



Minutes – Full Council

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Monday 10th August 2020 at 6pm. This was an online virtual meeting.

Present: Cllrs Arthur (Chair), Boston, Bowers, Byfield, Davies, Gaisford, Higgins, Lawrence, Norrington, Rogers, Silvey, Trevethan, White and Yeo

In attendance: Tatiana Cant (Parish Clerk), Rebecca Harrod (Finance Officer)

Public Participation – There were no members of the public present

Comments from Cornwall Councillors – There were no Cornwall Councillors present.

071/20/FC Apologies

No apologies had been received.

072/20/FC Declarations of interest on items on the agenda and any dispensations granted

None

073/20/FC Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed members to the Full Council meeting.

074/20/FC Update on police and crime matters

There had been a considerable amount of disorder and some assaults which were being investigated by the police with reference to CCTV footage. Domestic incidents were high. Anti-social issues had risen significantly across the nation. The presence of the street marshals was welcomed. They acted as a deterrent as well as intervening where necessary to prevent harm.

075/20/FC Financial Management Report

Due to IT difficulties, it had not been possible to access the financial records in order to generate the report. This would be taken to the next meeting.

076/20/FC Update on council services and facilities

Car Park: The Finance Officer reported that the new parking machines had been commissioned that morning and a meeting held with Cornwall Council Enforcement to clarify arrangements. It was AGREED to commission the parking signage to ensure an early installation date.

Library: The library reopening arrangements were working well and residents were grateful for the opportunity to borrow books again. The next step, when the library would be opened on a restricted basis allowing limited browsing would comprise Phase 2. No date had yet been agreed with Cornwall Libraries to implement this although it was likely to be in September.

Toilets: The toilets at Droskyn were now fully operational and being cleaned twice a day and also with a weekly ozone treatment. There had been problems at Goonhavern toilets with soap and sanitizer dispensers being abused. Replacement was underway with more robust appliances.

077/20/FC Reports from committees and working groups

Inner Green: A meeting of the working group had been scheduled for later in the week.

Skate Park: Members of the working group were engaging with the Planning Officer and consultees regarding comments that had been submitted in relation to the planning application. Cherilyn Mackrory, MP on a recent visit to the parish had expressed her interest in the project.

Highways sub-committee

Cllr Yeo reported that an inaugural meeting of this group would shortly be convened. No further Expressions of Interest for Highways projects had been submitted to him.

Community Network Panel: Cllr Yeo reported that the Redruth area CNP was making good progress with their Climate Change initiatives and suggested that the council's work be resumed at the earliest opportunity.

Public Spaces: Table tennis bases had been installed on this day in Bolenna and Goonhavern parks.

Allotments: Cllr Rogers reported that an Ecology Survey was now required on the identified potential site. It was AGREED to proceed with the survey at a cost of £300.

078/20/FC Handyperson Role

Cllr Bowers reported that he had investigated options and consulted St Agnes Parish Council regarding the employment of a handyperson to carry out practical works around the parish. A number of issues were raised including the possible use of our council vehicle and financial constraints at this time. It was AGREED to prepare a costed proposal containing options for consideration initially by the Staffing Committee.

079/20/FC Reopening of the office

Officers had been working from the office as needed to access relevant files and printing facilities. Members expressed a wish for the office to be manned on a more permanent basis. The Clerk reminded members that all officers had been working from home and that a return to office working would need to be in line with other parish/town councils and Cornwall Council and subject to satisfactory risk assessments and protocols particularly as the kitchen was a shared space with the police. There were limited advantages in officially reopening and the office would not be open to the public. It was nevertheless recognized that some return towards normality would be beneficial and it was AGREED that the Clerk would work on a plan for a phased return in line with current guidance.

080/20/FC Governance arrangements

Several members felt that the council's Emergency Group should now be disbanded and that the council should revert to normal Standing Orders. It was AGREED to disband the Emergency Group. *[Subsequently it was noted that the Covid Standing Orders as drafted by CALC included the ability to hold virtual meetings and this was still required. The Clerk would draft a further version to suit the needs of the Council]*

081/20/FC Items of correspondence from the Clerk

None

082/20/FC Date of the Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting would take place on Monday 7th September 2020, and the Finance & Operations meeting would now be held on Monday 14th September.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8pm.

Signed

Date: 7th September 2020