Councillor Grattan-Kane, seconded by Councillor R J L Boase, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Policy, Finance & Resources Committee meeting held on the 10th July 2018, be received and the recommendation approved.

88. Notes of the Youth Engagement Working Party

The Town Clerk advised that the Notes contained a recommendation that the Working Party be given delegated authority to spend the Youth Engagement budget. On the proposition of Councillor Grattan-Kane, seconded by Councillor R J L Boase, it was

RESOLVED – that the Notes of the Youth Engagement Working Party meeting held on the 5th July 2018, be received and the recommendation approved.

89. Announcements

The Town Clerk read a letter from Helston Brownies thanking the Council for their grant which had enabled them to purchase tents and circulated their thank you card. The Town Clerk further advised that Members information cards were included in their folders and reminded the Councillors that the officers personal contact details were confidential.

The Mayor thanked those who had attended and participated in his Civic Service with particular thanks to Councillor Reverend Reed for conducting the Service and his help with the preparation. The Mayor further congratulated Councillor Reverend Reed and his team of DIY SOS volunteers for their response to the appeal for the refurbishment of the Epworth Hall. He advised that he had attended several civic services over the past month and met with many other Mayors, confirming that together with the Mayoress he had taken every opportunity to promote Helston. The Mayor advised that he had attended the awards evening at Helston Community College, the Cottage Hospital Fete and Helston AFC's pre-season football match. The Mayor further advised that the Mayoress was arranging a Football Golf Tournament on 9th September at the Wheal Dream and was encouraging groups to participate. The Mayor then reminded those present that Helston Harvest Fair was taking place on 1st and 2nd September and 'Helston Makes It' launched on 8th September.

90. Remembrance Sunday 2018

The President of the Helston Branch of the Royal British Legion advised that he was also the Commander at RNAS Culdrose so he had involvement in both organisations. He confirmed that in previous years RNAS Culdrose had held its Remembrance Service in the morning whilst the Royal British Legion (Helston Branch) arranged theirs for the afternoon. He confirmed that the Royal British Legion (Helston Branch) was suggesting, particularly as 2018 was the centenary of the end of WWI and the Sunday fell on Armistice Day, that the two services be combined. It was proposed to hold one event centred around 11am at the Garden of Remembrance with an open air service would mean that when the nation fell silent at 11am Helston would join them. The Town Clerk read an e-mail from the Secretary of the WW1

Heritage Project which raised several questions with the proposed event but supported the combination of the two services. In response to Members questions the President of Helston RBL advised that there would still be a religious element to the service and wreaths would be laid in the Garden of Remembrance. Several Members expressed concern that there would be no service at the War Memorial in St Michaels Church Yard and that no wreaths would be laid there whilst other Members expressed the view that a wreath could still be laid at the War Memorial but believed this was a detail that could be resolved during the planning of the Service.

Following a detailed debate it was proposed by Councillor Potter, seconded by the Mayor, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Council supported the Royal British Legion (Helston Branch) letter and put its weight behind the combining of the Remembrance Services.

The President of the Royal British Legion (Helston Branch) thanked the Town Councillors for their views and support.

91. Report of the Projects Officer

The Projects Officer updated Members on his report (circulated prior to the meeting) to advise that the Heritage Trail leaflet design was due to be completed the following week and once finalised he would obtain quotations for the printing. He also confirmed that the updates to the information boards had been ordered. The Projects Officer advised that the decorative panels on the Monument Shelter had been removed to allow works to be carried out and were due to be reinstalled the following Monday.

The Mayor thanked the Projects Officer for his efforts.

92. Report of the Town Clerk

(1) Traffic Regulation Order

This item was noted.

(2) Proceeds of Sale – 3 Penrose Road

The Town Clerk updated Members on the meeting with advisors to the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government to confirm that a video conference call was not suitable for the first discussion. Councillors Potter and Grattan-Kane volunteered to accompany the Town Clerk to the meeting. On the proposition of Councillor Mrs Geer, seconded by Councillor Thomas, it was

RESOLVED – that Councillor Potter, Councillor Grattan-Kane and the Town Clerk attend the meeting with advisors to the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government.

(3) Christmas Lights

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

RESOLVED – that the Town Council authorised expenditure up to the £6,000 Christmas Lights budget for the programmed stress testing and lighting displays.

Councillor Mrs Geer declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting at 8.28pm.

(4) Furry Youth Café

Councillor Thomas advised that he was a Corporate Director of the Furry Youth Café CIC representing Helston Town Council and it was recorded on his Register of Interests.

Ms Caldwell, volunteer Director of the Furry Youth Café CIC, outlined the formation of the youth café following a need for a place for young people to go. She advised that the demand for the Furry Youth Café had increased over the years and they wished to add a third night for a different age group so they did not have to turn young people away. Ms Caldwell advised that they had not asked Helston Town Council for funding until that point but had used up most other sources and were now requesting £9,000 from the Council on an annual basis. In response to a question the Town Clerk advised that any award of funding for 2018/19 would have to be met from General Reserves. Following a brief debate it was proposed by Councillor Potter, seconded by Councillor R J L Boase, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Town Council award £6,000 to the Furry Youth Café for the current financial year and that the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee budget for future years.

Councillor Mrs Geer re-entered the meeting at 8.45pm.

93. Schedule of Accounts for Payment

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

RESOLVED – that Account Nos. 215-263 inclusive as listed and set out as an Appendix to these Minutes, be certified for payment in the total sum of £25,632.13.

94. 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 8.48pm

Confirmed

Town Mayor