

**CAMBORNE TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL 4TH DECEMBER 2014**

MINUTES of the meeting of Camborne Town Council held in Room GW03 (Ground Floor West 03), Cornwall Council One Stop Shop, Dolcoath Avenue, Camborne on Thursday 4th December 2014 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT Councillor C Godolphin Chairman
Councillor T Chalker Vice Chairman

Councillor M Brown
Councillor M Champion
Councillor J Chapman
Councillor A Crickett
Councillor T Dalley
Councillor Mrs V Dalley
Councillor Ms Z Fox
Councillor J E Gillingham
Councillor Ms J Merrick
Councillor S Odgers
Councillor Ms J Robinson
Councillor G Taylor
Councillor R Webber
Councillor R B White

In Attendance: Amanda Mugford, Town Clerk; Beverley Pascoe, Deputy Town Clerk; Melanie Negus, Administrative Assistant; Sean Carpenter, CRFC (until point mentioned)

The Chairman explained the safety procedures to all present.

C.3214 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

C.3214.2 RESOLVED: that the apologies from Councillor Everett for non-attendance at the meeting of the Full Council held on 4th December 2014 were received

Proposed by Councillor Ms Merrick
Seconded by Councillor Odgers

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.3215 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the past month he had attended the following events in his capacity as Mayor:

- Judging this year's Christmas Card for George Eustice MP
- The Annual Reunion & Remembrance Evening at the Conservative Club
- The Closing Sessions for Camborne Music Festival
- The High Sheriff of Cornwall Legal Service in Truro with the Town Clerk.

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C.3216 MEMBERS TO DECLARE DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON REGISTERABLE INTERESTS (INCLUDING THE DETAILS THEREOF) IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA INCLUDING ANY GIFTS OR HOSPITALITY EXCEEDING £25

There were no such declarations.

C.3217 TO APPROVE WRITTEN REQUEST(S) FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no such requests.

C.3218 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (subject to standing order 94 members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda, up to a maximum of fifteen minutes).

No member of the public wished to speak.

C.3219 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION OF A FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH FROM CAMBORNE RFC

Mr Sean Carpenter from Camborne Rugby Football Club presented the Mayor with a framed photograph on behalf of the Under 15s. The photograph showed their new kit which was part funded by a grant from Camborne Town Council.

C.3220 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON THE 13TH NOVEMBER 2014 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

C.3220.2 RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on the 13th November 2014 were received, approved and signed by the Chairman

Proposed by Councillor Godolphin
Seconded by Councillor Chalker

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a majority vote.

C.3221 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

i) Planning Committee 10th November 2014

C.3221.2 RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 10th November 2014 be received

Proposed by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Ms Robinson

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On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

ii) Planning Committee 24th November 2014

C.3221.3 RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 24th November 2014 be received

Proposed by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Chalker

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

iii) Amenities Committee 20th November 2014

C.3221.4 RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities committee held on the 20th November 2014 be received

Proposed by Councillor Ms Merrick
Seconded by Councillor Godolphin

On a vote being taken matter was approved unanimously.

iv) Consultation Working Party 24th November 2014

C.3221.5 RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Consultation Working Party held on the 24th November 2014 be received

Proposed by Councillor Webber
Seconded by Councillor Ms Merrick

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.3222 MATTERS ARISING, FOR INFORMATION ONLY, WHERE NOT INCLUDED BELOW

The Town Clerk informed members that a Christmas card had been received from Councillor Everett thanking the Council for the card it had sent when hearing he was unwell. He seemed in good spirits and hoped to be home in Cornwall soon.

Next Wednesday the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chairmen of the Programme Committees would be meeting with Cornwall Councillor Bert Biscoe to discuss the 2015 Parking Order.

Finally, as this was the last Full Council meeting before the Lantern Parade, any help from Councillors would be gratefully received.

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C.3223 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF WHICH PRIOR NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

There were no questions from members.

C.3224 TO CONSIDER THE INCLUSION OF STAKEHOLDER ORGANISATIONS DELIVERING COMMUNITY SERVICES IN THE BUDGET CONSULTATION AND AGREE APPROPRIATE ACTION

Councillor Fox said the proposal was to include Stakeholder and Community Groups in the pre-budget consultation. She had been approached by members of Community Groups who asked if they could be included in the consultation. She thought they would have valuable information to add to the survey. During discussion the following points were raised:

- What community groups, stakeholder organisations could be included
- The original proposal for the survey was for householders in the Camborne Parish to complete the survey
- The possibility that stakeholder responses could be kept separate
- To defer a decision for more information on which groups to include.

The Town Clerk said that due to the timescale, deferment was not an option. In view of the discussions Councillor Fox withdrew her proposition.

C.3225 TO APPROVE A MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR MS J MERRICK:

“TO RESCIND FULL COUNCIL MOTION C.2896.2 (DATED 14TH NOVEMBER 2013) ‘THAT A REQUEST FROM COUNCILLOR CRICKETT TO AUTOMATICALLY FORWARD HIS APOLOGIES FOR MEETINGS HE MAY BE UNABLE TO ATTEND DUE TO HEALTH REASONS THAT MAY STOP HIM FROM CONTACTING THE COUNCIL IN ADVANCE WAS APPROVED FOR THE DURATION OF THIS COUNCIL’

Councillor Ms Merrick invited Councillor Crickett to speak on her motion. Councillor Crickett explained that he had intended to have this resolution rescinded but had forgotten to contact the Council. Following his statement it was:

C.3225.2 RESOLVED: to rescind Full Council Motion C.2896.2 (dated 14th November 2013) ‘that a request from Councillor Crickett to automatically forward his apologies for meetings he may be unable to attend due to health reasons that may stop him from contacting the Council in advance was approved for the duration of this Council

Proposed by Councillor Ms Merrick
Seconded by Councillor Crickett

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

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C.3226 TO APPROVE A MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR G TAYLOR:

“TO RESCIND FULL COUNCIL RESOLUTION C.3167.2 ‘THAT THE TOWN CLERK DOES NOT ATTEND BID MEETINGS’ ON THE GROUNDS OF NEW INFORMATION RECEIVED IN THE REPORT FROM MR C ROLLEY ‘A ROOT AND BRANCH ORGANISATIONAL REVIEW FOR CAMBORNE TOWN COUNCIL’

Councillor Taylor said the motion was self-explanatory to allow Councillors to have further debate in the light of recommendation 18 of the Root and Branch Review.

C.3226.2 RESOLVED: **to rescind Full Council resolution C.3167.2 ‘that the Town Clerk does not attend BID meetings’ on the grounds of new information received in the report from Mr C Rolley ‘A Root and Branch organisational review for Camborne Town Council**

Proposed by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Webber

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

C.3227 TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION 18 OF THE ROOT AND BRANCH ORGANISATIONAL REVIEW OF CAMBORNE TOWN COUNCIL ‘THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL SHOULD RESUME FORMAL MEMBERSHIP ON THE BID CAMBORNE BOARD WITH THE TOWN CLERK ATTENDING FUTURE MEETINGS AND ELECTED MEMBERS SHOULD WORK ACTIVELY BOTH FORMALLY AND INFORMALLY WITH BOTH BID AND THE CAMBORNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN PROMOTING THE TOWN’S BUSINESS ECONOMY’ AND AGREE ACTION ACCORDINGLY

Members discussed this matter at length. Councillor Mrs Dalley said that at the Vision Day there was a broad agreement that the Council should work with BID Camborne and the Chamber of Commerce for the benefit of the Town. She was, however, concerned that BID Camborne had not adhered to the grant application policy whereby organisations receiving grant funding should acknowledge Camborne Town Council’s financial support in promotional material and on their website, if they have one. The Town Council had given a considerable grant to BID Camborne for the Switch-on and there was no mention of the Town Council in BID Camborne’s Christmas Lights Switch-on Programme.

Councillors were divided; some thought it important to adopt recommendation 18 while others disagreed. Councillor Webber said that Business Improvement Districts had to be renewed every five years by referendum of Town Businesses. The BID Camborne referendum was in 2017 and he thought the Council could be placed in a difficult position regarding the vote should the Town Clerk be on the BID Board. It was

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suggested that the Council explores further ways in which it could work more closely with BID Camborne and invite them to give a presentation to the Council. Following this discussion it was:

C.3227.2 RESOLVED AS A SUBSTANTIVE MOTION:

that Camborne Town Council should work actively with BID Camborne and the Chamber of Commerce in promoting the Town Business Economy and invite BID Camborne to a meeting of the Full Council to give a presentation on how they operate and the work they do

Proposed by Councillor Ms Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Chalker

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

A motion proposed by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Ms Merrick to approve recommendation 18 of the Root and Branch Review 'that the Town Council should resume formal membership on the BID Camborne board with the Town Clerk attending future meetings and elected members should work actively both formally and informally with both BID and The Camborne Chamber of Commerce in promoting the town's business economy' was defeated by the Substantive Motion.

C.3228 TO APPROVE A MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR A CRICKETT:

'TO FULLY SUPPORT ST MICHAELS HOSPITAL IN HAYLE AND OPPOSE ANY PRIVATISATION OF SERVICES AT ST MICHAELS AND ANY EFFORT TO CLOSE IT. THE COUNCIL ALSO RESOLVES TO WRITE TO NEIGHBOURING TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS TO SUPPORT THIS. THE COUNCIL ALSO RESOLVES TO WRITE TO AND INVITE GP'S IN THE PARISH TO ATTEND A MEETING WITH A VIEW TO GETTING MORE REFERRALS TO ST MICHAELS'

Councillor Crickett said that, five years ago, petitions were signed and 30,000 people marched to stop the closure of St Michaels Hospital. There seemed to be a policy of non-referrals to St Michaels to make it easier to close if it could be shown to be underused. Members discussed Councillor Crickett's motion at some length. Points raised included the Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group (KCCG) criteria for referring patients to St Michaels; statements from the RCHT, the MP, Mr Boswell, Joy Youart and others that there were no plans to close St Michaels; the excellent care at St Michaels; people not being offered St Michaels for their treatment; legal rules that the Commissioning Group had to abide by and the closure of Poltair Hospital following assurances that Poltair would not close

C.3228.2 RESOLVED:

to fully support St Michaels Hospital in Hayle and oppose any privatisation of services at St Michaels and any effort to close it. The council also resolves to

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write to neighbouring town and parish councils to support this. The Council also resolves to write to and invite GP's in the parish to attend a meeting with a view to getting more referrals to St Michaels

Proposed by Councillor A Crickett
Seconded by Councillor M Champion

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a majority vote

An amendment moved by Councillor Odgers, seconded by Councillor Taylor, to fully support St Michaels Hospital in Hayle and oppose any privatisation of services at St Michaels and any effort to close it; to write to the Chief Executive of Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group (KCCG) Ms Joy Youart in support of its criteria for sending patients to St Michaels Hospital; was defeated by the proposition.

A further amendment proposed by Councillor Godolphin, seconded by Councillor White to fully support St Michaels Hospital in Hayle and oppose any privatisation of services at St Michaels and any effort to close it; was defeated by the proposition.

C.3229 TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM THE CAMBORNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CAMBORNE REGENERATION FORUM AND BID CAMBORNE REGARDING GURNEYS LANE TOILETS AND AGREE ANY ACTION (C.3138.2)

A draft response from Councillor Ms Robinson to the letter received from the above mentioned organisations was circulated at the meeting. It explained the reasons for the Town Council not taking on the toilets in Gurneys Lane and a wish that the Town Council explore community toilets as a way forward. Councillor Merrick asked whether a response should be deferred until after the results of the consultation. Councillor Godolphin commented that other Towns were finding the toilets extremely expensive to maintain. Following further discussion it was:

C.3229.2 RESOLVED: to receive the letter from the Chamber of Commerce, Camborne Regeneration Forum and BID Camborne regarding Gurneys Lane Toilets and write back using the draft response circulated at the meeting explaining the decision made by this Council and its wish to explore the provision of community toilets by working with businesses in the Town

Proposed by Councillor Ms J Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Mrs V Dalley

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

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C.3230 TO APPROVE A GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE POLICY FOR CAMBORNE TOWN COUNCIL (C.3215.34)

C.3230.2 RESOLVED: to approve the grievance procedure policy for Camborne Town Council

Proposed by Councillor Ms Fox
Seconded by Councillor Ms Robinson

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

C.3231 TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CAMBORNE POOL REDRUTH COMMUNITY NETWORK PANEL

C.3231.2 RESOLVED: to appoint Councillor Ms Fox as the Town Council Representative to the Camborne Pool Redruth Community Network Panel

Proposed by Councillor Ms Merrick
Seconded by Councillor Gillingham

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 pm.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.....

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