

**CALLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Full Council Minutes**

15th December 7pm Virtual Meeting (Streamed on YouTube)

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

Public Session

None.

**1. APOLOGIES
NONE**

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

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

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on the 24th November 2020 were received as a correct record of proceedings.

Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr Moore 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. DISPENSATIONS – To consider any requests for dispensations.

None

6. RATIFICATION OF ANY DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING

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

7. **KELLY BRAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MATTERS**

Cllr Morgan reported on the last 12 months. He attended the Caradon Community Network Panel Meeting in October where the Shared Mobile Speed Activation Device Scheme was discussed and approved. It was agreed at that meeting that there were 8 sites in the area that had been identified for the Speed Activation Device, 2 of which were in Kelly Bray being Station Road and Stoke Road. Approval has been gained for a fixed flashing speed sign on the A388 Plymouth bound.

He reported that they were still awaiting the removal of the old concrete bus shelter in Station Road and he had asked the Clerk to contact Cormac about this.

8. **POLICE MATTERS**

Cllr Tagg reported that he had spoken with one of the PCSO who had stated that they had worked with a number of Town Councils and that Callington Town Council was the most proactive Town Councils regarding the Police that they had worked with.

9. **FIRE MATTERS**

Cllr Long reported that due to recent positive COVID results, the Fire Station had been closed for a period of time, cover was provided by neighbouring Fire Stations. Callington is now back up and running with ability to attend emergency calls. Callington Fire Station have an internal track and trace systems which worked very well in this instance and was the reason that the outbreak was contained very quickly.

10. **REPORTS**

a) **Planning Committee.** Minutes from the meetings held on the 1st December 2020.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Coakley seconded by Cllr Long and unanimously agreed to accept the minutes.

b) **Town Hall & Premises Committee.** Minutes from the meeting held on the 1st December 2020.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr Tagg and unanimously agreed to accept the minutes.

c) Outside Services Committee. No meetings held, therefore to consider any urgent matters relevant to this committee.

Cllr Gold thanked all Outside Services staff for their outstanding efforts in getting the Christmas trees erected and decorated and Christmas lights in the Town organized and switched on. She also thanked Mrs Weaver and her family who donated the tree in St Mary's Square and switched the Christmas lights on. Special thanks to Daniel Pollard who videoed the Christmas Light Switch on and uploaded to YouTube for all to see.

d) Finance & General Purposes Committee. Minutes from the meeting held on the 24th November 2020.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Tagg seconded by Cllr Coakley and unanimously agreed to accept the minutes.

e) Staffing – None.

f) Market Stall Initiative – None

g) Environmental Sub- Committee – No meetings held, therefore to consider any urgent matters relevant to this committee.

h) Health & Safety Update. To receive any updates on the pandemic and to agree any proposed actions/responses, namely public toilets, bus shelter, office and events proposed in the town hall.

The Clerk reported that a close eye was being kept on Government announcements and what would happen, if anything, to the Tiering System after Christmas. Extra meetings would be held if there was anything to discuss but things will continue as they are for the time being.

i) Any other reports [not for decision] from Councillors.

None

j) Reports from Cornwall Councillors.

Cllr Long commented on the new development on South Hill Road and the exceptional quality of the build and look of the properties. He urged Councillors to take a look for themselves. Cllr Tolman said she had taken a walk around the site and was very impressed. Cllr Long said that the

affordable housing provision on the site is of as good a quality as the open market properties and congratulated Baker Estates on the site.

Cllr Long reported that Cornwall council was investigating the potential of 'hybrid meeting' moving forward into 2021 as the COVID vaccine starts to be distributed with the vision that some members being able to attend meetings in person and others by virtual means. The technical aspect is being investigated so that there is no disparity between those attending in person and those attending via video link to ensure democracy.

Cllr Long then went on to talk about grit/salt bins. There are two areas in Callington which have been identified as requiring grit bins for very specific reasons. The first is Lower Coronation Terrace leading to Newport Close. There are a large number of elderly people residing in this area and care workers and ambulances will have difficulty accessing this area in icy conditions due to the very steep hill in this location. This is an area requiring a grit bin for the public to use to access and egress the area. The second location is on Florence Road between Callington and Kelly Bray, on the sharp bend near Tranquility Farm. This is an accident hotspot and is made more dangerous in icy conditions as it is not on a gritting route.

Cllr Long asked the Council if it would consider the purchase of two grit bins, one for each location, and through his own Community Chest he would purchase replacement salt to refill the bins once, when they became empty. The salting responsibility would not be placed on the Town Council but members of the public could use the salt, in these areas, when conditions deemed necessary, to ease their access. There would be no ongoing maintenance costs once the bins were purchased and the replacement salt purchased, consideration would need to be taken as to whether more salt was purchased after the refill had been used.

The Clerk reported that there were a couple of other sources of funding. Some funds had been built up for dog bins which had not been used but could be used for this as well as dog bins. There are also some uncommitted Council Tax Support Grant funds which has been ring fenced for COVID provisions but if Councillors felt this was a priority then these funds could be used for grit/salt bins. Cllr Raphael suggested informing the community that the grit/salt bins were available to use when required and it was agreed that a notice would be put on the Council website to this effect.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Tagg seconded by Cllr Long and unanimously agreed that the Town Council would purchase two grit bins for the areas identified with the cost of purchasing these would come from the Council Tax Support Grant fund and the one-off refill cost would be covered by Cllr Long's Community Chest fund.

Councillor Long then went on to update Councillors on the current COVID situation.

- 11. FOR DECISION** - Cornwall Council has sent information regarding Town Vitality Funding (emailed to Cllrs on the 17th November). To appoint a project lead and discuss whether to pursue this funding opportunity with a 'Town Team.

Cllr Long reported on the two projects that are currently circulating with regards to the Town Centre itself. The first being for an innovation centre and the other one for a Community Hub within the Town Centre to which this item relates.

The vitality of the Town Centre is very important, especially coming out of the COVID pandemic, and Cllr Long suggested that the Town Council should start the process of submitting a bid for some funding from the Town Vitality Funding and to appoint a project leader with the proposal of creating a 'town team' who will then move this community initiative forward.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr Gold and agreed to pursue an interest in this funding opportunity, to appoint Cllr Moore as an interim team leader and to discuss the creation of a 'town team' until the Council goes into purdah prior to the elections in May. After this it would be handed on to the new Council to carry on forward. (8 support 1 abstention)

- 12. FOR DECISION** – To discuss the request from CALC to make a response to the Standards Matter 2: Consultation (emailed to Cllrs on the 4th December).

The Clerk reported that this Standards Matter would allow officers to manage Councillors' conduct. Cllr Long reported that, as a Cornwall Councillor, he sees complaints from officers about Councillor conduct throughout Cornwall and urged everyone to take part in the consultation.

- 13. ANY URGENT ITEMS** The Clerk requested permission to move to a Part 2 Session.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Tolman seconded by Cllr Long and unanimously agreed to move to a Part 2 Session

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.38pm