

**CAMBORNE TOWN COUNCIL
AMENITIES COMMITTEE 21ST APRIL 2016**

MINUTES of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of Camborne Town Council held At the Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Boswithian Road, Tolvaddon, Camborne on Thursday 21st April 2016 at 7pm.

PRESENT Councillor Ms Merrick Chairman
Councillor Ms J Robinson
Councillor M Champion
Councillor Ms Z Fox
Councillor W Krey
Councillor S Odgers
Councillor G Winter
Councillor T Chalker (Ex Officio)
Councillor C Godolphin (Ex Officio)
Councillor J P Collins not a member of this committee

In Attendance: Amanda Mugford, Town Clerk; Melanie Negus, Administrative Assistant and Alec Webb, Amenities Projects Officer.

Mr Bowden and Mr Wheedon (members of the public)

The Chairman explained the safety procedures to all those present.

A.3658 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

A.3658.2 RESOLVED: that the apologies from Councillor Mrs Dalley for non-attendance of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on the 21st April 2016 were received

Proposed by Councillor Godolphin
Seconded by Councillor Champion

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.3659 MEMBERS TO DECLARE DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON REGISTERABLE INTERESTS (INCLUDING THE DETAILS THEREOF) IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA INCLUDING ANY GIFTS OR HOSPITALITY EXCEEDING £25

Councillor Ms Fox declared a non-registerable interest in Agenda item19 as she was on the Board of Trustees of the Pendarves Trust which managed the land on which the war games had been held.

A.3660 TO APPROVE WRITTEN REQUEST(S) FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensation requests.

A.3661 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SUBJECT TO STANDING ORDER 90 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE PERMITTED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS AND GIVE EVIDENCE IN

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**RESPECT OF ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA, UP
TO A MAXIMUM OF FIFTEEN MINUTES)**

The Chairman brought forward agenda item 19 as there were members of the public present wishing to speak on it.

**A.3662 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO PENDARVES COMMON
AND AGREE ANY ACTION (A.3640)**

The Chairman invited the members of the public to speak.

Mr Wheedon expressed regret that Councillor Mss Fox had not approached him regarding the content of her report which had been circulated to the Committee. He had not been subject to any Planning enforcement action and had agreed a plan for re-planting trees with the Forestry Commission.

Mr Bowden addressed the issues that had been raised by Councillor Ms Fox:

- The Commons Officer had been consulted regarding use of the land for private parking; this was part and parcel of living on a Common;
- Equestrian animals could be grazed on the land and the fencing had been removed. Trees would be re-planted in the autumn.
- Trees would be planted where the land had been re-surfaced;
- The Wheedons had been trying to 'put the land back' to what it was and there would be much more work to do so.
- The electric fences had been a temporary measure to control livestock; they were not allowed to put up permanent fencing.

Councillor Ms Fox confirmed that the Pendarves Trust did not own any part of the Common Land.

The Chairman referred to the correspondence relating to the Common being used for 'war games'. She was pleased that the actions taken by the Amenities Committee appeared to have resulted in these activities being stopped.

Councillor Fox referred to her report and stated that the works were not planning issues but illegal under the Commons Act, section 38. The land had been constituted as a Common by the Urban District Council and was of particular value.

Councillors considered the points raised, the correspondence received from Cornwall Council Planning Enforcement and the Commons Officer.

**A.3662.2 RESOLVED: that the correspondence relating to
Pendarves Common was noted**

Proposed by Councillor Ms Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Odgers

On a vote being taken the motion was approved by a majority.

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A.3663 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members asked that Kevin Thomas be thanked for conducting the tour of the CCTV facilities and his hospitality providing refreshments.

A.3664 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THIS COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 18TH FEBRUARY 2016 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

A.3664.2 RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on the 18th February 2016 were received approved and signed by the Chairman

Proposed by Councillor Ms Merrick
Seconded by Councillor Krey

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously by those entitled to vote.

A.3665 MATTERS ARISING, FOR INFORMATION ONLY, WHERE NOT INCLUDED BELOW

Councillor Ms Merrick asked for an update on A.3648.2 the BID banners obstructing the CCTV cameras. The Town Clerk informed members of the motion passed at Full Council;

C.3637.2 RESOLVED: that correspondence from BID Camborne regarding Public Realm CCTV Monitoring in Camborne was received. The Town Council send a letter to BID Camborne referring them to the letter sent from the Town Council in February; inform them that in the interest of public safety the monitoring times of CCTV was kept confidential; request 'again' that the BID Camborne banners obstructing the CCTV cameras in the town be removed, and inform them that if they are not removed within five working days the Town Council would ask Cornwall Council to remove them.

She had sent the letter and received a reply from Ms M Martin requesting that the Town Council arrange for Cornwall Council to take down the banners without any charge to BID Camborne. The Town Clerk had contacted Cornwall Council to this effect. Members stressed the need for the banners to be removed before Trevithick Day.

A.3666 TO RECEIVE THE CURRENT NET POSITION BY CODE FOR THE AMENITIES BUDGET TO THE END OF THE 2015/2016 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Town Clerk informed members that the square utilities had come in over budget.

A.3666.2 RESOLVED: that the current net position by Code for the Amenities Budget to the end of the 2015/2016 financial year was received

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Proposed by Councillor Chalker
Seconded by Councillor Odgers

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.3667 TO RECEIVE THE SURVEYOR'S REPORT ON CAMBORNE LIBRARY AND AGREE ACTIONS ACCORDINGLY

As the full report from the Surveyor on Camborne Library had not yet been received it was;

A.3667.2 RESOLVED: that the surveyor's report on Camborne library when received be deferred to a meeting of the Devolution and Public Estates Working Party

Proposed by Councillor Chalker
Seconded by Councillor Odgers

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.3668 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS CASE APPLICATION FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL REGARDING THE DEVOLUTION OF THE LIBRARY SERVICE IN CAMBORNE TO THE TOWN COUNCIL AND AGREE A RESPONSE

The Town Clerk informed members that she had received a Business Case application from Mr Budden, Devolution Project Manager of Cornwall Council requesting information on the Town Council's interest in Camborne Library. He had also requested a meeting, to be held by the end of May, to start feasibility discussions. A provisional meeting date in the morning of 25th May had been scheduled.

Councillors considered the draft Business Case as had been completed by the Town Clerk and agreed that it fulfilled the criteria set out in Cornwall Council's guidance notes. The Clerk noted that she did not regard this document to be the Council's Business Plan for the library

A.3668.2 RESOLVED: that the correspondence and Business Case Application from Cornwall Council regarding the devolution of the library service in Camborne to the Town Council was received, and the draft Business Case as completed by the Town Clerk was approved for submission to Cornwall Council

Proposed by Councillor Chalker
Seconded by Councillor Ms Robinson

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

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A.3669 TO RECEIVE THE AMENITIES WINTER PROGRAMME REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES AND PROJECTS OFFICER AND AGREE ANY ACTION

Members discussed the committee's decision to refurbish the Town Council's litter bins. The Amenities Projects Officer informed members that the bins were in the process of being refurbished, but to re-instate the gold band around the middle would incur a cost of £60 per bin. Members were not in favour of paying this additional cost and felt that this could be done by the handymen at a later date.

The Chairman thanked the Amenities team for all their hard work.

A.3669.2 RESOLVED: that the Amenities Winter Programme Report from the Amenities and Projects Officer was received

Proposed by Councillor Ms Merrick
Seconded by Councillor Godolphin

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a Majority.

A.3669.3 RESOLVED: that the re-instatement of the gold band around the Town Council litter bins be done by the handymen at a later date

Proposed by Councillor Ms Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Ms Merrick

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a Majority.

A.3670 TO APPROVE THE LOCAL MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT 2016

A.3670.2 RESOLVED: that the Local Maintenance Partnership Agreement 2016 was approved

Proposed by Councillor Odgers
Seconded by Councillor Ms Robinson

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.3671 TO CONSIDER PROBLEMS WITH LITTER AND FLY TIPPING IN THE BEACON/PARC AN TANSYS/PENGECON AREA AND AGREE APPROPRIATE ACTION

Members discussed the problems of litter and fly tipping in the Beacon/Parc an Tansys/Pengecon; Councillor Ms Merrick had visited the site and contacted Cory who attended and cleared the rubbish. Councillor Collins informed members of a litter pick in this area by the Green and Clean Group arranged for Sunday 15th May, to meet at 9.15am at the Rosewarne Car

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Park; all equipment would be provided.

- A.3671.2 RESOLVED:** **that the Green and Clean Group poster for a litter pick at Beacon and Pengegon on the 15th May be advertised on the Town Council notice boards and Web Site**

Proposed by Councillor Godolphin
Seconded by Councillor Ms Merrick

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

- A.3672 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE A LEASE RELATING TO THE ALLOTMENTS AT ENYS ROAD, CAMBORNE, AUTHORISE SIGNATURE BY THE TOWN CLERK AS PROPER OFFICER OF CAMBORNE TOWN COUNCIL AND AGREE ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTION**

The Town Clerk informed members that Mr Coleman had replaced Mr Thompsett as Chairman of Camborne Produce Association; the replacement pages with the name change had been received from the Solicitor.

- A.3672.2 RESOLVED:** **that a 25 year Lease relating to the Allotments at Enys Road, Camborne, was received; the Town Clerk as Proper Officer of Camborne Town Council was authorised to sign the lease agreement on behalf of the Town Council and a press release with a photo of the Produce Market receiving the lease agreement be arranged**

Proposed by Councillor Ms Merrick
Seconded by Councillor Champion

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

- A.3673 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PUBLIC TOILETS FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL AND AGREE ANY ACTION**

The Town Clerk informed members that a recent press release stating that Cornwall Council had done a U turn on closing public toilets was misleading; they were considering keeping the ones with 'pay to use facilities' open.

- A.3672.2 RESOLVED:** **that an update on public toilets from Cornwall Council was received**

Proposed by Councillor Ms Merrick
Seconded by Councillor Odgers

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

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A.3673 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE NALC STAR COUNCIL AWARDS 2016 AND AGREE ANY ACTION

- A.3673.2 RESOLVED:** that information regarding the NALC Star Council Awards 2016 was received, and Camborne Town Council enter categories, 'CALC Outstanding Project of the Year' and Local Council Outstanding Project of the Year

Proposed by Councillor Chalker
Seconded by Councillor Odgers

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.3674 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS TRAINING, AGREE ATTENDANCE AND AUTHORISE ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE

- A.3674.2 RESOLVED:** that information regarding Traffic Management for Community Events Training was received; Councillors Ms Fox and Champion to attend; the expenditure was authorised, to be taken from the members training budget

Proposed by Councillor Godolphin
Seconded by Councillor Ms Merrick

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.3675 TO CONSIDER A SUGGESTION FROM A MEMBER OF CAMBORNE REGENERATION FORUM THAT ANY MONEY FOUND IN THE FOUNTAIN IS DONATED TO CHARITY AND AGREE ANY ACTION

Members discussed the problems caused by the public throwing money into the fountain; which has an adverse effect on the chemical balance of the water.

- A.3675.2 RESOLVED:** that money found in the fountain, when totalling £10, be paid into the Mayor's Charity Fund

Proposed by Councillor Ms Fox
Seconded by Councillor Chalker

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a Majority.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.....

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