



Wadebridge Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 7pm in the Main Hall, Wadebridge Town Hall

Present : Cllrs; C Boswell-Munday, H Jarvis, T Leach, J Metcalfe, L Mitchell, L Nathan, G Pearce, K Rowe, C Viqueira & I Welch (Mayor).

Public Present : Cornwall Councillors; Robin Moorcroft (Wadebridge West & St. Mabyn) & Carol Mould (Wadebridge East and St. Minver) and four members of the public including a representative from Situ8 Ltd., Agent for Planning Application PA23/05555 (agenda item 9.a.ii.).

In Attendance : Anne Minnis (Clerk) and Beverley Collins (Minutes Clerk).

Housekeeping – The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised of evacuation routes in case of an emergency (there were no hazards to note) and reminded all those present of the following:

- That the meeting may be filmed or recorded.
- That the meeting is being recorded by Wadebridge Town Council.
- Members and members of the public to turn mobile phones to silent.
- Should a Member or member of the public wish to film or photograph the meeting please sit in the 'Film/Photograph Area'.
- Members of the public, children or vulnerable persons who do not wish to be filmed or photographed please sit in the 'No Film/Photograph Area'.

1893/24 Apologies – None.

1894/24 Declarations of Interest –

a) **Pecuniary Interests** (*To declare those interests which have been declared on your Register of Interests relevant to the Agenda of the meeting. Whenever the item is being discussed, including public participation, Councillors must leave the room and not take part in the discussion and decision*) – None.

b) **Non Registerable Interests** (*To declare non registerable interests at the start of the meeting or whenever the interest becomes apparent. When the item is being discussed, including public participation, Councillors must leave the meeting and not take part in the discussion or decision*) –

- Cllr Louise Mitchell declared an interest in item 11.a.i., Allotments working group if necessary.
- Cllr Ian Welch declared an interest in item 10, Pantomime due to a family member being involved with the 2023 pantomime and potentially the 2024 production.
- Cllr Charlie Viqueira declared an interest in item 9.a.iii., Planning Application PA23/09961 as she knows one of the applicants.

c) **Dispensations** – None.

1895/24 Minutes of Last Meeting – *The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 20 December 2023 were **RESOLVED** to be a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Mayor.*

1896/24 Public Participation

- Questions from members of the Public relating to items on the agenda –

- The Agent for planning application PA23/05555 addressed the meeting providing details of the proposed development.

Councillors clarified several points with the agent in respect of a neighbour dispute (fencing around a septic tank). The Agent confirmed that the dispute is separate to the planning application.

- Reports from Cornwall Councillors –
 - **Cllr Mould (Wadebridge East & St. Minver)** – Cllr Mould addressed the meeting on the following items :
 - Applicant of PA23/05555 has made contact to discuss the application and is aware of the civil issue. Noted that her position is to await the town council's decision on this.
 - Town Team – Cornwall Council has a call going out for land availability. There is discussion with Tim Mulholland from Treveth (a Cornwall Council's arms-length company) about the land behind Nice Baps at the edge of town. Possibility at some point of looking at this as a study as to whether it is suitable land. Has discussed this with Paul the suitability of light industrial use for the likes of Daften / moving Bradfords Quay as it is all about moving Bradfords Quay and where would it go. Aware of how rumours begin so letting the town council know that she and Cllr Moorcroft have met with Tim but it is at a really early stage and it is not known yet if the landowner wants to sell. There has been no conversation with the landowner as yet so just advising this for transparency purposes. It doesn't inhibit where the town council may go with the Neighbourhood Plan as aware that land on the other side of the road was identifiable in the plan for development. Just trying to get movement as to whether we can move some of the business out of town.
 - New waste roll out has started – not Wadebridge as yet. Very pleased with first few days.

The Mayor raised several concerns with Cllr Mould's report on the land near Nice Baps and the Town Team's involvement. Points included :

- Will the town council have an opportunity to engage with the land study. Cllr Mould said yes, everyone will.
- Why is the Town Team is involved. Cllr Mould said the feasibility study will look at this and the Consultant has spoken to businesses at Bradfords Quay. Conversations will be included for everyone to discuss.
- The Town Team started with looking at other things for the town eg. how to refurbish Molesworth Street but now appears to be looking at elements of the NHP. There was brief discussion around the NHP and the disputed areas within it. Cllr Mould said it is intrinsically tied with the Town Team as a wider piece of work. The Mayor reiterated that the Town Team is to advantage wider benefits for the most people of the town rather than individuals.

It was agreed that this meeting is not the right forum to further discuss this matter.

- **Cllr Moorcroft (Wadebridge West & St. Mabyn)** – Cllr Moorcroft addressed the meeting on the following items :
 - Water run off at Trevanion Road - gulley clearance works will be done in the next few weeks with further work in the next financial year.
 - Social media post regarding the gate at the top of Trenant Vale. This has been installed as part of the Traffic Regulation Order to prevent movement of vehicles. The decision came after a consultation via the Community Network. Cllr Moorcroft has details if the town council need further information on this.

- CAPs meeting last week – presentations from voluntary sector forums and around the Local Plan.
- Town Team met last week. Rise Associates meeting with local businesses later in January around high street regeneration. Other presentations will also take place including from the Chamber of Commerce.

Cllr Jarvis raised two points :

- That the town council has been asked for funding for the swimming pool. Have the Cornwall Councillors been approached for Community Chest funding? Cllr Moorcroft advised that both funds have now been spent but he and Cllr Mould are in consultation with the group.
- A letter from Scott Mann MP regarding the Cornwall Council building at Trenant - what are the plans for this? Cllr Mould said there will be a meeting soon to discuss the future of it. She relayed details of an attempt to utilise the building for a combined doctors surgery which proved not to be beneficial. Cllr Mould will report back after the meeting.

Cllr Viqueira raised her concerns with the new development at Egloshayle and asked what is happening to reroute the road as there have been several near misses. Cllr Mould agreed there are concerns and with the footpath also. She has asked for this to be looked into several times and will continue to do so as it is still not clear and feels it is an accident waiting to happen.

There was brief discussion around the unsuitability of a development in that area.

- Police Reports – None.

1897/24 Mayor's Report – The Mayor provided a brief report on the following items :

- Christmas visit to St. Breock Care Home to take gifts from the town council and joined in with their carol singing.
- Resignation of Philip Mitchell – thanked Mr Mitchell for all he has done for the town council and wished him well for the future.
- Councillor meetings – along with the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Kelly Rowe, they have undertaken individual meetings with councillors. This will continue through January and February.
- Town Team – further interaction with Rise Associates is awaited. It is hoped that town councillors will be invited to meet with them soon regarding the town survey.

1898/24 Committee Meetings – Cllr Jarvis, Chair of Committee took the following two items.

- Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting** – *It was **RESOLVED** to receive the Minutes of the meeting held Monday 15 January 2024.*

Recommendations to Full Council –

- **Fin 315/24, Parking Charges Review** - *It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation to increase Parking Charges in the Co-op, Library & Egloshayle Car Parks as follows:-*
 - 1 Hour - £0.90 (all)*
 - 2 Hours - £1.80 (all)*
 - 3 Hours - £2.70 (all)*
 - 4 Hours - £3.60 (Co-Op & Library only)*
 - Up to 4 Hours - £3.60 (Egloshayle only)*
 - 4 Hours & over - £5.00 (Egloshayle only)*
 - Charging periods to remain the same.*

Noted that the proposed charging review will require a period of consultation.

- **Fin 316/24, Precept 2024-25** – *It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation to accept a precept figure of £685,245 with a Budget of £1,006,293 (including reserves) for 2024/25.*

1899/24 Finance – Payment of Accounts :

- December 2023 accounts for payment** – *It was **RESOLVED** to approve payment of £94,620.36 as presented.*

1900/24 Correspondence (information circulated with agenda for Members) -

- The following correspondence for information was **received** –
 - SLCC/NALC** – Civility & Respect Newsletter (December 2023).
 - Wadebridge Leisure Centre** – interim response to request for information.
 - Cllr Boswell-Munday noted that she found the correspondence misleading in respect of significant contributions. Cllr Welch clarified that the Padstow contribution is from Padstow Harbour Commissioners and not the Town Council.
 - Bodmin & Wadebridge Neighbourhood Policing Teams** – January 2024 Newsletter.
- The following correspondence requesting a response was **received** and considered (information circulated prior to meeting) –
 - Wadebridge Residents** – Fireworks
 - *It was **RESOLVED** to defer this item to Item 13.1., Confidential Matters due to the confidential nature of the correspondences and the individuals concerned.*

Minute 1905/24.i. refers.

- The following Minutes and Agendas for Outside Committees for information were **received** –
 - Padstow Harbour Commissioner** – 23 November 2023 meeting minutes.

1901/24 Planning –

- New Applications** – Cllr Welch (Chair of Planning Committee) provided details and relevant information for each application for Members consideration. *It was **RESOLVED** to make the following responses:*
 - PA23/08945:** 14 Valley View Wadebridge Cornwall PL27 7BT. Conversion of detached garage into a home workspace/office and guest room when needed and also a beauty salon with WC facilities and utility room. **SUPPORTED.**
 - PA23/05555:** Old Piggery Sladesbridge Wadebridge. Proposed conversion of former piggery and associated barn to form dwelling and ancillary accommodation. **SUPPORTED.**

**7.38pm, Cllr Viqueira left the meeting.
Member of the public left the meeting.**

 - PA23/09961:** Euro House Bradfords Quay Road Wadebridge Cornwall. Demolition of workshop building and compound and re-development forming four town houses and five apartments (re-submission of Application No. PA22/09432). **NOT SUPPORTED – CONCERNS WITH THE SCALE OF THE DEVELOPMENT, UNSUITABLE ACCESS ESPECIALLY FOR LORRIES, THERE IS LACK OF AMENITY SPACE FOR RESIDENTS AND IT IS WITHIN A FLOOD RISK ZONE.**

**7.49pm, Cllr Viqueira returned to the meeting.
Member of the public left the meeting.**

b. **Decisions** – the following decisions from Cornwall Council were **received** : None.

c. **For Information** – the following information received from Cornwall was **received** :

- i. **PA23/10257**: Devon And Cornwall Police Authority Police Station 59 Molesworth Street Wadebridge Cornwall, Works to Tree within a Conservation Area (TCA) - SG1 Goat Willow - Prune overhang and ivy back to boundary wall.
- ii. **PA24/00086**: 2 Gwendrock Villas Fernleigh Road Wadebridge Cornwall PL27 7AZ. Works to trees in a conservation area (CA), works include Cherry tree in rear garden of 2 Gwendrock Villas. Reduction of height of tree to four metres.

**7.49pm, Cllr Welch left the meeting.
Cllr Rowe took the following item.**

1902/24 Pantomime 2024 – There was brief discussion around the 2023 event and around the costings moving forward. The Clerk confirmed that the pantomime does break even.

- i. *It was **RESOLVED** to approve a Christmas Pantomime for 2024 subject to agreement being reached with all parties involved.*
- ii. *It was **RESOLVED** to delegate authority to the Clerk.*

**7.52pm, Cllr Welch returned to the meeting.
Cllr Mould left the meeting.**

1903/24 Working Groups –

a. *It was **RESOLVED** to receive Minutes and recommendations from the following working groups (as previously circulated) :*

- i. Allotments – None.
- ii. Climate Change and Flood – None.
- iii. Culture, Sports and Recreation – None.
- iv. Digital Communications – None.
- v. Governance Review (to exclude NHP) – None.
- vi. Toilets – None.
- vii. Town Hall – None.

There was discussion around the current status of working groups and suggestions of how to move forward.

b. **Membership** – None.

1904/24 Councillor Recruitment – Cllr Boswell-Munday provided an update on suggestions to raise the profile of the town council (info-graphic documents previously circulated).

There was discussion around amendments to the documents. All councillors were asked to respond to Cllr Boswell-Munday with their thoughts and suggestions by Monday 22 January 2024.

8.06pm, Cllr Moorcroft and members of the public left the meeting.

1905/24 Confidential matters – *It was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Order 1.c., so that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business because of the confidential personnel/contractual nature of the business to be transacted - Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.*

Details of the confidential matters and quotations received were presented. Members made the following responses:

- i. **Fireworks** – There was discussion around correspondences received.
 - *It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk responds in respect of the financial aspect of the correspondence and to advise that the town council will consult with the community as previously agreed.*

There was further discussion around a second correspondence highlighting concerns with the health and safety aspect of the event.

- *It was **RESOLVED** to contact the Police to request advice for future events, to revisit the risk assessment and to consider further measures including signage etc.*

ii. **Changing Places Toilets** – *It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation for groundworks as submitted by A1 at a cost of £101,860.*

iii. **Staff Structure Review** – *It was **RESOLVED** to accept quotation 1 as presented at a cost of £4,400.*

1906/24 Dates of Next Wadebridge Town Council meetings

- **Finance & General Purposes Committee** – Monday 19 February 2024, 7pm.
- **Full Council Meeting** – Wednesday 21 February 2024, 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.44pm

Signed as a True and Accurate Account :

..... **Chair :**

..... **Date :**