



# Minutes – Full Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Chyanhale, Ponsmere Valley, Perranporth, TR6 0DB at 7pm on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Present:** Cllrs Gaisford (Chair), Arthur, Boston, Bowers, Byfield, Higgins, Lawrence, Pentecost, Reynolds, Rogers, Silvey, Trevethan, White and Wyn Jones and Yeo

**In attendance:** Tatiana Cant (Clerk), 5 members of the public

## **Public Participation**

A presentation was received from the architects who had prepared revised designs for developments to the Watering Hole and members' questions were addressed. The new toilets had improved accessibility.

A member of St Michael's Church provided an update on the church which had been closed for 6 months due to concerns regarding the structure although the full situation and future of the building was uncertain. The Healey painted windows were a key community feature and the Healey family would wish to preserve these. Cllr White had been in discussions with the relevant parties and would provide any updates.

## **093/23/FC Apologies**

No apologies had been received.

## **094/23/FC Declarations of Interest and Dispensations Granted**

Cllr Lawrence declared an interest in the item relating to the Watering Hole. Dispensations had been granted to Cllrs Higgins, Lawrence and Wyn Jones to allow them to speak and vote on the item relating to 8 Boscawen Road.

## **095/23/FC Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were AGREED as a true and accurate record.

## **096/23/FC Reports from Cornwall Councillors**

Cllr Arthur reported that he had attended a meeting with Adrian Drake that morning which had been convened at short notice to discuss the serious congestion issues at Silverwell. He had agreed to close the road during the period of roadworks and the school holidays. Cllr Silvey expressed concern that people would instead be directed by their satnavs to use the by-way. Cllr Arthur also reported that the road past Truro Sawmills would be reopened in 4 weeks.

## **097/23/FC Works to Chimney at Ponsmere Valley**

Members AGREED the quote for Ian Harban Consulting Engineers to proceed with the tender process for carrying out remedial works to the chimney stack at Ponsmere Valley due to the specialised knowledge required to prepare the documentation and time constraints of the office with the imminent departure of the clerk. Confirmation to be sought that Ian Harban would prepare the tender documents and advise on responses.

**098/23/FC    Goonhavern CCTV**

Cllr Bowers reported that he had conducted a site meeting to Goonhavern Park with Cllrs Byfield and Silvey and Duchy Alarms to assess the requirements of the CCTV system to be installed. Further coverage was needed and a revised design with 6 cameras and potential cabling and trenching to suitable lamp posts was agreed and requested. The amount of data storage would be increased. Members AGREED to the revised quote of up to £14,000.

**099/23/FC    Watering Hole Development Works**

Members unanimously AGREED the revised plans for the Watering Hole as landlord subject to the tenant achieving planning consent and adhering to planning regulations. The Property Manager would be asked to provide a confirmation letter to the Watering Hole.

**100/23/FC    Rose Streetlights**

Members noted that some maintenance works were required to the streetlights in Rose and this work would need to be undertaken when the timers were fitted. Members AGREED the costs of £2,253.50. Other providers would also be considered in the future for the council's electrical works.

**101/23/FC    Collection of funds from car park ticket machines**

Members AGREED to proceed at the earliest opportunity with the collection services of G4S as quoted for collection of monies from Droskyn car park. The arrangements would be reviewed over the winter. It was hoped that it would be possible for the car park to become cashless in the next few years.

**102/23/FC    Amendments to NDP**

Members unanimously AGREED for the NDP Steering Group to make minor changes to the document as described in order to correct typographical errors.

**103/23/FC    Strategic Objectives 2023-25**

Members noted the latest version of the Strategic Objectives plan. Cllr Higgins reported that the Community Area Partnership had also discussed strategic planning and that areas not covered in the parish council's document included climate change issues,, the shoreline management plan and any revamp of St Piran's Road. The document would be considered again by all committees before being finalised at Full Council.

**104/23/FC    Reports from Committees****Finance & Operations Committee**

Cllr Byfield reported on matters discussed at the latest committee meeting including EPCs, leases for the Rugby and Football clubs, Unit 6 works, Watering Hole festivals, policies and banking arrangements.

**Public Spaces & Services Committee**

Cllr Boston reported on matters discussed at the latest committee meeting including works to the surface of the pump track, approval of events and discussion relating to the covenant relating to Droskyn. Related paperwork to be scrutinised by Cllr Byfield.

### **Staffing Committee**

Cllr Arthur reported that interviews of 3 strong candidates had taken place the previous Friday and had involved office and library staff members. Amanda Lash had been appointed. She had been serving as the Deputy Clerk at Camelford, was qualified and had excellent knowledge and experience of the sector. She would be starting at the earliest opportunity and meeting Tatiana that Friday for a handover.

### **105/23/FC Reports/Updates**

#### **Outside Bodies:**

#### **Community Area Partnership**

Cllr Yeo reported that the inaugural meeting of the newly formed Newquay, St. Columb, St. Agnes & Perranporth Community Area Partnership had met the previous week and that he had been elected Chairman. Areas of greatest concern were environmental issues, public transport, youth provision and the completion of the Saints' Trail. A meeting of Chairs and Vice Chairs would take place at County Hall the following week when members would discuss a definitive list of priorities. The first 2 years of the term would concentrate on the Levelling Up agenda, and it was important to operate from the bottom up while working alongside Cornwall Council who were supporting Localism and the town and parish council sector working together.

#### **Garden Charities**

Cllr Byfield reported that he had attended a meeting of the Garden Charities Trustees the previous week, that they were preparing for the season and that the gardens were looking good. Their recent Fun Day event had been a success and well attended.

### **106/23/FC Items of Correspondence**

There were no significant items of correspondence requiring the attention of the council.

### **107/23/FC Date of Next Meeting**

Members noted the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

### **108/23/F&O Exclusion of Press and Public**

Members AGREED to exclude members of the public and press due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

### **Confidential Session**

### **109/23/F&O Next Steps for 8 Boscawen Road**

Members considered options for the future of the building at 8 Boscawen Road given the recent notification that the application submitted to the Good Growth Fund had been unsuccessful. A letter regarding market value and repurposing options had been provided by the Property Manager. Information had also been received from Cornwall Council officers suggesting that a resubmission of the bid with a one-storey design and lower intervention rate was more likely to be approved.

All members and the Clerk were invited to briefly summarise their preferred option for the future of the building.

A recorded vote was taken on the proposal “to retain the building until September and resubmit an amended bid with updated drawings of a single storey structure and updated costings.” Members voted 7 in favour (SA, AB, BB, PG, GJ, JP, TR) and 8 against (SB, LH, DL, WR, DS, JT, FW, KY).

[Cllr Byfield left the meeting]

Members voted on a proposal “to repurpose the building.” The motion was defeated. Members voted 3 in favour (PG, DS, JT) and 11 against (SA, AB, SB, GJ, LH, DL, JP, TR, WR, FW, KY).

Members voted on a proposal “to sell the building.” The motion was defeated 8-7 (including chairman’s casting vote) Members voted 7 in favour (AB, SB, DL, DS, JT, FW, WR) and 7 against (SA, PG, GJ, LH, JP, TR, KY).

[Cllrs Silvey and Trevethan left the meeting]

Cllr Yeo suggested that a working group meet with Cornwall Council to consider options.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed .....

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023