



Minutes – Full Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th April 2019 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Chyanhale, Ponsmere Valley, Perranporth, TR6 0DB

Present: Cllrs Arthur (Chair), Byfield, Crewes, Davies, Hill, Lawrence, Norrington, Rogers, White and Yeo,
In attendance: Cornwall Cllr Callan, Tatiana Cant (Parish Clerk) and 9 members of the public

Presentation: Cathryn Marcus from the Flood Forum provided a presentation on the importance of community flood resilience and the work of Cornwall Community Flood Forum funded by the Environment Agency. Perranporth is now identified as a high priority in Cornwall and the council was encouraged to put in place plans to work in partnership with relevant agencies to train flood wardens using a similar model as that developed successfully in many other Cornwall locations. Grants were available for equipment, PPE, signs, etc. It was also noted that any plans must involve close working with the Surf Life Saving Club and RNLI.

Public Participation – A member of the public reported on a recent social media comment relating to a resident telling young people at Bolenna Park that the space was reserved for toddlers only. It was confirmed that this space was intended for the use of children of all ages and people of all generations.

ACTION: Clarification information to be displayed on the Parish Council web site - Clerk

Reports from Cornwall Councillors – No reports were provided.

082/19/FC Apologies

No apologies had been received.

083/19/FC Declarations of interest and dispensations granted

There were no declarations of interest and no dispensations had been granted.

084/19/FC Chairman's Report

The Chairman confirmed that an election would take place for the 3 Parish Council vacancies in the Perranporth ward. The vacancy in the Goonhavern ward would be filled by co-option. It was not yet known if there would be an election for the vacancy in the Rose ward.

085/19/FC Minutes of the last Full Council meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 25th March were considered, and were accepted as a true and accurate record subject to clarification regarding confirmation of dates and arrangements for the Tunes in the Dunes and Bands in the Sands events.

086/19/FC Responses agreed by Planning Committee, 8th April 2019

The Committee Chairman reported the decisions agreed at the Planning Committee meeting earlier that evening and these were noted. Details available in the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting.

087/19/FC Reports from group meetings

The Council's committee structure had been suspended in order to establish a new structure from May onwards. In the short term however there had been a requirement for operational purposes to arrange ad hoc meetings to progress

important items. It was reported that recently at such a projects meeting on 2nd April, a number of items had been taken forward including designs for beach signage and improving the noticeboards. A simple policy was required to clarify usage guidance for the council noticeboards.

ACTION: Create noticeboard usage policy for approval - Clerk

088/19/FC Reports from members attending meetings of outside bodies

Cllr White relayed a request from the St Piran's Trust for permission to use the Parish Council offices from 4-6pm on 7th July to provide tea and coffee as part of a public event they were planning to host. No objections were raised by members.

Cllr White reported that the group which was in the process of recruiting a Community Navigator post was making progress with defining the role and advertising. The Parish Council had recently agreed to support this work with a £500 grant and Cllr White would continue to liaise with the group.

In response to a query regarding the erection of a bench next to the Inner Green, the Clerk explained that she had with Cllr Lawrence negotiated arrangements with Age Concern and the nearby shop owner to ensure that the area was suitably returned, and the appropriate size and style of bench would be ordered via the Parish Council office.

Cllr Crewes reported that he had attended a Cornwall Council Library Partnership conference with Cllr Rogers, the Clerk and Mrs Higgins and that the event had been extremely useful and that it had been interesting and valuable to network with other communities involved in the library devolution process.

Cllr Byfield reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the Garden Trustees and that there was potential support from this group to help the library by setting up a 'Friends of Perranporth Library' group. It was noted that this model had been set up in other towns and villages in Cornwall and had proved very useful particularly in regard to applying for charitable trust funding.

ACTION: Express thanks to the Garden Trustees and offer to meet in due course to consider setting up a Friends group.

089/19/FC Expenditure in March 2019

A schedule of payments for March 2019 was approved with the exception of payment for the emptying of dog bins on the beach which would be further considered by the Beach Group.

090/19/FC Financial Management Accounts

A Year to Date report had been requested for this meeting from the accountant for consideration by members. This had been received only one hour before the meeting and there had been no opportunity to format the lengthy document to make the information accessible. The Clerk expressed her dissatisfaction and apologised for the unsatisfactory reporting. It was noted that the new financial software would be installed early in the new financial year and that regular monthly reporting would soon be standard practice.

091/19/FC Adoption of Council policies

Members considered and unanimously agreed to adopt the Communications Policy.

Members considered and unanimously agreed to adopt the Social Media Policy.

Members considered the revised Standing Orders which were based on 2018 NALC revisions and further CALC amendments. This document would be considered in detail at the next meeting for approval.

092/19/FC Update on library devolution

Plans continued to progress well for the transfer of the library from Cornwall Council to the Parish Council in June. Discussions were ongoing regarding the lease and staffing arrangements and it was expected that these would conclude satisfactorily in the near future.

It was unanimously agreed that the Library Working Group would comprise: Cllrs Arthur (as current Chairman), Crewes, Rogers and Yeo and the Clerk.

093/19/FC Update on 8 Boscawen Road

The Working Group had met with the 3 shortlisted local architects who had provided concept ideas on a pro bono basis for the development of the site. The decision of the group was to continue to explore the proposals submitted by 2 of these firms and to supply the group's comments and feedback in order to give them the opportunity to revise their proposals and meet again with the Working Group. It would then be clear whether the Group was in a position to recommend either one or both of the designs to Full Council for consideration.

094/19/FC Bolenna Park Action Group

Cllr Lawrence reported that two meetings had now been held and considerable progress had been made, and the group had agreed their constitution and committee membership. The proposed designs presented to Council were approved. Another meeting was scheduled for 1st May when it was expected that the group would have received three quotes for works which they would be able to discuss. Input had been sought from school children.

It was agreed by council members that the goal posts in the park for 5-a-side games could now be reinstated. A basketball hoop which had been donated had been considered not to be as sturdy as the existing installation.

095/19/FC Cornwall Council consultation on polling places

Members considered the existing polling places in the Parish and were content with their location. Members agreed unanimously that no changes were required.

096/19/FC Items of Correspondence from the Clerk

Members noted the March 2019 newsletter from the Friends of St Piran's Churchyard and expressed their thanks for the hard work undertaken by this group to maintain and improve the space for the enjoyment of all parishioners.

ACTION: Write to the Friends of St Piran's Churchyard to thank them for their work - Clerk

097/19/FC Date of the Next Meeting

Members NOTED the date of the next meeting: Monday 29th April 2019.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.28hrs.

Signed

Date: 29th April 2019