

WADEBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting
held on Wednesday 29 April 2015 at 6pm at Egloshayle Pavilion

Present : Cllrs; C Buchanan, E Gill, N Hawken, H Hyland, M Kendall, A Pennington, A Richardson, T Rush (Mayor), P Starling (Deputy Mayor) & P Tofi.

Also present : Cornwall Councillor Stephen Knightley, Sargent Andy Stewart & Helen Lentern (Wadebridge Police), Anna Druce (Community Link Officer, Wadebridge & Padstow), Mark Williams & Samantha Tinker (Wadebridge Cricket Club).

In attendance : Mrs B Collins (Minutes Secretary).

The Mayor, Cllr Rush opened the meeting and advised of evacuation routes in case of an emergency. There were no hazards to note.

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Bassett & Jones and the Town Clerk.

ATM/15.1 Mayor's Annual Report – Cllr Rush gave a report outlining Council projects and events which have taken place over the past year (report attached).

ATM/15.2 Minutes – it was **RESOLVED** to agree the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held 30 April 2014. Minutes were signed by the Mayor.

ATM/15.3 Matters Arising – Cllr Pennington advised that Cornwall Council has confirmed Section 106 monies from the Sainsbury development will be made available and will include funds towards a Camel Trail feasibility study.

ATM/15.4 Presentations

- a. Wadebridge Cricket Club** – Mark Williams gave a short presentation on the clubs past year and advised details of the proposed new pavilion, updated facilities and increased services which will include use for community functions. It was clarified that Cornwall Council has approved the planning application. Timescale and official launch details will be notified along with information. Mark confirmed that the club is now in a position to submit applications for larger grant funding such as Sport England.
- b. Wadebridge Town Council** – Committee Chairs gave short presentations setting out the remit of each committee.
 - i.** Parks & Cemeteries Committee – Cllr Mike Kendall.
 - ii.** Car Park & Traffic Committee & Planning Committee – Cllr Nigel Hawken.
 - iii.** Town Hall Committee – Cllr Carole Buchanan.
 - iv.** Communications Committee – Cllr Pamela Starling.
 - v.** Finance & General Purposes Committee – Cllr Helen Hyland.

Police Report – Sgt. Andy Stewart gave a full report advising crime statistics, the ongoing issues with the 101 service and the future style of policing which will reduce police visibility and increase the use of social media. Sgt. Stewart confirmed that whilst workload and expectations have increased Wadebridge remains a safe town with officers continuing to work with the community over and beyond scheduled hours.

ATM/15.5 **Question Time**

Philip Mutton requested further details of Cllr Pennington’s statement regarding Section 106 monies (Sainsbury’s development). Cllr Pennington advised that issues have arisen due to restructure of Cornwall Council staff and that she would relay information received from Anna Druce (Community Link Officer) at the end of the meeting.

- Submitted Parishioners Questions :

Philip Mutton - Car Parking for people working in Town (Question attached)

The Mayor advised that Cornwall Councillors have addressed the problem of parking with Cornwall Council and that the Town Council will agenda this for a future meeting and discuss with Cornwall Council and that Sainsbury's have handed over the Town Centre Car Parking contribution to Cornwall Council who is dealing with the project.

It was confirmed that the land currently used for poultry is leased to a member of the public.

Anna Druce advised of the requirement for a feasibility study due to flood issues and that it may be possible to continue with an alternative site. Cllr Knightley stated that issues with flooding are well known and therefore a feasibility study is not necessary.

It was confirmed that this matter is ongoing. Cllr Pennington thanked Anna Druce for her involvement and work on this matter.

Action : WTC to agenda May meeting.

Mrs Yelland – Additional Housing (Question attached, Mrs Yelland was not present at meeting)

Cllr Knightley advised information relating to this question (attached).

Cllr Knightley –

- Thanked the Police for their involvement and hard work in finding a local resident’s lost dog.
- Advised the Cricket Club that he fully supports their extension plans and would recommend that the Club make an application for Community Chest funding.

Mrs Collop – Infrastructure & Skatepark (Questions attached)

Cllr Knightley gave a full explanation including details of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan which highlights the need for expansion to infrastructure including that of the medical and education sectors. He stressed that the Plan cannot implement expansion but will evidence and encourage views from the community.

Mr Dudman asked what the proportion of affordable houses will be for the proposed Gonvena development.

Cllr Knightley advised that the developer will negotiate this with Cornwall Council – any reduction from the usual 40% will need to be justified and evidenced.

Mrs Collop (Skatepark) : Cllr Pennington, as Chair of the Community Group gave a brief explanation of the current status of the project including funding obtained.

Mr Dudman – Decline in Swans (Question attached)

The Mayor advised response received from RSPB who suggest that the Town Council approach the local birdwatching society in order to establish if any current data is available and to discuss undertaking local recording / monitoring in the future.

Mr Langdon discussed aspects of the decline in swans and the increase in Canada Geese over the past few years and gave additional information regarding wildlife along the estuary. Aspects of this were openly discussed.

Philip Mutton – Traffic and Car Parks - Wadebridge Town Centre (Question attached)

Cllr Pennington advised that the Town Council has a working group in place to discuss this matter and that Anna Druce has agreed to assist. It was suggested that the Town Council working group facilitate a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce, Wadebridge Police, Philip Mutton & Anna Druce in order to review and discuss options to move forward.

Action : Wadebridge Town Council.

Several options to re-direct and/or lighten traffic from the Platt area were briefly discussed.

Parishioners to put questions to:-

- Cornwall Councillors – None.
- Wadebridge Town Councillors -

Mrs Collop – Concerns with traffic in Molesworth Street

The Mayor briefly noted that an option to install flower planters along Molesworth Street has been raised for discussion.

Town Councillor Vacancy – The Mayor advised of the current vacancy.
Information available from the Town Clerk.

The Mayor thanked the guest speakers and closed the meeting at 7.53pm.

Signed as a True and Accurate Account :

Chair :

Date :