

Minutes of the Meeting of St Ives Town Council held in The Guildhall, St Ives on Thursday 23 February 2017 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor L Taylor (Town Mayor)  
Vice-Chairman – Councillor C Nicholls (Deputy Town Mayor)

COUNCILLORS

Andrewes T	Parsons A
Armstrong M	Prior P
Chard C	Symons J
Garrod H	Tanner J
Glanville R	Tanner S
Lait R	Tulley R
Mitchell A	Williams T

OFFICERS

Town Clerk  
Support Services Manager  
Facilities Manager

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - none received.

140. REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Update from the Director of the Tate St Ives

The Tate St Ives would be re-opening 31 March to 3 September for their summer exhibition. The existing galleries to be open along with a new learning and events space, with a second learning space to be opened a few weeks later, with spectacular sea views and an exciting new space. Further work to do before the opening of the full gallery in the autumn, to coincide with the national launch and new exhibitions.

The Mayor thanked Mr Osterfield for his attendance at the meeting and update on the exciting development of the Tate St Ives.

141. REPORTS FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLORS AND/OR THE COMMUNITY LINK OFFICER

The written reports presented by Councillors Andrewes and Mitchell were received and noted.

Councillor Nicholls asked that Cornwall Council be asked to reconsider the level of car park charges, with lower charges expected to encourage footfall to the town. Concerns were also expressed at the condition and loss of spaces at the Station Car Park, and the increases in business rates.

Councillor Taylor expressed her disappointment at finding out about plans for changes to the road layout at Griggs Quay from social media, despite the town council's involvement in calling for review following the significant disruption to traffic last year.

142. PUBLIC SPEAKING

None.

143. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman was pleased to note the MP's question to Parliament the day before, regarding Edward Hain Community Hospital.

144. DECLARATION OF MEMBER/OFFICER INTERESTS

None.

145. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION (approved by Council only)

None.

146. MINUTES

To consider passing the following resolution:

RESOLVED – that the Chairman signs as a true and correct record the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 9 February 2017

TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT - this report was considered later in the meeting.

147. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

Council considered the report which set out the need to approve arrangements for transferring the town council current account and deposit accounts and to agree the signatories to close the account with Santander.

RESOLVED that

- (1) It be agreed that the town council join the Cornwall Council Town and Parish Deposit Scheme with funds of £250,000 to be transferred as soon as possible from the HSBC Premier Business Account, VIC Current account and Santander Business Reward Saver accounts.
- (2) To ensure sufficient cash flow funds are held in the current account, to agree to the transfer of £50,000 from the VIC account to the current account (noting that despite its name the VIC is a general account covering the whole of the council)
- (3) To agree to bring to the next meeting a recommendation to amend Financial Regulations to increase from £10,000 to £50,000 the level of funds that may be transferred between council bank accounts before Council approval is required; and

- (4) To agree that the signatories to close the Santander account be the Clerk and Councillor J Tanner

148. ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL AND MAYOR CHOOSING CEREMONY

Members considered the report which set out the need to make arrangements for the Annual Council meeting, Mayor Choosing Ceremony and Mayoral Dinner, with particular reference to the different arrangements needed in this, an election, year.

There was concern expressed that changes were being considered to an ancient ceremony, whilst noting the need to ensure that the council carried out its duties in accordance with statute.

Following a full debate, it was

RESOLVED - that this be decided by recorded vote.

(There was an initial proposal for the Mayor Choosing Ceremony to be held on Monday 15 May, and for the Mayoral Dinner to be held on the same evening, with a buffet in the Guildhall, to showcase the Guildhall as a function venue, **to be considered as one of the venues, alongside seeking quotes from hotels.** As an amendment was supported, the amendment became the substantive motion and so this initial proposal was not voted upon.)

First recorded vote on the amendment: For the first meeting of the Council to be held on 15 May and for the new Mayor and new Council to agree the arrangements for the ceremony and the dinner etc. (with the work of the council to continue during this period)

Voting for: Councillors Garrood, Glanville, Mitchell, Prior, Symons, J Tanner, S Tanner. (7)

Voting against: Councillors Andrewes, Armstrong, Chard, Lait, Nicholls, Parsons, Taylor, Tulley, Williams. (9)

Abstaining: None

Not present: None.

7 votes for, 9 votes against and so this amendment fell.

Second recorded vote on the amendment: for the first meeting of the council to be held on Monday 15 May, and the Mayor Choosing Ceremony and Mayoral Dinner to be held within 21 days, with arrangements for the dinner to be made in advance and based on the usual format.

Voting for: Councillors Andrewes, Armstrong, Chard, Glanville, Lait, Mitchell, Nicholls, Parsons, Prior, Symons, J Tanner, S Tanner, Taylor, Williams.

Voting against: Councillors Garrood, Tulley.

Abstaining: None

Not present: None.

14 votes for, 2 votes against and so this amendment became the substantive motion. The votes were replicated in the second vote on this wording as the substantive motion, and so it was

RESOLVED – for the first meeting of the council to be held on Monday 15 May, and the Mayor Choosing Ceremony and Mayoral Dinner to be held within 21 days, with arrangements for the dinner to be made in advance and based on the usual format.

149. RETIREMENT OF MACE BEARER

The Town Clerk reported on the retirement of Alan Mayor, longstanding Mace Bearer of 39 years.

Council discussed the appointment of a new Mace Bearer and whether the appointment should be on an annual basis.

RESOLVED – that

- 1) a small function be held to mark the retirement of Mr Alan Major as Mace Bearer
- 2) the process of appointing a Mace Bearer be carried out, in accordance with the process followed for the most recent appointment.

150. ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

Members considered the report and noted the need to publicise the meeting well.

RESOLVED – that the date for the meeting be Tuesday 6 June.

151. INFORMATION EVENING FOR POTENTIAL CANDIDATES, PRIOR TO TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Members considered the merits of encouraging a good turnout of candidates for the town council elections in May 2017.

RESOLVED – that an open evening for potential candidates be held.

152. BATTLE'S OVER – A NATIONS TRIBUTE: AN INVITATION TO TAKE PART IN A NATIONWIDE CHAIN OF BEACONS OF LIGHT TO COMMEMORATE AND REMEMBER THE END OF WORLD WAR 1 (Letter attached)

Members considered the correspondence and noted that this was a worthy cause to take part in. The British Legion could be invited to work with the town council to help commemorate the ending of World War I and the sacrifice of so many people to the benefit of the country and the town.

RESOLVED – that a working group be created for ideas to commemorate the end of World War I, with Councillors Mitchell and J Tanner volunteering to serve on this group.

153. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ONGOING REVIEW OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ACTION PLAN DRAFTED AS PART OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING PROCESS

Councillor Lait set out the work of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group which had put in a great deal of work to develop the Neighbourhood Plan and brought it to adoption stage. The Steering Group had dissolved at the time of the referendum.

Purpose of review – to consider the extent to which the NP objectives had been met – with the review group to report to council on its findings.

Suggested that the NP Review Group could report on an ongoing basis to the Community & Environment Committee.

Councillor Lait set out the work that she had been carrying out to monitor the use of NP policies by CC planning officers in their reports and recommendations. **Set out problems by not accessing officers report – or where the officer has not specified the NP policy used – could the town council write to CC to request this information to be more readily available. Affects the monitoring process.**

Action Plan – during the NP consultation process there were various issues raised not strictly relevant to the NP process but which were considered to have merit and formed into an Action Plan. The Action Plan had not been adopted with the NP but had been retained. The NP Steering Group could also be tasked to review the Action Plan and consider putting forward a revised Action Plan for consideration.

RESOLVED –

- 1) To appoint a NP Review Group – with the purpose of review and formulating a report to Council on the implementation of the NP since its adoption, to produce a review at the end of the first year of operation, and to review the draft Action Plan for future presentation to the town council for consideration
- 2) To report to Planning Committee on an ongoing basis
- 3) To utilise NP budget for staff costs and to request that the NP Project Officer extends their contract to incorporate the co-ordination and leadership of the NP Review Group, on an ad hoc basis and within the budget available.

154. EDWARD HAIN HOSPITAL (Standing Item)

Councillor Prior reported on the public meeting held in the previous week, attended by hundreds of people who were all fully supportive of the continuation of the Edward Hain Community Hospital. Three clear resolutions were made,

Councillor J Tanner reported that it was 12 months exactly since the hospital was shut. The doctors were fully in agreement with the public about the need to re-open the hospital.

RESOLVED – that a letter be sent to the Prime Minister, following on from the question in Parliament and to call for the continuation of the hospital, supporting the 3 proposals from the public meeting and calling for action / response.

155. TOWN CLERKS REPORT

Re: Minute 116 (Porthmeor public conveniences) – it was noted that there would be an overspend of £17,500 due to the redevelopment project being moved back to the autumn, and so the town council would continue to clean and maintain the facility for the 2017 season.

156. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- (1) Planning Committee – 5 January and 2 February 2017
- (2) Community & Environment Committee – 12 January 2017
- (3) Facilities committee – 19 January and 26 January 2017
- (4) *Devolution Panel – 26 January and 9 February 2017 (Not yet available)*
- (5) Finance & General Purposes Committee – 9 February 2017
- (6) **Committee Recommendations – set out in the Committee Minutes and in the Schedule attached**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the committee meetings set out above be received and the recommendations and resolutions therein be approved, with Committee Recommendation C&E.253 (Workstation) to be amended to add ‘subject to there being no capital or revenue cost to the town council’, and Committee Recommendation C&E.257 amended to ‘that until the new Harbour Board is formed the above will be put on hold’, and C&E.260 to be amended to ‘Councillors to respond individually’.

157. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- (1) Cornwall Council - Notice of Intention from Licensing regarding the re-adoption of legislation (*Copy of email attached*)

158. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

None.

159. CORRESPONDENCE - for information only

None.

160. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

Councillor Nicholls stated his concern at the costs of the water charges for the public conveniences and the Town Clerk reported on measures to control and reduce the amount of water used, to try to minimise the costs incurred.

RESOLVED – that

- (1) payments made since the last meeting totalling £125,582.48 be approved;
- (2) credit card payments made since the last meeting totalling £1,493.05 be approved; and
- (3) the accounts listed totalling £18,557.88 be paid

161. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – “That in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meeting) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the press and the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following matters on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.”

162. REFURBISHMENT OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES (Paragraph 3)

The Facilities Manager reported that there would be a full report on this matter to the next meeting of the Facilities Committee.

163. PENSIONS SCHEME – AUTO ENROLMENT (Paragraphs 1, 2 & 3)

Reported on staging date – 1 April 2017.

RESOLVED – that it be noted that the date of auto enrolment for the pension scheme of 1 April 2017 and to confirm that the Cornwall Council LGPS be the chosen pension provider for auto-enrolment of employees.