

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON
ON THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY 2020 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

Rev. D P Reed
M J Kenchington

Officers: Miss P J Lavelle (Deputy Town Clerk)
Mr M Searle (Projects Officer)
Ms J A Heath (Administrative Assistant)

264. Prayers

The Meeting opened with Prayers offered by Councillor Reverend Reed.

265. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillor Edgumbe and the Town Clerk.

266. Reports from Local Cornwall Councillors

Cornwall Councillor Martin advised that, together with Cornwall Councillor Thomas, he was attending a meeting regarding economic growth and development with Senior Cornwall Councillors the following week during which a case would be presented for support and funding in Helston. Councillor Martin also advised that he had attended meetings regarding licensing and West Cornwall planning issues.

Cornwall Councillor Thomas reported on the following items:

- He would be attending a meeting with a GLL representative to lobby for improved facilities and extended hours at Helston Sports Centre;
- He would be attending a meeting with Division Members in February to discuss improvements to the B3297 to address speed limits, settlement recognitions and widening of key areas;
- He had been involved in negotiations with Western Power Distribution regarding lighting outages on the Redruth Road and Gwealdues Estate during the Christmas holiday period and was grateful for the help of officers at Cornwall Council and Western Power Distribution;
- Cornwall Council would have plans in place by early summer to develop ways of managing climate change and carbon reduction;
- The budget had been approved by Cabinet with a net increase in spending for climate change related action and Cornwall Council continued to lobby Central Government for a fairer funding review;
- Officers were preparing for Stage 3 of the Community Governance Review with details of future meetings to be announced in the near future;
- The new waste contract with Biffa had been announced and unfortunately the planned additional weekly recycling collection was not possible, but the food waste initiative would be proceeding;

- Public consultations had taken place on a range of issues including Fire Service response times; and
- The next Cornwall Council Full Council meeting would be taking place on 21st January when members would be considering the encouragement of farmers to vaccinate badgers rather than to cull.

The Mayor advised that a report had not been received from Cornwall Councillor Wallis.

267. Public Participation

A member of the public informed Members of ongoing anti-social behaviour problems he was currently experiencing as a resident of Helston. He advised that the police had been informed and that the Crime Prevention Officer had actively responded.

The Councillors thanked the member of public for bringing this matter to their attention and expressed concern and regret that such anti-social behaviour was occurring in Helston. Councillor Thomas requested an item regarding CCTV coverage in the town on the Agenda for the following Full Council meeting.

268. Minutes

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 19th December 2019 be approved and signed as a true record.

Councillor Reverend Reed abstained from the vote as he had not been present at the meeting.

269. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Reverend Reed advised that he had contacted the Flora Day Association to discuss the situation regarding additional decorations on Flora Day to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. He advised that they were happy for the addition of Union flags around the Guildhall and the Royal British Legion had offered to match fund the amount pledged by the Town Council for VE Day decorations.

270. Minutes of the Planning Committee

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 19th December 2019 and 2nd January 2020, be received.

271. Minutes of the Policy, Finance & Resources Committee

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

RESOLVED – that the amendment to Standing Order 1.11 recommended in Min. No. 261/2019 that, ‘*A person shall ... at Full Council have the choice of standing or remaining seated when speaking*’, be called in for further discussion at the next Full Council Meeting.

It was then proposed by Councillor Mrs Boase, seconded by Councillor Kenchington, and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on the 7th January 2020, be received and the recommendation for Standing Order 36 be accepted.

272. Announcements

The Mayor advised that his recovery following his hip operation was going well and confirmed that he had been able to take part in the parade for Marazion Civic Service. The Mayor informed Members that he was meeting with Derek Thomas MP on Friday 21st February 2020 and requested that Councillors email him with any issues prior to the meeting. Councillor Potter asked if the whole council would be able to attend on an occasional basis. The Mayor was in favour of this but advised that this could be difficult for all to attend as the meetings were held during the day.

273. Report on the Helston Climate Action Group (HCAG)

Councillor Potter promoted Helston Climate Action Group's Action Plan, which had been produced by the hard work of key members. The group now supported by over 50 volunteers. Councillor Potter urged his fellow Councillors to undertake the 10 pledges contained within the plan to inspire others through example and to share their achievements at future meetings. Councillor Potter then encouraged those present to promote the HCAG drop-in sessions which were held in the Guildhall every Monday between 6-8pm.

Councillor Potter then updated Members on the group's latest activities to advise:

- Helston Town Council and HCAG were preparing the submission of a bid for grant funding to complete a feasibility study into a Community Energy Project covering Helston and the local area, including the Lizard which could potentially involve the use of solar PV, wind energy and biomass;
- Inaugural meeting of the Incredible Edible project had taken place;
- HCAG had attended the Volunteer Groups Event organised by Derek Thomas MP at Helston Bowling Club during the morning of Saturday 25th January to publicise their projects and recruit new members;
- Applications had been made to the Cornwall Councillors Community Chest fund to support the Incredible Edible project and the Forest for Helston;
- HCAG had been invited to have a seat on the Town Council's Projects Group to provide comment on projects from an ecological and climate perspective;
- HCAG had been offered a two-page spread in the Discover Helston magazine (Easter edition) to publicise a Climate-specific Visitor Charter for Helston; and
- The Repair Café had been asked by Cornwall Council to join their newly established Cornwall Repair Café Network.

274. In Memory of Mr Frederick Angove

Councillor Grattan-Kane requested that Members consider planting a tree with a plaque in memory of Mr Frederick Angove. A detailed debate ensued during which the following suggestions were made:

- Plant a tree with a plaque;
- Provide a memorial bench with plaque near the family's home;
- Commission a painting of Mr Angove to be displayed at The Guildhall.

At the conclusion of the debate it was proposed by Councillor Grattan-Kane, seconded by the Mayor, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Council consider how to mark the passing of Mr Fred Angove, a much-valued servant of the Town Council, in an appropriate way subject to discussion with his family.

Councillor Reverend Reed requested an item be added to the Agenda for the next Full Council Meeting to consider how to remember people from Helston who had passed away and suggested a memorial book could be one method.

275. Report of the Projects Officer

The Projects Officer updated Members on his report (circulated prior to the meeting) to advise, in respect of the Monument Walk markets, that he had received limited response from traders to the evaluation questionnaire so he had extended the response deadline and would report to the following meeting.

Members then considered the distribution of the Heritage Trail leaflet and on the proposition of Councillor Reverend Reed, seconded by Councillor Grattan-Kane, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Council approved in-house distribution for marketing the Heritage Trail Leaflet in 2020 in combination with promoting the Trail to local schools.

Councillor Thomas thanked the Projects Officer for his report.

276. Report of the Town Clerk

(1) Off-Street Parking Places Order 2020/21

The Deputy Town Clerk informed Members of a meeting regarding the proposed changes to the Cornwall Council Off-Street Parking Order (circulated prior to the meeting). Councillor Thomas advised he would be attending, and Councillor Mrs Boase indicated that she also hoped to attend.

(2) Museum of Cornish Life

On the proposition of Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Reverend Reed, it was

RESOLVED – that the Town Council pay over the budgeted sum of £2,500 to the Museum of Cornish Life.

Councillors RJL Boase and Mrs Boase requested that their abstention from the vote be recorded.

277. Schedule of Accounts for Payment

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

RESOLVED – that Account Nos. 603-659 inclusive as listed and set out as an Appendix to these Minutes, be certified for payment in the total sum of £26,471.72.

278. Attendance at Meetings

The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that no reports had been received from Councillors on attendance at meetings. The Mayor encouraged Members to submit reports for future meetings.

279. 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 8.36pm

Confirmed

Town Mayor