

**CALLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Full Council Minutes**

23rd February 2021 7pm Virtual Meeting (Streamed on YouTube)

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

**TWO MINUTE SILENCE IN MEMORY OF FORMER COUNCILLOR AND PORTREEVE
MR R JOHN TREVITHICK**

Public Session

Two members of the public in attendance.

Jo Griffin spoke about her ideas of a fruit tree orchard at the grass area at the free car park for the community to use, educational purposes and for people to pick free fruit. Various questions were put to her by Councillors.

It was suggested that Ms Griffin's ideas be put to the new Council in May and that she be invited to attend the next Environmental meeting, the details of which would be sent to her.

1. APOLOGIES

CLLR MORGAN

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

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

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the 26th January 2021 were received as a correct record of proceedings.

Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Tolman 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. DISPENSATIONS – To consider any requests for dispensations.

None.

6. RATIFICATION OF ANY DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING

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

7. KELLY BRAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MATTERS

None. Cllr Long reported that he and Cllr Raphael had been for an independent walk and carried out a socially distanced litter pick along the A388 beside the woodlands at Kelly Bray. It had been noted by various passersby how tidy it was now looking.

8. POLICE MATTERS

Cllr Tagg had circulated an email that he had received from the Police Crime Commissioner's Office asking for Councillor's questions, he had received a number of questions to present to the Assistant Commissioner in the monthly interview. As soon as he receives a link to the interview he will forward it to Councillors so they can watch.

9. FIRE MATTERS

Cllr Long had spoken with the Senior Fire Officer who is the link officer to the Community Network and reported that the staff are back to full complement following the recent absences due to COVID. The Fire Service is now operating fully.

10. REPORTS

a) **Planning Committee.** Minutes from the meetings held on the 16th February 2021

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

b) Town Hall & Premises Committee. Minutes from the meeting held on the 2nd February 2021.

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

c) Outside Services Committee. Minutes from the meeting held on 16th February 2021.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Gold seconded by Cllr Tolman and unanimously agreed to accept the minutes.

d) Finance & General Purposes Committee. Minutes from the meeting held on the 26th January 2021.

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

e) Staffing – None.

f) Market Stall Initiative – None

g) Environmental Sub- Committee – To receive the ideas from the Working Party's recent zoom meeting (Cllrs Raphael, Moore, Watson, Long) regarding the Wildlife Project and funding opportunities

Cllr Raphael reported that the meeting was very productive. It had been agreed look at places that had already completed a project such as this to gain some ideas. He is still waiting to hear back regarding any funding opportunities, a fund raising pack from the National Lottery has been applied for. He is still waiting to hear back from the National Trust.

He suggested that an Environmental Sub-committee meeting be held on 9th March to go over the Wildlife Zone project, the proposals from Jo Griffin and would like as many Councillors as possible to attend.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Raphael seconded by Cllr Long and unanimously agreed to hold an Environmental Sub-committee meeting on 9th March 2021.

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. Also to receive the report from the Health and Safety inspection (as circulated on 13th February)

The Clerk reported that the recent government announcement on the staged return to the 'new normal' would be examined. There were no immediate changes at the moment but as and when guidance comes through from CALC and Cornwall Council she will advise Councillors on the gradual re-opening, with a cautious approach.

In terms of the Health and Safety inspection, the intention was at this stage to receive the initial report and then go back to each relevant committee with any action and improvements and agree those actions with costings for each committee. A final report will then be brought back to the next Full Council meeting.

The OM reported that the items identified on the inspection report were minimal and the Inspector was very impressed with the organization and the progress that had been made over the past few years.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr Tolman and unanimously agreed to receive the Health and Safety Inspection report and to circulate to the relevant committees for action.

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

None

j) Reports from Cornwall Councillors.

Cllr Long reported:

- i) With the planned elections in going ahead in May, it was becoming a very busy time.
- ii) The budget has been approved by Cornwall Council including the budget set by the Town Council, Cornwall Council and the Police.
- iii) There has been an increase in reports from members of the community that Cllr Long has been dealing with over the past month including adult safeguarding, youth safeguarding, rubbish issues, planning issues.

- iv) Highways are starting to formulate a project for CARS, including the Callington area, for the moving of the speed limit sign on the A390 from Tavistock Road to beyond the junction with Fullaford Road, the parking bays in Zaggy Lane and Haye Road by the Health Centre, and also portable flashing speed control signs to aid in reducing speed.
- v) There are a number of cases of Planning Enforcement which are currently being dealt with.
- vi) The Leader of Cornwall Council has given his overwhelming support for the Tamar Summit in June which will be looking at the future of the Tamar crossings along the border.
- vii) Cllr Long will be putting his name forward for a Cornwall Council seat for the new Callington/St Dominic seat at the elections in May.

The Clerk reminded Councillors of a Caradon Highways meeting tomorrow evening via zoom. Cllrs Long, Raphael and Moore will attend this meeting.

11. FOR DECISION – to approve the NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN as recommended by the Planning Committee

Deferred until the next meeting.

12. FOR DECISION – Ground Works South West project – to invite a representative to the meeting; who can explain their proposals for this area with the various youth groups.

Chris Barber from Ground Works South West spoke and gave information about the project and a discussion took place with questions presented to Mr Barber by Councillors.

It was acknowledged that this was a beneficial project and that anything that encourages and supports the young and vulnerable people of the community should be endorsed by the Town Council. It was suggested that Ground Works South West contact the existing youth facilities within the town, namely the scheme held in the Methodist Church, the Foot Project and the Scouts.

13. FOR DECISION – To discuss the Re-opening High Street Safely Fund (as circulated on 13th February) and receive any ideas from Cllrs on projects that might qualify for funding

It was not yet known if Callington could bid for this funding due to not meeting the criteria ie. only having 32 businesses in the town compared to the 60 required to fulfill the criteria. Cllr Long was of the understanding that there was a way around this but this would need to be clarified.

Cllr Long felt that more clarity was needed from Helen Fincham on this project and once received he suggested that it be brought back to one of the sub-committees next month.

Cllr Long reported that he was meeting with Helen Fincham and that he would seek further information from her.

14. FOR DECISION – To discuss the recent loss of former Portreeve and Mayor, Mr John Trevithick

Cllr Tolman reported that the Cornish flag was currently being flown at half-mast in St Mary's Square as a sign of respect to Mr Trevithick and on the day of the funeral the Town Council flag would also be flown at half-mast. She would like as many Councillors as possible to line up, socially distanced, either outside the Town Hall or the Church on the day of the funeral as a mark of respect.

A discussion took place regarding the logistics of the funeral with regard to COVID regulations. It was suggested that it be advised, publically, that if people wanted to pay their respects they must do so safely and in line with the regulations.

15. ANY URGENT ITEMS

Cllr Moore reported that he had attended a CALC meeting recently and it had been advised that town and parish councils to try to hold a meeting back to the end of April. There will be government announcements relating to the end of the existing COVID legislation which will impact on how virtual meetings are conducted. More information is likely to emerge at a later date.

Cllr Tolman reported that, at a recent Mayor's meeting, Mayors had been encouraged to write to their local MP to campaign for virtual meetings to continue.

Cllr Long gave an update of the COVID numbers.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.15pm