



Minutes – Full Council

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on Monday 19th April 2021 at 6pm

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

In attendance: Tatiana Cant (Parish Clerk)

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

Comments from Cornwall Councillors

There were no Cornwall Councillors present.

041/21/FC Apologies

No apologies had been received.

042/21/FC Declarations of interest on items on the agenda and any dispensations granted

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

043/21/FC Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2021 were agreed as a true record.

044/21/FC Chairman's Report

The Chairman acknowledged the sad passing of Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. The council had shown its respects and the Vice Chair and Clerk had attended the Service.

Congratulations were expressed to all returning elected councillors and it was hoped that the following term would be productive and enjoyable. The Chairman thanked Cllr Davies who had not stood for election for his time serving the council and in particular for the hard work and expertise he brought to the Planning Committee.

Street violence over the weekend had been particularly concerning and would be discussed during the meeting.

045/21/FC Update on police and crime matters

There had been several violent incidents over the weekend leading to injury and arrests. A meeting of the multi-agency Perran Safe group had taken place the previous week leading to recommendations for approval at this meeting.

046/21/FC Marshal and security arrangements for the summer

Cllr Bowers summarised the arrangements made in haste the previous year which had been largely successful. The previous funding provided by the OPCC which covered all costs was not available this year. Cornwall Council officers were investigating other possible sources of funding but members felt that arrangements should be put in place without delay. Coast2Coast could provide 2 street marshals on 5 hour

shifts at a cost of £160/night. Hours could be altered to reflect changes in national guidance and the route could be flexible and defined by the council. Weekly incident reports would again be in place and these were automatically passed to the police which helped to provide evidence of the requirement for police presence in Perranporth. Perran Safe and some of the pubs might be prepared to make a contribution to the costs.

It was AGREED to employ street marshals via Coast2Coast from Friday 23rd April for 3 nights/week to include Friday and Saturday and to have one flexible day. The initial budget to be £10,000. PJI Security would patrol the dunes and Droskyn as in previous years 4 nights per week concentrating on the weekends. The cost of patrols was the same as last year: £35.00 plus VAT.

047/21/FC BT Phone Box Consultation

A request had been received for a response to a BT Phone Box consultation relating to 2 phone boxes located in Goonhavern and Fuller Road, Perranporth. The council had responded to a similar consultation approximately 2 years ago relating to boxes in the same locations and had requested that these not be removed. After consideration members AGREED that the council's position was unchanged and to respond accordingly to ask that these be kept.

048/21/FC Roadside LED sign

Cllr Gaisford had approached 4 companies to obtain quotes to hire an LED sign to be positioned on the approach to Perranporth in a layby on Budnic Hill to provide messaging to visitors to alleviate queuing. Messages could be altered during the day to draw attention to current issues such as parking, beach safety and Covid-safety. Serious health and safety concerns were raised relating to access during times of congestion for emergency vehicles. A meeting was scheduled for later in the week with Cormac to establish if the position would be suitable. Only one quote had been received.

It was AGREED to hire LED signage at a cost of £1,000 per month for July and August and for this to be placed in the layby on Budnic Hill. If this location were not considered suitable, the signage towards the overflow car park to be enhanced.

049/21/FC Reports from Working Groups and Representatives on Outside Groups

Tennis Club: No meetings had taken place. Players were now able to use the courts again.

Surf Club: Activities had resumed again outside the club house.

Gardens Charities: It was hoped that the normal cycle of meetings would soon be resumed.

Memorial Hall: The Memorial Hall remained closed and would be holding their annual meeting later in the summer. The Council would hold their Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in the Memorial Hall in May in line with national guidance and in order to maintain social distancing.

St. Piran's Trust: There was no update.

Tree Warden: The previous tree report had provided detailed information on the health of trees falling under the responsibility of the council, and works needed had been categorized. Works required in the most urgent category had been carried out at the time but those in lower categories had now become more urgent. An updated tree report had been commissioned and the survey work would be carried out as quickly as possible.

Perranporth School: Children had returned to school. A planning application had been submitted for a new building.

Goonhavern School: There were no issues of concern.

Community Network Panel: A final meeting would be scheduled before the May elections to thank parish councils for their input over the last 4 years. After the election there would be some reorganization to reflect the new wards.

Neighbourhood Development Plan: It was expected that all the draft documents would be ready as agreed by May.

Highways Group: The group would be reconvened in the new term and membership agreed. There would also then be more opportunity to meet and consult the public.

050/21/FC Exclusion of press and public

It was agreed to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the matters discussed.

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051/21/FC Watering Hole request and summer operational arrangements

Cllr Byfield provided a summary of the Watering Hole's current situation and their request for a rent concession due to loss of income as well as their proposed plans for installing outside bars to accommodate their visitors and for which they sought council approval. The council had previously stated that any concession would be discussed only once the beach cleaning contract had been finalised and this had now been signed. No specific financial information had been shared with the council. It was understood that the grant they had recently received had only covered ongoing costs and a larger grant to support accessibility equipment for Tunes in the Dunes could only be allocated to capital costs and could therefore not be used to compensate for loss of income.

Following a lengthy discussion it was AGREED to grant permission for the proposed bars 1 and 2 to be installed within the outside trading area of their lease with the requirement that a picket fence be installed to prevent people walking onto the beach except through the demarked entrances. Proposed bar 3 was not approved. Initially these arrangements were to be operational until 17th June 2021. Any request for an extension should be submitted to the Full Council meeting in June for approval.

It was further AGREED to grant a concession of £11,000 representing the sum of the supplementary lease and in recognition of the fact that it has not been possible to use some of this area during lockdown. This is conditional upon all materials currently outside the leased area being returned entirely to within the leased area to include the tractor and any other vehicles.

It was noted that closer monitoring and inspection was needed.

052/21/FC Request from Football Club

A request had been received from the Football Club regarding a proposed event. Some of the required paperwork had not been received. It was agreed to defer the item to a one-item extraordinary Full Council meeting the following week.

053/21/FC Items of Correspondence

A request had been received from the local Brownies to use the Inner Green as a pick-up and drop-off point during the summer. It was AGREED to approve the request.

054/21/FC Date of the Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting would take place on Monday 24th May 2021 in the Memorial Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

Signed

Date: 24th May 2021