

**CALLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Full Council Minutes**

27th October 2020 at 7pm Virtual Meeting (Streamed on YouTube)

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

Public Session

None.

**1. APOLOGIES
NONE**

**PRESENT: CLLRS 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 22nd September 2020 were received as a correct record of proceedings.

Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Tagg seconded by Cllr Gold 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 Tagg and agreed unanimously to ratify all decisions that have been made since the last meeting

6. KELLY BRAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MATTERS

Cllr Morgan reported that he, Cllr Long and Cllr Moore had attended the Community Network Panel meeting recently. The CNP have approved the scheme for a permanent 30mph speed sign coming in to Kelly Bray and for mobile speed warning signs to be erected in Station Road and one in Stoke Road, subject to the scheme meeting the estimated costs, which will be finalised by Cormac.

The Clerk reported that she had received some correspondence from the Chair of the Residents Association checking that a Christmas tree was being provided to Kelly Bray this year and the Clerk confirmed that a tree has been ordered for them.

A resident has been in contact with Cornwall Council regarding a bus shelter in Kelly Bray. There was an understanding there may have been a funding opportunity through Cornwall Council and the Department of Transport for a bus shelter but confirmation has been received that the bid was unsuccessful. The Clerk will provide Councillors with more information and costings of this.

7. POLICE MATTERS

Cllr Tagg commented that there was nothing to report. Cllr Morgan questioned if there were any plans to celebrate the retirement of one of the local PCSOs. Cllr Tagg suggested that a gift be presented at the next Full Council meeting and the Clerk confirmed she would arrange this.

Cllr Long reported that it is now Government Policy not to replace PCSOs when they retire.

8. FIRE MATTERS

Cllr Moore reported that the local Fire Brigade had been instrumental in assisting with the erection of the Poppy wave at St Mary's Church and many thanks should be given to them.

9. REPORTS

a) Planning Committee. Minutes from the meetings held on the 6th October and 20th October 2020.

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

b) Town Hall & Premises Committee. Minutes from the meeting held on the 6th October 2020.

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

c) Outside Services Committee. Minutes from the meeting held on the 20th October 2020.

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

f) Finance and General Purposes Committee. Minutes from the meeting held on 22nd September 2020

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

e) Staffing – Feedback from the meeting held on 29th September 2020

The Clerk reported that the Chairs of committees involving staff had met and scrutinised the staffing resources to ensure that they are adequate now and going forward. She reported that a member of staff had shown an interest in joining the Fire Service as a retained fireman and that the Chairs had agreed that this was acceptable. Not only is it admirable that a member of staff is willing to undertake this role but also demonstrates the Town Councils support to the local fire crew.

There were no other recommendations to bring forward.

f) Market Stall Initiative

Cllr Gold reminded Councillors that the market was re-starting on 1st November and it would be nice to see some support.

g) Environmental Sub- Committee

None

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 the Operations Manager and Bookings Clerk were being updated weekly by Cornwall Council to ascertain any changes to recommendations, particularly on the rule of 6 and if there are any actions that the Town Council need to take so that the Risk Assessments and procedures are kept up to date.

The disabled toilet is continuing to be kept open for all to use. More signage has been put up in the bus shelter informing everyone that they need to keep their distance and wear a face covering.

The hall is being hired out to a small number of hirers and cleaning procedures between each booking is working well.

Cllr Moore reported that he has had complaints from people unable to use the bus shelter because large numbers of young people are gathering in there without face coverings; these young people are often abusive. Cllr Tolman said that she had also received comments about this issue and asked if it was possible to make the Police aware of this. The Clerk reported that she had informed the Police of this problem and asked if they could patrol the area at problematic times but their recommendation was to shut the bus shelter at 3.30pm so the young people are unable to gather in there.

Cllr Raphael suggested that CCTV signs were a deterrent and should be placed in the bus shelter and the Clerk reported that there were already CCTV signs in there and the bus shelter is constantly monitored by CCTV.

Cllr Long stated his disappointed in the response from the Police. It considered to be a prosecutable offence not wear a face covering and he feels that they should be attending to make those waiting in the bus shelter aware of the requirements to wear a face covering. He suggested that the Police be contacted again to explain that it is unacceptable to close the shelter at 3.30pm as this will prevent those legitimately using it left out in the inclement weather and they should reconsider the request. The Clerk would contact them again.

j) Reports from Cornwall Councillors. Cllr Long reported:

- i) Highways – as reported previously by Cllr Morgan, the bid for funding for the Kelly Bray speed signs was successful and that it was an ongoing process and would continue

- ii) Planning – There are a large number of planning applications in the system. This does show the need to get the Neighbourhood Plan completed next year, which is on target.
- iii) White Paper – Cllr Long reported that the White Paper that the Government are producing suggest that there could be 81,000 new houses in Cornwall as opposed to 53,000. He recommends that a letter be written to state that the Town Council is appalled by the new White Paper which could open the door to unfettered house building across Cornwall without the infrastructure to match and urging the Government to rethink to give power back to the local authorities to make decisions on planning.
- iv) Tamar Crossings – Cllr Long reported that, once again, the Tamar Bridge had been closed due to an accident on the A38. The Community Networks at Caradon, Launceston and Cornwall Gateway at Saltash have agreed to urge all authorities to attend a Summit meeting next year to start looking at the long term solutions to the crossing of the Tamar.
- v) The Electoral Review Panel have voted and recommended for approval the proposal to remove the warding for Callington Town Council for 2021. It will go back to 12 Councillors covering one ward.
- vi) Urban Terrace – there is one remaining resident, after initial problems, Cornwall Council is working closely with them to get them into new premises as soon as possible.
- vii) Elections – Cornwall Council are looking at the reality of a possible delay of the elections in 2021 if the pandemic moves into the New Year but at the moment are moving forward towards the elections.

10. FOR INFORMATION – To DISCUSS THE ELECTION PROCESS FOR 2021

The Clerk reported, for the newer members of the Council, it would be their responsibility to get the application form from Cornwall Council, complete it and return to them. Cornwall Council will be the administrating authority for conducting the elections and everything has to be done through them. Existing Councillors will have to reapply and won't automatically retain a seat. If more than 12 people apply, an election will be held and it will go to the vote. If 12 or less people apply they will automatically get a seat.

11. FOR DECISION – To support the request for a Cross Tamar Summit early in the new Council to discuss the long term future of crossings of the Tamar

Cllr Long reported the long term problems of the Tamar Crossings, ferry, Tamar Bridge, New Bridge at Gunnislake, Horsebridge, Greystone Bridge, the A30 crossing at Launceston and further up towards Bude. All authorities on both sides of the Tamar need to meet to start looking at a long term solution for the

crossings and to plan for the next 20-30 years. Cornwall Council has put this on their agenda and the Community Network Panels in Caradon, Saltash, Launceston and Bude have all signalled their support for it. Tavistock Town Council, West Devon Borough Council, Plymouth City Council, Torridge District Council and all parishes along the Tamar to the north are being contacted to gain their support.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Tolman seconded by Cllr Gold and unanimously agreed to support the proposal for a Cross Border summit. A letter would be written to Cornwall Council Highways Portfolio Holder stating that the Town Council fully supports the proposal for a Summit meeting early on in the new Council to discuss the long term future of the Tamar crossings.

12. FOR DECISION – To receive any recommendations from Cllr Raphael concerning Nature Friendly Cornwall Campaign

Cllr Raphael gave some information on a couple of initiatives. One was to encourage local Councils, on a yearly basis, to collect and archive plant species in their areas, especially seeds. He would forward the information on to Councillors.

Cllr Long suggested that the Council support this, he felt it was a great idea to start 2021 and should involve working with neighbouring parish Councils and Community Networks to protect the environment for the future. He suggested using the winter months to put some proposals together to send out to all neighbouring parishes in the new Authority to be able to move forward.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Raphael seconded by Cllr Long and unanimously agreed to support this campaign by putting together proposals early in the New Year to move it forward.

13. ANY URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr Long reported that he had spoken to Jeff Harrison from the mining company. Although it seems that this has gone quite at the moment, they are currently in the midst of sourcing funding but as soon as he has any information he will report back in the near future.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.45pm