

CALLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Full Council Minutes

25th September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Council Chambers

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr Geoff Harrison gave an update on the drilling and mining development. Information has also been circulated by the eNewsletter and available on the Town Council website. <https://callington-tc.gov.uk/mining-updates/>

1. APOLOGIES

CLLRS DOWDALL

PRESENT: CLLRS BURROWS, COAKLEY, FOX, GOLD, LONG, MORGAN, D SMITH, M SMITH (CHAIR), TAGG, TOLMAN & WATSON

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 1

OFFICER: CLERK

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on the 14th August 2018 were received as a correct record of proceedings. Proposed by Cllr Tagg seconded by Cllr D Smith and agreed (7 Support, 0 Against and 4 Abstentions).

3. MATTERS ARISING - None

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

To receive any disclosure(s) of interest by a Councillor or an officer in matters to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with provisions of Sections 94 or 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the National Code of Local Government Conduct.

Item16 for Cllr Burrows, spouse a member of staff.

5. POLICE MATTERS

Cllr Tagg spoke about the Crime Commissioners Office and that he is looking into the CCTV enhancements.

6. FIRE MATTERS

Cllr M Smith explained that a new rota system is being introduced, which raised a number of concerns with the Councillors, regarding the overall service provision. A lively debate then followed on what information has been made available to Cornwall Councillors and what assessment had been done regarding the safety of the fire crews.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr Tolman and agreed that the Town Council had immense concerns regarding this new system and that a letter would be sent out to our Neighbouring Parishes, to make them aware of this

matter. A letter would also be sent to Paul Walker to clarify what/why changes have been made and how Cornwall Councillors have been informed.

The matter would be reviewed in six months' time, when an analysis of the statistics may prove that our concerns were correct.

7. REPORTS

a) Planning Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Tolman seconded by Cllr Tagg and agreed (10 Support, 0 Against and 1 Abstention) to receive the minutes from the 4th & 18th September 2018.

b) Town Hall & Premises Committee. It was proposed by Cllr M Smith seconded by Cllr Coakley and agreed (9 Support, 0 Against and 2 Abstentions) to receive the minutes from the 4th September 2018.

c) Outside Services Committee. No meetings held.

d) Finance & General Purposes Committee. No meetings held.

e) Any other reports Cllr Gold circulated the Halloween Disco rota and asked for raffle donations. Cllr Gold gave an update on the Christmas preparations, and Cllr M Smith kindly agreed to speak with the Fire Service to help with the lights switch one. Cllr Coakley reported that around 80 attended the recent filmshow.

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

g) Reports for Kelly Bray. Cllrs Burrows and D Smith had attended the recent KBRA meeting and matters raised included the speeding concerns and children's signs. The top of the notice board will be replaced with fascia kindly supplied by Wayne (arranged through Cllr M Smith) and it will be vinyl wrapped. Stickers have been removed from the defib, and the location of the Christmas lights had been discussed. **Noted.**

8. FINANCE

a) Approval for expenditure – already completed in the F&GP Committee Meeting.

b) To receive any concerns regarding the finances, in order to decide on a suitable course of action, namely a position statement on the arrears. **None.**

c) Clerk to reiterate the Precept Setting process. The Clerk explained that the budget needs to be agreed and submitted to Cornwall Council by the 31st December 2018. The Chair made reference to other Councils' experiences and the need to safeguard the public purse and invest in the Town's future.

9. FOR DECISION – To receive any updates from the Steering Group regarding the Market Initiative.

Cllr M Smith explained that some consultation had been done with groups and Cllr Dowdall has obtained some figures for hiring the equipment. To hire the equipment for a year equates to almost the same as purchasing them.

Regarding the long term costs, Cllr Dowdall is still working out the figures but there are organisations that are prepared to run the events.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr Burrows and agreed to have a full discussion on this matter at the next meeting.

As Cllr Tagg will not be at the next meeting he explained that if we have solid backing and positive proof of support, then he would support the idea. **Noted.**

Cllr M Smith explained that the College had approached him about their young musicians possibly performing at the Christmas event. They had been invited to this meeting to explain what they could do. **Noted.**

10. FOR DECISION – To receive any updates regarding the request from Callington Litter Pick Group to have a temporary space to build a sculpture from collected litter and art exhibition.

The item was deferred. Cllr Long would provide contact details to Cllr Gold, and Cllr Coakley kindly offered space in her café to promote any sculptures.

11. FOR DECISION – To discuss the recent presentation on Dementia Support for the town.

Earlier in the evening a combined presentation from the Echo Centre, DWP and ACAS was given to the Town Council, regarding the Disability Confident scheme.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr Gold and agreed to clarify the financial implications and what the review would involve. The matter would then be placed on the agenda for next month.

12. FOR DECISION – To receive the Gambling Act 2005 – Consultation on draft revised Statement of Principles from Cornwall Council. (emailed 6th August).

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr Tagg and agreed to note the consultation.

13. FOR DECISION – To discuss the St Peters Fair Holsworthy idea

Cllr Tolman had completed some further research on this idea but felt we should support what events we already have for the town. **Noted.**

14. FOR INFORMATION – To receive an update on approach to Reaching Communities (led by Cllr Watson)

Cllr Watson gave a presentation on his research of the Reaching Communities grant scheme and how this might be applied in the Town, detailing timescales.

There are six questions that need to be evidenced as part of the grant appraisal.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr Gold and agreed to progress with the grant application process.

15. FOR DECISION – To decide whether the Town Council will finance a ‘Free Parking’ scheme in New Road carpark for Saturday 1st December (compliment the Christmas festivities that day).

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr D Smith and agreed that if Cornwall Council do not support this scheme this year (still to be decided), the Town Council would.

16. FOR INFORMATION – To confirm the staffing and office arrangements for Honey Fair.

The Clerk explained that it is customary for the office to be closed to the Public. **Noted.**

17. ANY URGENT ITEMS

a) Cllr Tolman and the Clerk had both been approached by Celwyn Richardson regarding the CLLD Scheme. They will be hosting a stall at Honey Fair and Members were encouraged to visit them. Representatives would be invited to speak at the next Full Council meeting.

b) Cllr M Smith spoke about the need for a pavement along Southern Road, between the Tavistock roundabout and Saltash roundabout.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr M Smith seconded by Cllr Long and agreed (10 Support, 1 Against) that a bid would be put to Paul Allen as part of the Community Networks Highways Scheme.

It was proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr Fox that the meeting move to a Part II Session for Personnel Sensitive Information.

To complete the discussion regarding the Staffing Committee's recommendations following the recent appraisals. (Not completed in the F&GP meeting prior to the Full Council)

Cllr Burrows and the Clerk left the meeting for this item.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Tagg seconded by Cllr Tolman and agreed to support the recommendations from the Staffing Committee.

Cllr Burrows and the Clerk returned to the meeting.

18. FOR DECISION – To discuss matters relating to Code of Conduct.

The Clerk and Chair explained that it may be deemed good practice to further enhance our procedures in terms of compliance with the GDPR and Code of Conduct.

The proposed procedures would be introduced forthwith and reviewed pending advice from Cornwall Council and after completion of further training (where deemed appropriate).

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30pm