

**CALLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Full Council Minutes**

24th November 7pm Virtual Meeting (Streamed on YouTube)

Prayers were led by Rev. David Moss prior to the meeting.

Public Session

None.

1. APOLOGIES

CLLR COAKLEY, MOORE AND RAPHAEL

PRESENT: CLLR GOLD, TOLMAN (CHAIR), LONG, MORGAN, TAGG, WATSON

**OFFICERS: TOWN CLERK & ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK
FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE OFFICER (TO SUPPORT THE IT)**

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on the 27th October 2020 were received as a correct record of proceedings.

Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Tagg seconded by Cllr Long and agreed unanimously to approve the minutes.

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.

None.

5. RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS MADE SINCE LAST MEETING

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Tolman seconded by Cllr Long and agreed unanimously to ratify all decisions that have been made since the last meeting

6. KELLY BRAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MATTERS

Nothing to report. Cllr Gold commented that the Christmas tree for Kelly Bray had been delivered and would be decorated by the end of next week.

7. POLICE MATTERS

Cllr Tagg reported that a meeting was arranged for next week with himself, the Police, Full Stop and Walter C Parsons to discuss the positioning and installing of the CCTV camera at the traffic lights. He also reported that PCSO Lawrence Hambrook would be retiring at the end of December and that Cllr Morgan and the Town Clerk would be meeting with him prior to his retirement to wish him well on behalf of the Town Council.

8. FIRE MATTERS

Thanks were given to the Fire Service for their help with the poppy wave.

9. REPORTS

a) Planning Committee. Minutes from the meetings held on the 3rd and 17th November.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Tolman seconded by Cllr Long and unanimously agreed that these minutes be received.

b) Town Hall & Premises Committee. Minutes from the meeting held on the 3rd November 2020.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr Tolman and unanimously agreed that these minutes be received.

c) Outside Services Committee. Minutes from the meeting held on the 17th November 2020.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Gold seconded by Cllr Long and unanimously agreed that these minutes be received.

f) Finance and General Purposes Committee. Minutes from the meeting held on 27th October 2020

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Tagg seconded by Cllr Long and unanimously agreed that these minutes be received.

e) Staffing – None. The Clerk reported that it had been agreed with the

Chairs that another laptop be purchased in order for her to work from home.

f) Market Stall Initiative - None

g) Environmental Sub- Committee - None

h) Health & Safety Update – The Clerk reported that staff were regularly checking Government announcements for any updates on COVID guidance. Hire of the facility and working premises were continuing to operate within Government regulations, with non-essential bookings having been cancelled. The public toilets were remaining closed with the disabled toilet remaining unlocked for public to use and the bus shelter continuing to be closed in the afternoons to avoid people gathering.

i) Any other reports [not for decision] from Councillors - none

j) Reports from Cornwall Councillors. Cllr Long reported:

- i) COVID numbers, while falling, are still quite high for the County. Cornwall is still the lowest authority in England. Cornwall awaits the Governments decision on which Tier Cornwall will fall under. This will determine what the County can and cannot do leading up to the Christmas period.
- ii) Marcus Rashford appeal – thanks were given to all those who were involved with supporting this appeal in providing additional support to 60 Callington families in desperate need this Christmas. The Town Council, Cornwall Councillor Andrew Long, the Community College and Primary School were involved with this appeal and helping these families who are in dire need. Cllr Long welcomed the Government u-turn in funding school meals to children through the holiday period.
- iii) The campaign that was introduced regarding the Tamar Bridge and proposed increase in charges – the Government have relented and are funding £1.5m to Cornwall Council and Plymouth City Council to cover the cost of the lost revenue from bridge tolls during the Pandemic lockdown meaning the proposed charge increase has been scrapped. Charge will not go up in the New Year. Cllr Long gave thanks to the Town Council for their support with this campaign.
- iv) At the moment the elections in May are continuing. A vaccine may, potentially, start being administered in December to various sections of the community. This will be increased in the New Year. The Prime Minister had indicated that by the Spring he was hoping that the situation would be greatly different to now and that the elections would be able to go ahead in May.

- v) Neighbourhood Plan – if this is ratified and completed by 22nd January, it will go for referendum by the first week of May, ahead of the general elections. If it doesn't make this date, the referendum will be held later on in the year.

Cllr Gold thanked Cllr Long for his informative update. She also praised the Community College for their recent handling of COVID cases within the College. Cllr Long reported that the Track and Trace system had worked very well in this situation. Cllr Tolman thanked Cllr Long for the information that he had provided to her so she could report back to concerned parents.

10. FOR DECISION - Cornwall Council are not in a position to proceed with the bus shelters refurbishments. Estimated costs for the three schemes were circulated to Cllrs on the 2nd November. To determine whether the Town Council should proceed with any of the schemes, and how this could be financed.

The Clerk reported that Cornwall Council will not cover the costs for the refurbishments of the bus shelters, costings had been previously circulated. Cllr Tolman reported that the Town Council were not in a financial position to proceed with any of the schemes at present. She suggested that Cllr Watson, being very experienced in applying for grant funding, have a look to see if there is any funding available for projects of this kind. Cllr Watson agreed to look into this. The Clerk gave a brief breakdown of the costs involved which were quite sizeable. Cornwall Council have a grant available that the Town Council could apply for but this would only provide up to £3000 which would clearly not be enough to support this scheme.

11. External Auditor Report – To receive the completion letter and Notice of Conclusion of Audit.

The Clerk/RFO confirmed that there were no adjustments or amendments to make and therefore nothing for her to report. The relevant documents have been posted on the Town Council website and were now in the public domain to comply with regulations and that the audit was concluded for this year.

12. ANY URGENT ITEMS – None. Dates for meetings for December were circulated.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.28pm