



Wadebridge Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 15 April 2026 at 7pm in the Main Hall, Wadebridge Town Hall

Present : Cllrs; B Kennelly, J Metcalfe, L Mitchell, D Moore, G Pearce, J Pearce, K Rowe, G Welch & I Welch (Mayor)

Absent : D Stawski

Public Present : Cornwall Councillors Rosie Moore (Wadebridge East & St. Minver) & Robin Moorcroft (Wadebridge West and St. Mabyn) and eight members of the public.

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

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 not 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'.

2200/26 Apologies – None.

2201/26 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*) – None.

c) **Dispensations** – None.

2202/26 Minutes of Last Meeting – *The Minutes of the meeting held on the 18 March 2026 were RESOLVED to be a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Mayor.*

Noted that Cllr Kennelly had given apologies for last meeting.

7.02pm, a member of the public arrived.

2203/26 Previous Meeting Minutes – *It was RESOLVED to note that;*

- Cllr Metcalfe was in attendance at the meeting of 20 March 2024.*
- The Minutes of the meeting are inaccurate, and an appendix will be attached to the approved document to explain this.*
- That the meeting was quorate and all resolutions contained within it are legally sound.*

The Mayor signed the Appendix.

2204/26 Public Participation –

- Police Report – None.
- Questions and representations from members of the Public relating to items on the agenda –
 - A member of the public addressed the meeting on agenda item 10.b.i., McDonalds. Concerns with the proposal were raised including the location and public health issues. Noted that the road layout proposal should have been implemented previously and doesn't think this will benefit Wadebridge which already has fast food services available.
 - Agenda item 10.b.v., Cornwall Council reintroduction of weed treatment -
 - Several members of the public addressed the meeting on the above agenda item. Concerns raised and points noted included :
 - The harm this will do to insects and the environment and the destruction of the eco system.
 - Health issues to the public.
 - Spraying with glyphosate is not the solution.
 - This could be addressed with a community working group.
 - The decision goes against Cornwall Council's environment policies and plans and there should be time now to consult with experts including Cornwall Council's Environment team.
 - Aware that Wadebridge Town Council is against the use of glyphosates.
 - Mr Knightley, a Trustee from WYPAC/The Goods Shed addressed the meeting in respect of agenda item 11.a.i., PA26/00954. He asked for the town council's support with the application and advised of a public meeting to be held on Friday 17 April – all councillors welcome to attend.

The Mayor advised that the town council has a few questions regarding the charitable aspect of WYPAC as it is important to understand the position.

The Mayor referred to the charity's objects which focus on young people's activities and community services. He asked for clarity as to whether the dental services are for those same people or will it include adults?

Mr Knightley advised it includes adults. Mr Knightley advised of the proposal and referred to there previously being a youth club as part of WYPAC.

There was brief discussion around whether WYPAC would be required to change their Terms of Reference. Mr Knightley said he thought there is no need to change the scope with the Charity Commission as it is essentially non-profit and community led. This fits within the rules of WYPAC's charity status.

Mr Knightley clarified details of the rooms to be used and that there would be no loss of other facilities as there is surplus room. The application also covers the replacement of the current dated stair lift with a disabled lift.

Cllr Metcalfe asked if the trustee body is fully aware that Stephen Knightley Partnership is listed on the application.

Mr Knightley said that they are and that he is not being paid for this work. He referred to the financial aspect of the application and provided details on Cornwall Council's requirement for a contamination report which he believes is not necessary as the project will not break ground.

There was further discussion including that Ben Maguie MP is seeking funding from Westminster as there is funding available for these schemes. Details of the scheme in Plymouth were provided by Mr Knightley.

It was clarified that this scheme will fall outside of an NHS contract.

Cllr Moore referred to the terms of WYPAC's charitable objectives and that he personally believes the status needs to change. Mr Knightley said that he believes the proposed dental facilities fit. He referred to dental issues within hospitals for up to 18-year-olds. Additionally, WYPAC is working with Cllr Moorcroft with regards to reinstating a youth club.

Mr Knightley thanked Cllr Moore for his comments and said he would check this.

The Mayor thanked Mr Knightley for his input and said he was hopeful that the council would be supportive of the application.

- Reports from Cornwall Councillors –
 - **Cllr Rosie Moore (Wadebridge East & St. Minver)** – The following points were advised:
 - 3g pitch at Wadebridge School – addressing the concerns raised with the 20mph limit which has not been implemented. Highways have advised that the issues with a reduced limit are around the potential for dangerous driving and overtaking. A speed monitor has been located at Bodieve to monitor traffic speed.

There was a brief discussion on whether the monitor was working and the location of this. Cllr Moore advised she will look into this and agreed the location could be moved at some point so as to include traffic speed nearer the school.
 - Autism Partnership – details of the autism strategy going forward were relayed including interesting to see how the council and other employers address and support autism in employment.
 - Athena school – upsetting safeguarding situations have arisen within the academy. Will be discussing this further and looking to offer support if possible.
 - Water testing at Polzeath – not able to disclose information until the report is issued but looking at the use of volunteer groups going forward.
 - Meeting with the Director of Public Health regarding the proposal for dentistry at the Goods Shed. Meeting was positive and looking at what to focus on going forward. Has submitted another motion to go to the next meeting – details were provided and this includes supporting local children and dental students.
- **Cllr Robin Moorcroft (Wadebridge West & St. Mabyn)** – The following points were advised:
 - Town Team – next meeting will include discussion on projects currently engaged in and the CIL responses. Fortunate to receive two awards and the looking forward to working with the town council on these.
 - Community Chest funds are now open.
 - Polmorla Road parking – the Order is now in place and kerb tags have been reinstated.
 - Highway improvement schemes – the proposal submitted for a no entry to the road alongside the new Methodist Church will be going forward.

The Mayor asked the Cornwall Councillors if they had known about the reintroduction of the use of glyphosates as it is believed this was raised at a Cornwall Council meeting some time ago.

Cllr Moorcroft advised he is aware of a formal Cabinet decision and Officers being asked to look into this however, they have not had much involvement and only copied into the same email sent to town and parishes. He does not recall attending the Briefing on 6 March 2026.

Cllr Metcalfe asked Cllr Moore if other groups and organisation have been approached for the testing at Polzeath.

Cllr Moore confirmed they have and are collecting data although a Beach Ranger would be great for the future and she would be happy to contribute towards testing kits.

It was confirmed that the Community Chest fund would be open to any community led incentive.

The Cornwall Councillors were asked for their thoughts on the decision to reintroduce glyphosate spraying.

Cllr Moorcroft said that both he and Cllr Moore agree with the concerns raised and share the town council's concerns especially with the lack of consultation. Cllr Moore advised she had raised the timeframe but has been told this is due to the timing of the budget.

7.33pm, two members of the public left the meeting.

2205/26 Nominations and Vote for Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elect for 2026/27 – The Mayor advised of the nominations received.

- *It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Jules Metcalfe is Mayor Elect for 2026-27.*
- *It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Kelly Rowe is Deputy Mayor Elect for 2026-27.*

2206/26 Mayor's Report – The Mayor advised the following :
21 March – Formal opening ceremony of Padstow Harbour Commissioners Offices.
2 April – Pencarrow House for the planting of a special Japanese Ginko tree. The tree is in recognition of resilience, peace and friendship.
9 April – Walk around town with Simon Miller (Town Team Co-ordinator) visiting shops and premises.

Addressing the meeting, the Mayor said that after serving as Mayor for the past three and half years he is now delighted to be handing over the baton to Cllr Metcalfe.

2207/26 Committee Meetings –

- Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting – *It was **RESOLVED** to receive the Minutes of meeting held 30 March 2026.*

There were no recommendations to Full Council.

2208/26 Finance – Payment of Accounts for March 2026 – *It was **RESOLVED** to approve payment of £96,974.31 as presented.*

2209/26 Correspondence (information circulated with agenda) –

- a. The following correspondence for information was **received** :
- i. **Cornwall Council** – Town & Parish Council Newsletter (March 2026).
 - ii. **Bodmin & Neighbourhood Policing Team** – March 2026 Newsletter.
 - iii. **Cornwall Council** – Section 228 Adoption at Lang Drive to Treguddock Drive, Wadebridge.
 - iv. **Environment Agency** – Use of Council car park.
 - v. **Cornwall Council** – Nibbles Library of the Year.
 - vi. **Cornwall Council** – Good Growth News.

- b. To following correspondence requesting a response was received and considered (all circulated with Agenda) :

- i. **McDonalds** – creating New Jobs and Investing in Wadebridge.
 - The Mayor advised this is a request that the town council hosts a stakeholder meeting however, he would prefer this to be a public meeting.

Noted that the location is within St. Breock parish and therefore outside of the Wadebridge parish boundary. It was clarified that whilst the town council could facilitate a meeting it does not follow that they will therefore support the proposal.

- *It was **RESOLVED** to agree to host a meeting but to ask that this is also a public engagement meeting.*

- ii. **Helland Parish** - invitation to attend an event re Wind Farm proposal.
 - Noted.
- iii. **Climate Vision** – open Letter to MPs: Building Personal Climate Resilience.
 - *It was **RESOLVED** to take this item to the town council's Climate Change and Emergency Planning working group for consideration.*
- iv. **Environment Agency** – request for EA contractor to connect to council facilities from May 2026 to May 2027.
 - The Clerk provided details of the works and previous meetings with the EA. Further information now received from the EA in relation to their additional requirements within the lower-level car park area and a formal Notice of Entry which they intend to serve on the town council was relayed.

Noted that;

- EA are challenging standard advertised rates for parking which is due to be paid to compensate for any loss of income.
- The works will affect summer events including the Carnival and Raft Race.
- Car park Order is for a maximum parking limit of four hours.
- Clerk is in contact with the solicitor with regards to the town council's position and possible compensation.
- May have to close the lower-level car park for the length of the works.
- Will affect use of the Changing Places toilets.

This was discussed at length including the nature of the works.

- *It was **RESOLVED** to delegate authority to the Clerk to respond in conjunction with the town council's solicitor.*

v. **Cornwall Council** – re-Introduction of Weed Treatment.

- The Mayor provided details of the proposal from Cornwall Council. It was noted that the Clerk has written to the MP regarding all of the issues that have been raised because of Cornwall Council's decision to reinstate the use of glyphosates.

Councillors debated Cornwall Council's decision, the way in which it has been put forward to town councils and the difficult position it has caused for them.

A suggestion for the use of an organic alternative was made. A solution is required in order to now address the problem which has been created due to Cornwall Council not fulfilling its statutory obligation in the past.

There was discussion on the petition started by Redruth Town Council. The petition is available to the public and 5,000 signatures are required in order for it to be submitted to Cornwall Council.

The Clerk advised that CALC will be raising this matter at the next meeting (23 April 2026).

Members agreed that Cornwall Council should be fulfilling their statutory obligation to undertake this work.

Cllr Moorcroft advised that Penzance Town Council has also started a petition. He noted that, for clarity, there are some inaccuracies with the information available on social media. This will not be a blanket spraying and will not be within park areas or verges. Cllr Moorcroft said that he does support the town council on this.

- *It was **RESOLVED** that Wadebridge Town Council strongly objects to the proposal on reintroduction of weed treatment from Cornwall Council. Wadebridge Town Council support the resolution made by Redruth Town Council at its April meeting. The Mayor and Clerk will respond as appropriate to Redruth Town Council and CALC. Wadebridge Town Council will publicise its views on social media to support the petition.*

The Clerk advised how Cornwall Council's decision and unreasonable request has put town and parish councils in a difficult position and left them to face the effects of it including financially and also in respect of resources and insurance.

vi. **NHS Lung Cancer Screening** – to consider the proposed dates.

- The Clerk provided an update on this due to the EA situation.

8.13pm, three members of the public left the meeting.

- *It was **RESOLVED** that the town council support this in principal but would ask for a review of the dates.*

vii. **Wadebridge Tennis Club** – request to close off footpath on Saturday 13 June 2026.

- The Clerk provided details of the request which is for the Club's 75th anniversary event.

Noted that there is a defibrillator device within the footpath area and that the path is required to remain open to the public.

8.17pm, three members of the public left the meeting.

- It was **RESOLVED** to allow the Tennis Club to use part of the wider field in front of the tennis courts but this should be temporarily fenced off to keep clear access to the defibrillator and the footpath both ways.

viii. **Cornwall Council** – Renewal Application of Pavement License (Swan Hotel, Wadebridge).

- It was **RESOLVED** to support the renewal application.

ix. **Cornwall Council** – Community Engagement Events for the Cornwall Local Plan 2050.

- It was **RESOLVED** to delegate the response to the Clerk.

c. The following Minutes and Agendas for Outside Committees for information were **received** – None.

2210/26 Planning –

a. **New Applications** – Cllr Welch provided details and relevant information for each application for Members consideration.

It was **RESOLVED** to make the following responses:

- i. **PA26/00954:** W Y P A C The Goods Shed Southern Way Wadebridge. Change of use of three rooms to form 2x dental treatment rooms and 1x X-ray room, formation of a new external entrance, installation of a new internal lift and associated internal alterations.

Prior to considering the application the Mayor noted that, although Mr Knightley is not still at the meeting, he would have liked to thank the trustees of the Goods Shed to provide information about their planning application and noting that the trustees, like town councillors, have a certain duty to perform and that duty is to behave in a manner befitting that responsibility to represent our organisation with integrity and to conduct ourselves in a way that reflects the value of trusteeship and public service. I would also like to have thanked the anticipating members of the Goods Shed for responding in that manner

Wadebridge Town Council is strongly **supportive** of the concept of dental facilities being provided to the community. The town council believes that the charity's objectives and constitution will need to be modified subject to approval from the Charity Commission. The applicant must also comply with the request for the contaminated land report as this is a public health building. The town council would expect some kind of kitchen facilities to be retained for the continued use of the building.

- ii. **PA26/01417:** Tregarrac Trevanson Road Wadebridge Cornwall. New Driveway. **SUPPORTED.**
- iii. **PA26/02108:** Wadebridge Methodist Church Cornerstone Trevanion Road Wadebridge. Change of Use of Cornerstone from a place of Worship (Class F1) to Dwellinghouse (Class C3) with no operational development. **SUPPORTED.**

b. **Decisions** – the following decisions from Cornwall Council were **received** :

- i. **PA26/00159:** Trapstile Treraven Lane Wadebridge Cornwall. Rooms in the roof, single storey extensions, changes to fenestration and associated alterations. **APPROVED**

- ii. **PA25/08543:** 30 Foxdown Wadebridge Cornwall PL27 6BD. Proposed Juliet balcony to rear elevation. Moving window to ground floor bedroom from North Elevation to West Elevation. Internal Alterations. **APPROVED**
- iii. **PA26/00573:** Tidesreach Egloshayle Road Wadebridge Cornwall. Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order, T1 Cupressus macrocarpa (Monterey cypress), reduce crown by up to 2.0 metres in height and 1.5 metres laterally and remove any dead or damaged branches as necessary. **APPROVED**
- iv. **PA26/00262:** 19 Oak View Road Wadebridge Cornwall PL27 6FH. Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed) to construct a conservatory on the raised patio area, adjacent to our dining room, at the rear (south side) of the house. Drainage from the conservatory roof would be achieved by linking the conservatory guttering to the existing drainpipe on the SE corner of the house. **REFUSED**

2211/26 CIL Funding Round 5 –

- i. To receive notification of the outcome of the Council's submission – The Clerk provided details of the town council's submissions and the application by the Town Team for a pump track. Unfortunately, only the skatepark lighting and pump track were supported and a joint project has been suggested. This will impact on the budget available.
- ii. To consider whether a joint project should be progressed as per the correspondence – It was agreed that a joint project should progress.
- iii. To resolve to establish a working group – *It was **RESOLVED** to establish a CIL working group to include Cllr Robin Moorcroft, Simon Miller, Town Clerk and Cllrs Ian Welch and David Moore with Cllr Brian Kennelly available if needed.*

2212/26 Allotment Terms & Conditions (circulated with agenda) – It was **RESOLVED to approve the revised document as presented.**

2213/26 Chamber of Commerce

- i. to receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2026 – *It was **RESOLVED** to receive the draft Minutes from 26 March 2026.*
- ii. to receive the quarter 1 2026 financial summary – *It was **RESOLVED** to receive the Quarter 1 2026 financial summary.*

2214/26 Working Groups – Minutes and recommendations from the following working groups were received with recommendations and actions being considered where required :

- i. Allotments – None.
- ii. Climate Change & Emergency Planning – None.
- iii. Governance Review & Fairer Funding – None.
- iv. Inclusive Play Area – None.

8.44pm, Members of the public and Cornwall Councillors left the meeting.

2215/26 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 were advised by the Clerk and the quotations received were considered. The following decisions were made:

- i. **Toilet Cleaning Contract – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the increase of costs as presented.**

The Clerk advised she would discuss cleaning services at the Changing Places toilet facilities over the period of the EA works with the contractor.

- ii. **Car Park Resurfacing** – *It was **RESOLVED** to accept Quote 1 at a cost of £13,965.80.*

Noted costs will be shared with the Co-Op store.

- iii. **Cornwall Council Legal Services** – *It was **RESOLVED** to remain with the current solicitors to avoid any conflict of interests.*

- *It was **RESOLVED** to reinstate Standing Order 1.c.*

2216/26 Dates of Next Wadebridge Town Council meetings

- **Annual Town Meeting** – Thursday 23 April 2026

Meeting closed 8.58pm

Signed as a True and Accurate Account :

..... **Chair :**

..... **Date :**