

CALLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Full Council
Minutes
27th June 2017 at 7pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

It was proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr Lumley and agreed unanimously to move into a Part II Session.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.20pm.

Before the official proceedings Cllr M Smith welcomed everyone and prayers were given by Rev Martyn Smith.

Public Session started at 7.30pm

Mr Green asked whether the CCTV system along Saltash Road was now complete, and Cllr Tagg explained the current position with the equipment. Mr Green went on to discuss a vehicle in the free carpark which appears to have someone living in it. Cllr M Smith explained that the authorities are aware of this matter and Cllr Long went on to discuss the difficulties with this particular case.

Mr Green spoke on behalf of an elderly resident, requesting that a hand rail be installed at the steep slope entrance to Saltash Road recreational ground. Cllr Gold, as Outside Services Chair, agreed to look into this matter.

Mr Green went on to discuss the parking in Fore Street and bus access, and the consensus agreed that it is very difficult, nigh on impossible, to legislate poor and inconsiderate parking. Vashti Pearce (PCMO) kindly agreed to look into this matter on behalf of the Police.

Mr Green also spoke about the on-going problems with dog fouling in the town. Cllr Fox then raised the idea of more bins and a duty of care to our residents. In response, Cllr Long felt the number of bins for the town was adequate but we need to re-educate our residents about where to put their rubbish.

1. APOLOGIES:

CLLRS TOLMAN & WATSON

Present: Portreeve & Mayor: Councillor Mark Smith

Councillors: Madi Burrows, Maria Coakley, Jamie Dowdall, Graham Fox, Karen Gold, Andrew Long, Rick Lumley, Debbie Smith & Mike Tagg

Officers: Helen Dowdall, Town Clerk **In Attendance:** Vashti Pearce PCMO

Members of the Public: 1

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 16th May 2017 were agreed as a correct record of proceedings.

3. MATTERS ARISING - None

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – None

5. POLICE MATTERS

Vashti Pearce (PCMO) confirmed that her contract has now been extended until November, which permits her time to build on local projects with Cllr Tagg. The PCSO has sent through the crime statistics for this month (previously circulated).

Vashti went on to discuss the robust response team, (supported by Cllr Lumley, having used the 101 service recently), Project Genesis and the need to work on vulnerability.

6. FIRE MATTERS

Cllr Fox will be arranging a visit to the local station in due course.

Cllr Long had met with the Fire Service in Liskeard last week and whilst we have a compliment of 11/12 for our area, we do have a number of officers on long-term sick leave and there will be major retention and recruitment issues over the next few years. There is clearly a need to have a recruitment drive and raise awareness of this matter; otherwise our fire service will be provided by Liskeard. Cllr Fox and Cllr M Smith spoke about nucleus manning. Cllr Gold suggested that they could distribute flyers at the carnival this coming weekend, albeit with some printing support from the office.

7. REPORTS

a) Planning Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr Fox and agreed unanimously to agree the minutes of the 6th and 20th June 2017.

b) Town Hall & Premises Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Dowdall seconded by Cllr Coakley and agreed unanimously to agree the minutes of the 23rd May and 6th June 2017.

c) Outside Services Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Gold seconded by Cllr Coakley and agreed unanimously to agree the minutes of the 23rd May and 20th June 2017.

Cllr Gold also provided an update on the proposal for a stage in the park. It was agreed that a presentation would be given to the Council at 6.15pm on the 18th July 2017 (before the next OS meeting)

d) Finance & General Purposes Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Tagg seconded by Cllr Dowdall and agreed unanimously to agree the minutes of the 23rd May 2017. A meeting had been held earlier this evening.

e) Any other reports [not for decision]. Cllr Lumley spoke on the recent tri-national twinning events and gave thanks to the Town Council and staff for their help. Likewise, the Mayfest event has given the Town an opportunity to showcase its culture and heritage to our foreign visitors.

Cllr Lumley reminded everyone that the carnival is this weekend starting at 4.30pm, any support would be much appreciated.

Last Friday saw the Tansys Golowan Midsummer Eve Bonfire at Kit Hill, which was a splendid event.

f) Reports from Cornwall Councillors. Councillor Long's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

g) Reports for Kelly Bray. Nothing to report.

8. FINANCE

a) To receive any concerns regarding the finances, in order to decide on a suitable course of action, namely a position statement on the arrears. **Nothing to report.**

9. FOR DECISION – To approve the review of the Standing Orders and procedures for Public Participation at Meetings (Circulated by the Clerk).

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Fox seconded by Cllr Gold and agreed unanimously to approve the review of the Standing Orders.

Thanks and appreciation went to Cllr Fox and Cllr Gold for all their efforts in preparing these documents.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Fox seconded by Cllr Long and agreed unanimously to approve the procedures for Public Participation at Meetings.

10. FOR DECISION – To approve the Social Media Policy (Circulated by the Clerk).

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Smith seconded by Cllr Dowdall and agreed unanimously that this item be deferred pending advice and clarification from Ellis Whitham and CALC.

11. FOR DECISION – To discuss the Electoral Review of Cornwall Council (Circulated by The Clerk).

The three questions posed by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England were discussed and resolved in turn:

a) Do you think 87 is the right number of councilors to be able to take decisions effectively?

Resolved. It was proposed by Councillor Dowdall seconded by Cllr Coakley and agreed unanimously that this Council does NOT think 87 is the right number.

b) Would a council size of 87 enable the Council to represent the interests of all Cornwall's communities?

Resolved. It was proposed by Councillor Dowdall seconded by Councillor Gold and agreed unanimously that 87 would NOT enable the Council to represent the interest of all Cornwall's communities.

c) If you don't agree that Cornwall should be represented by 87 councillors, what would your alternative number be, and why?

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Gold seconded by Cllr Coakley and agreed unanimously that Callington Town Council believe that the correct number of Councillors for Cornwall is 123. The reason for this is that the current make-up correctly represents the people of Cornwall. We are aware however, that Cornwall Council in their electoral review of 2017 proposed a reduced number of 99. It was the unanimous view of Callington Town Council that, if 123 was not supported we would accept the evidence based figure of 99 as an absolute minimum number of Councillors.

It was agreed unanimously that this matter is promoted throughout the town; on social media, noticeboards and circulated to all groups and organisations,

together with the Town Council's responses. Cllr Long would work with the Clerk on drafting this information.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS -

Cllr Long thanked the Town Council for their support on Saturday for the third, very successful, community litter pick. Over 25 bags of rubbish were collected on the day. The next litter pick is scheduled for the 22nd July. The community group will be running a stall at Honey Fair to promote their efforts. **Noted.**

A letter of thanks would be sent to the Twinning Association for all their efforts with the recent tri-national weekend held in May.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.27pm.