

# Callington Town Council

## Annual Parish Meeting

### Minutes

**Tuesday 23rd April 2019**

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Burrows  
**Present:** Cllr M Smith (Portreeve and Mayor), Cllr Tolman (Deputy Portreeve and Mayor), Cllrs Coakley, Fox, Gold, Long, McCallion, Raphael, D Smith, Tagg & Watson  
10 Members of the Public  
Town Clerk: Helen Dowdall
2. **Minutes**  
The Minutes of the meeting 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were received as a correct record of proceedings.
3. **Reports**
  - a) **Portreeve's Annual Report.** Cllr M Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting with a special mention to our two newly appointed Councillors, Mikkie Raphael and Marie McCallion. He went on to discuss the mining activities and how we are trying to keep a very open dialogue with them. The Town Council has also been working with One Callington and others regarding the Market Initiative, which we hope to start in July. This could be a very exciting project for the town and something positive to look forward to.
  - b) **Planning Committee Chairman's Report.** Cllr Tolman had circulated her report prior to the meeting. Copy attached.
  - c) **Town Hall & Premises Chairman's Report.** Cllr M Smith had circulated his report prior to the meeting. Copy attached.
  - d) **Outside Services Chairman's Report.** Cllr Mrs Gold had circulated her report prior to the meeting. Copy attached.
  - e) **Finance & General Purposes Chairman's Report.** Cllr Tagg had circulated his report prior to the meeting. Copy attached.
  - f) **Brendon & Huggins Charity.** Mr M Green as Chair of Trustees gave an update on this charity which provides four dwellings in the town. Their annual inspection was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> April. He

made reference to the two properties that are adjacent to Urban Terrace.

- g) Trust for Labouring Poor.** Cllr Gold gave an update on the allotments that are run by the Labouring Poor but the Town Council do the day to day administration. The finances are in good order. The Trust meet bi-monthly and are currently working with Tamar Grow Local to plant some local trees and wild flowers in areas not occupied by tenants.
- h) Constabulary.** Sergeant Morris and PC Franklin attended earlier in the evening (during the F&GP meeting) and gave their report. Cllr Tagg explained that our investment in enhanced CCTV has been welcomed by the Police, and the local crew are doing their best with very limited resources.
- i) Fire Service.** Cllr M Smith reported that the local crew now have a full complement of BA competent staff, but still understaffed and four new potential recruits, but still understaffed
- j) Cornwall Council report[ Kelly Bray Ward].** Cllr Flashman was not in attendance.
- k) Cornwall Council report [Callington Ward].** Cllr Long was in attendance and discussed various topics;
  - 1)** He explained that over the last ten years the funding from Central Government has fallen by £434 million per year, and over £1.9 billion has been taken out of the economy.
  - 2)** Regarding Urban Terrace, 13 out of the 15 families have now been relocated.
  - 3)** The number of Cornwall Councillors will reduce from 123 to 87. Callington re-joins with Kelly Bray along with St Dominic, so our representation at Cornwall Council will reduce from 4 to 3 for the local area.
  - 4)** Housing numbers were discussed, we still need to find as a minimum a further 250 properties to meet the targets.
  - 5)** On a positive note, Callington is highly regarded for its Planning decisions and procedures.
  - 6)** Regarding transport, discussed what has and hasn't been happening with the A30 and A38, and the airports.

In conclusion, Cllr M Smith thanked all his Councillors for another harmonious year.

#### **4. Open Session**

A lively discussion then followed; if jobs are leaving the county why do we have to increase our housing targets? There aren't the jobs to encourage people to live here. It was generally recognised that this is happening across the county and we must do what we can to encourage the local economy. Reference was made again to the Market Initiative and using this to bring the town together.

A further debate then followed on environmental related issues, and what the Council can do to encourage residents to help. A resident from South Hill spoke about SHARE.

A newcomer to Callington explained her experience so far of the town and could we do more to promote what is going on. There is much goodwill within our residents and perhaps we could tap into this (pledge day)? The conversation then led into the overall appearance on the main street, retail habits and how to welcome people to the meetings.

A local resident raised some concerns about the footpath at Pencrebar Lane, Cllr Long kindly agreed to clarify what right of way is there.

Questions were then raised regarding highway concerns, in particular at the Bowling Green junction and turning right along Launceston Road (from Skitta Hill). Cllr Long explained that the Highways Department have no concerns regarding these areas, as sadly it's measured by the number of reported accidents, of which there are very few.

Finally, the Council were asked to promote a local recycling initiative.

**There being no other items the meeting was closed at 8.40pm**