

Meeting Minutes

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MINUTES:

of the meeting of Camborne Town Council held in The Council Chamber, Passmore Edwards Building, The Cross, Cross Street, Camborne, TR14 8HA on Thursday 7th December 2023 at 6.30pm

PRESENT:

Councillor Z Fox	Chairman
Councillor J Ball	Vice Chairman
Councillor D Atherfold	
Councillor J Cosgrove	
Councillor V Dalley	
Councillor C Godolphin	
Councillor C Lawrence	
Councillor L McDonald	
Councillor N Miles	
Councillor P Mills	
Councillor D Ragan	
Councillor R Tal-E-Bot	
Councillor R Weatherburn	
Councillor M Williams	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Samantha Hughes, Town Clerk; Dave Garwood, Amenities & Projects Officer and Deputy Proper Officer; Steve Cantrell, Communications & Engagement Manager; Peter Marsh, Head of Service Cornwall Council; Seargent Murrey Styles, Devon & Cornwall Police; and three members of the public.

C.5992 SAFETY PROCEDURES

The Chairman explained the safety procedures to all present.

C.5993 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

C.5993.2 RESOLVED: that the apologies from Councillors R Congdon, N Heather, J Morgan, and S Weedon, for non-attendance of the Full Council Meeting held on 7th December 2023, were received

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor J Ball

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.5994 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

Councillors Ball, Cosgrove, Dalley & Fox declared interests in Agenda items 24 and 25 as they were members of the Town Deal board, and Councillor V Dalley declared a further interest in Agenda item 26 as she was on the Board of Trustees of the Community Centre.

C.5995 TO APPROVE WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Written requests for dispensations were in place for Councillors Ball, Cosgrove, Dalley and Fox

C.5995.2 RESOLVED: that the written requests for dispensations in place for Councillors Ball, Cosgrove, Dalley and Fox, were noted

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor L McDonald

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.5996 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that she had attended:

- 11th November – Kehelland feast.
- 12th November – Truro Remembrance Service.
- 12th November – Camborne Remembrance Service.
- 13th November – Guides Parliament Week.
- 15th November – Opening of Camborne Music Festival.
- 18th November – Closing of Camborne Music Festival.
- 19th November – High Sheriff, State Divine Service.
- 21st November – Camborne School Assembly.
- 24th November – Lantern Parade.
- Redruth Christmas Lights turn-on.

She reminded members of the informal planning meeting on 11th December at 1.10 pm.

C.5997 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE HELD ON 9TH NOVEMBER 2023 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

C.5997.2 RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting of Full Council held on 9th November 2023, were received, approved, and signed by the Chairman

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor L McDonald

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously by those entitled to vote.

- C.5998** **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETING:**
- i) PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 7TH NOVEMBER 2023**
 - ii) FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE 23RD NOVEMBER 2023**
 - ii) AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING 16TH NOVEMBER 2023**

C.5998.2 **RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting on 7th November 2023, Finance & Development Committee on 23rd November 2023, and the Amenities Committee 16th November, were received**

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor P Mills

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

- C.5999** **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING:**
- i) Street Naming Working Party 7th November 2023**
 - ii) Cornish Language Working Party 7th November 2023**
 - iii) Large Projects Working Party 8th November 2023**
 - iv) Large Projects Working Party Redacted 8th November 2023**
 - iii) Strategic budget Working Party 8th November 2023**

C.5999.2 **RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Street Naming working Party 7th November 2023, Cornish Language Working Party 7th November 2023, Large Projects Working Party 8th November 2023, Large Projects Working Party Redacted 8th November 2023, and Strategic Budget Working Party 8th November 2023, were received**

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor V Dalley

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

- C.6000** **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND NOTES OF MEETINGS OF OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS:**
- I) SAFER CAMBORNE & REDRUTH 9TH OCTOBER 2023**
 - II) TREVITHICK DAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2023**
 - III) CPIRHGGMV CAP 11TH OCTOBER 2023**

C.6000.2 **RESOLVED: that the Minutes and Notes of meetings of, Safer Camborne & Redruth 9th October 2023, Trevithick Day 20th November 2023, CPIRHGGMV CAP 11th October 2023, were received**

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor J Ball

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6001 MATTERS ARISING, FOR INFORMATION ONLY, WHERE NOT INCLUDED BELOW

There were no matters arising.

C.6002 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE FROM SERGEANT MURRAY STYLES FROM DEVON AND CORNWALL CONSTABULARY AND AGREE ACTION

Sergeant Styles reported that Inspector Hick would be leaving Camborne and was being replaced by Inspector Louisa Brown. There had been a shoplifting operation which led to several arrests. ASB was still not being reported enough by the public, and he asked that more people report. Councillor Ball congratulated the Police on the improvement regarding antisocial incidents in the town square; but reported that rough sleepers in the town were turning to begging, he asked that this be reported back. Sergeant Styles asked that these incidents be reported and suggested that people contact Streetlink, but if there were threatening or aggressive incidents to call 999 or 101, with time, date, place.

Councillor Fox questioned the lack of communication with the Town Council in the interest of public safety, regarding the armed incident before Lantern Parade. Sergeant Styles stated that all resources had been diverted, and that it could have caused panic if the public had been informed. Councillor Fox requested better communications between the Police and Town Council going forward.

The Chairman took the next two agenda items together.

C.6003 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SUBJECT TO STANDING ORDER 3e 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)

**RECEIVE GRANT APPLICATIONS, AND RFO CHECKLIST FOR:
i) TREVITHICK DAY COMMITTEE
ii) THE GUIDE CARWYNNENN CAMPSITE
AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE.**

The Chairman of the Trevithick Day Committee spoke in support of their grant application. He thanked the Town Council for previous years grants, and informed members that the event would not be possible without the Town Council's support. The increase in the amount requested was due to increases in costs.

Councillor Ball enquired where else the committee had applied to for funding for the event. Mr Brooks informed members that they had secured funding from: Cornish Metals and Cornwall Council last year and would be applying again.

Community Chest; and they would receive a payment from the Fairground.

It was noted that audited accounts had not been submitted, as was required under the Town Council's Grant Award Policy.

C.6003.2 **RESOLVED: that a grant of £12,000 be awarded to Trevithick Day, on receipt of the full audited accounts, was approved. The associated expenditure to be taken from the Community Events Grants budget, was authorised**

Proposed by Councillor C Godolphin
Seconded by Councillor D Atherfold

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

A representative of Carwynnenn Campsite informed members that there was a recent incident at the site that had required a defibrillator and they had not had one, they now had the opportunity to purchase one at half price, and that was part of the application. A lot of outside organisations use the site (at an affordable charge) and there were a lot of visitors to the nearby Carwynnenn Quoit; justifying the need for a defibrillator.

C.6003.3 **RESOLVED: that a grant of £1,850 be awarded to The Guide Carwynnenn Campsite, was approved, and the associated expenditure to be taken from the Community Grants budget, was authorised**

Proposed by Councillor D Atherfold
Seconded by Councillor P Mills

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

C.6004 **TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL ESTATES TRANSFORMATION TEAM REGARDING THE CORNWALL COUNCIL DOLCOATH OFFICES CLOSURE, AND AGREE ACTION**

Peter Marsh from Cornwall Council Estates Transformation Team provided a brief PowerPoint presentation and reported that the Dolcoath offices had become surplus to requirements and was due to be vacated in the spring of 2024. The staff were to be relocated to other Cornwall Council locations; Wheal Crofty, Tolvaddon, and Kresen Kernow.

Councillors voiced their frustration regarding the lack of consultation with the Town Council, and the general public, and their concern that the disadvantaged members of the parish would suffer as a consequence of Cornwall Council's decision to dispose of the Dolcoath offices.

C.6004.2 **RESOLVED: that a presentation from Cornwall Council Estates Transformation Team regarding the Cornwall Council Dolcoath Offices closure was received. That Peter Marsh be invited back to a future meeting, and that he be requested to forward the PowerPoint presentation to the Town Council for distribution to Councillors, was approved**

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor J Ball

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6005 **TO RECEIVE VERBAL OR WRITTEN UPDATES FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE THE LAST FULL COUNCIL AND AGREE ACTION**

Councillor Lawrence informed members that he had attended a meeting of the South Crofty Liaison Group, but did not have the report to submit; Councillor Fox requested that the report be submitted to the next Full Council meeting.

C.6005.2 **RESOLVED: that information from Councillor Lawrence on the South Crofty Liaison Group meeting, attended since the last Full Council meeting, was received**

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor D Atherfold

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6006 **TO RECEIVE WRITTEN OR VERBAL UPDATES FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLORS FOR THE PARISH AND AGREE ACTION**

There were no Cornwall Councillors present.

C.6007 **TO RECEIVE A REQUEST FROM THE TREVITHICK DAY COMMITTEE TO USE THE BASSET CENTRE CAR PARK ON TREVITHICK DAY, AND AGREE ACTION**

C.6007.2 **RESOLVED: that a request from the Trevithick Day Committee to use the Basset Centre Car Park on Trevithick Day 2024 be granted subject to the Town Council having taken ownership of the property or attaining permission from Cornwall Council, was approved**

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor L McDonald

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

C.6008 **TO RECEIVE A DRAFT REVISED CORNISH LANGUAGE POLICY AND AGREE ACTION**

C.6008.2 **RESOLVED: that a draft revised Cornish Language Policy was received, approved, and adopted**

Proposed by Councillor P Mills
Seconded by Councillor C Lawrence

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

C.6009 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE HIGHWAYS SCHEME EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND AGREE ACTION

Members were informed that the petition regarding issues at Kerrier Way had been rejected. Bilingual signs had been requested but Cornwall Council had decided against it due to size and cost of signs, however the signage for the railway crossings was going ahead.

C.6009.2 RESOLVED: that an update on the Highways Scheme expression of interest was received

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor J Ball

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6010 TO RECEIVE A DRAFT MAYORAL PROTOCOL AND ALLOWANCE POLICY FOR REVIEW AND AGREE ACTION

C.6010.2 RESOLVED: that a draft Mayoral Protocol and Allowance Policy was received and reviewed. An amendment in paragraph 6 with the removal of 'dignified' and replaced with 'appropriate', was approved and adopted

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor D Atherfold

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

C.6011 TO RECEIVE A REQUEST TO USE PARK GERRY AND AGREE ACTION

The Amenities Officer informed members that the mining survey report highlighted that the land had heavy metals and arsenic contamination, and that was not safe for sport use.

A lengthy discussion ensued, and that whilst the Councillors mostly supported Veor's use of the site in principle, the land contamination issue could not be ignored. The Town Clerk and Amenities Officer advised against the use of the site until such time as the land could be decontaminated. The Town Clerk further advised members that should they wish to grant permission that legal advice should be sought beforehand.

C.6011.2 RESOLVED: that a request to use Park Gerry was received, and that legal advice be sought regarding the land contamination and the use of the land for sport; was approved. A maximum budget of £1,000 for legal advice to be taken from budget 340/4630; was authorised

Proposed by Councillor D Atherfold
Seconded by Councillor C Lawrence

A Recorded Vote was taken.

Those in favour of the motion were: Councillors D Atherfold, J Ball, C Godolphin, L McDonald, P Mills, C Lawrence, D Ragan, R Tal-E-Bot, and, R Weatherburn.

Those against the motion were: Councillors V Dalley, J Cosgrove, and M Williams.

Abstentions were: Councillors Z Fox, and N Miles

C.6012 **THAT THE COUNCIL RESOLVES UNDER THE 1960 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED**

C.6012.2 **RESOLVED: that under the 1960 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act the press and public were excluded due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed**

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor L McDonald

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

The members of the public left the meeting.

C.6013 **TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE FROM THE TOWN CLERK REGARDING THE CCTV PROVISION AND AGREE ACTION**

A verbal update was made by the Town Clerk who advised that Cornwall Council were now looking at a centralised hub for the provision of CCTV at New County Hall, and that this was being costed currently, however they were also looking at the original plan as an alternative in case that didn't work out. They expressed concern at the time that it has taken to get to this point and that this could have been considered sooner.

C.6013.2 **RESOLVED: that a verbal update from the Town Clerk regarding the CCTV provision was received**

Proposed by Councillor P Mills
Seconded by Councillor C Lawrence

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

C.6014 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LARGE PROJECTS WORKING PARTY ON 29TH NOVEMBER 2023, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE**

The decision by the Large Projects Working Party to be reported to Full Council was:

RESOLVED: that the report on the temporary relocation of Camborne Library be received at the January meeting of Full Council; and all Councillors be invited to attend site visits at the Passmore Edwards Building, The Basset Centre, and the

Community Centre to help make an informed decision on the relocation; were approved

C.6014.2 **RESOLVED: that an update from the Large Projects Working Party on 29th November 2023, was received, and that arrangements be made for Councillors to visit the Passmore Edwards Building, the Library building, and the Community Centre annexes, to compare spaces; was approved**

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor C Godolphin

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

C.6014.3 **RESOLVED: to extend the meeting by fifteen minutes, was approved**

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor J Ball

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

C.6015 **TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE FROM THE AMENITIES & PROJECTS OFFICER AND DEPUTY PROPER OFFICER REGARDING TOWN DEAL PROJECTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LARGE PROJECTS WORKING PARTY ON 1ST DECEMBER 2023, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE**

The Amenities and Projects Officer and Deputy Proper Officer explained the rationale behind the changes to the scheme and updated plans.

C.6015.2 **RESOLVED: that the recommendation from the Large Projects Working Party that;**

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]; was received and approved

Proposed by Councillor C Godolphin
Seconded by Councillor D Atherfold

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6015.3 **RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Large Projects working Party,**

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was approved

Proposed by Councillor L McDonald
Seconded by Councillor P Mills

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6015.4 **RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Large Projects working Party, [REDACTED], was approved**

Proposed by Councillor C Godolphin
Seconded by Councillor D Atherfold

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6015.5 **RESOLVED: that the [REDACTED], was approved**

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor P Mills

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6015.6 **RESOLVED: to extend the meeting by a further fifteen minutes, was approved**

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor R Weatherburn

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

Having declared an interest in the next agenda item Councillor Dalley left the room.

C.6016 **TO RECEIVE A REQUEST TO USE SPACE IN THE PASSMORE EDWARDS BUILDING AND AGREE ACTION**

C.6016.2 **RESOLVED: that a request to use space in the Passmore Edwards Building be declined at this time, but the subject be revisited when a decision on the relocation of the Library Service had been made, was approved**

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor Z Fox

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

Councillor V Dalley re-entered the meeting.

C.6017 **TO RECEIVE A WRITTEN REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES & PROJECTS OFFICER AND DEPUTY PROPER OFFICER REGARDING THE DOLCOATH ENGINE HOUSE, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE AGREE ACTION**

C.6017.2 **RESOLVED: that Option 2: [REDACTED]**

[REDACTED] was authorised

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor J Ball

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.....

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