

**MEETING OF TRURO CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 26 APRIL 2010
at 7.00 pm**

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Mrs R E Cox) **In the Chair**
Councillors Biscoe, Bowyer, Mrs Carlyon, Congdon, Cox, Mrs
Hosken, Miss Fozzard, Mrs Hosken, Jenkin, Mrs Neale, Nolan,
Rich, Roden, Taylor, Vella, Wells and Ms Young

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors
Mrs Callen, Cooke, Mrs Kelly, Dr MacKenzie, Ms Southcombe,
Tamblyn, Taylor, Vella and Ms Young

Also in attendance – Mrs Fiona Ferguson CC

PRAYERS

Prior to the business of the Council meeting, in the absence of the Mayor's
Chaplain, Reverend Christopher Epps, the Town Clerk opened the proceedings
with prayers.

449 DISCLOSURE OR DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures or declarations of interest reported.

450 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED that the Standing Orders of the Council be
suspended to enable discussion to take place on the following
items.

451 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (F10/5)

Mrs Ferguson CC reported that an extra meeting of the Truro and Roseland
Community Network to discuss the development of the Sustainable Community
Strategy and the Local Development Framework was scheduled to take place
from 6.00 – 8.00 pm on Tuesday 27 April 2010 at Probus Village Hall.

Members were advised the workshop would be looking at how developing
strategies are linked, what they might mean, the communities and how together
strategies can be developed and shaped to provide better outcomes for all.

Mrs Ferguson confirmed the meeting formed part of a wider engagement process
that would lead to public involvement later in the year and confirmed officers
would be on hand to discuss the strategies and capture thoughts and comments.

452 TRURO STRATEGIC INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK (SIF) (F20/7)

Further to Minute 402 and Truro City Council's submission confirming the
substantial changes they wished to see to the draft proposals, it was confirmed
this was being put in better order with the most important and deliverable projects
prioritised. Members considered that the Chief Executive at Cornwall Council
should give assistance to ensure that Truro does not lose the ERDF funding.

453 PARK AND RIDE SCHEME (PL15)

Second Phase for Truro

Mrs Ferguson confirmed Cornwall Council was developing the second phase of the park and ride for Truro, which would be located on the eastern approach to the City and anticipated to be operational by autumn 2012.

It was confirmed this would also be a bus based facility and form a 'dumb-bell' provision of park and ride for Truro. This would allow Park for Truro buses to run between the two sites, increasing both the frequency and efficiency of the service. The 'dumb-bell' system would ensure that commuters could use the park and ride facilities to access all of the current stops from either side of the City.

Members discussed what other sites were available should the proposed eastern approach site fall through and concern was expressed that the fare tariff would increase if the Park and Ride was situated further out of Truro. Members were advised that Nigel Blackler, Head of Transportation was looking at various options.

The Mayor thanked Mrs Fiona Ferguson for kindly attending the meeting and answering members' questions.

Standing Orders were then resumed.

454 USE OF LEMON QUAY (EP5/6)

Armed Forces Day - 26 June 2010

Further to Minute 438, members requested reassurance that Truro would not be without a Farmers Market on 26 June 2010. The Town Clerk confirmed that Armed Forces Day would be difficult to plan with the Farmers Market on Lemon Quay and, in accordance with a request seven months ago from Lady Mary Holborrow, Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall and Cornwall Council, as land owners of Lemon Quay, he had written to the Market Traders advising them the Quay would not be available for them to trade on 26 June 2010.

Members considered this would have an adverse effect on trading in the City on this day and it was

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk write a letter to the Director, Hall for Cornwall asking whether the Farmers Market could trade on the section of land outside the Hall on Back Quay on 26 June 2010.

455 TRURO BUS STATION (F20)

Members were advised that following public safety concerns Truro Bus Station had been closed as "subsidence issues" required emergency repairs. It was reported bus services had been disrupted and passengers rerouted across the City as the exit to the station was cordoned off around a large hole in the brick surface.

The Town Clerk confirmed the hole had been filled in with tarmac and the station

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reopened with further tests being carried out to ascertain what had caused the problem.

456 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 29 March 2010, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

457 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Truro City Bowling Club

I recently bowled the first wood of the new season at Truro City Bowling Club and was asked by the Secretary to organise a team to play against the Bowls Club on a date to be arranged. A list has been tabled and I should be grateful if as many of you as possible could put your names forward to form a Truro City Council team.

458 INSPIRE CORNWALL (F20)

The Town Clerk reported a letter received from Truro Cathedral requesting permission to include Truro City Council's name as a partner organisation on Inspire Cornwall's letterhead and any fundraising and publicity materials.

The letter reassured members that this would not involve Truro City Council in any time or financial commitment and was for publicity purposes only.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that permission be granted for Truro City Council's name to be included as a partner organisation, for publicity purposes only, on the Inspire Cornwall letterhead, fundraising and publicity materials with no financial commitment to the City Council.

Councillor Biscoe voted against this resolution.

459 PLANNING COMMITTEE (PL1)

The Town Clerk advised members the next meeting of the Planning Committee, scheduled to take place on Thursday 6 May 2010, had been cancelled due to the General Election taking place and had been rescheduled for Tuesday 11 May 2010 in the Council Chamber.

460 CALENDAR AND YEAR BOOK (F14/3)

Remembrance Day 2010

The Town Clerk reported the date indicated in the Calendar and Year book was incorrect and should be 14 November 2010.

461 CORNWALL COUNCIL (F1)

Consultation on Taxi Limits Cornwall

Further to Minute 404(20.04.09), taxi provision for Cornwall, members were advised the Carrick taxi zone currently had a numerical limitation policy that enabled them to limit the number of taxi vehicle licences issued to match the

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number required to meet the level of demand. To maintain the policy, Cornwall Council were commissioning an independent survey to assess whether there was any significant unmet demand for the services of any additional taxi vehicle licences.

The Town Clerk requested that any taxi user should complete the previously tabled questionnaire reviewing Cornwall Council's policy limiting the number of taxi licences issued in the Carrick taxi zone and return this to Cornwall Council by 21 May 2010.

He advised that spare copies of the questionnaire would be available from the Tourist Information Centre.

462 **PLANNING CONSULTATION (PL1)**

Proposed Development at Tregolls Road/Beechwood Parc, Truro

The Mayor advised members that she had received objections from residents at Tinney Drive, Truro regarding the Wainhomes Development. She confirmed the letter had been passed to the Planning Committee for consideration.

463 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Minutes of the Meetings of the under-mentioned Committees were approved and adopted by the Council, except where otherwise stated:-

- (1) PARKS COMMITTEE 12 APRIL 2010
(i) **Minute 417(i) - Boscawen Park Tennis Courts (EP7/5/2)**

RESOLVED that in the second paragraph "The Parks Manger" be amended to read "The Parks Manager".

- (ii) **Minute 418(iv) Victoria Gardens (EP6)**
Replacement/Refurbishment of Gates
Councillors Nolan and Ms Southcombe requested that it be noted they voted against the recommendation.

- (2) PLANNING COMMITTEE 15 APRIL 2010

- (a) **Planning Consultation (PL1)**
Minute 424(iv) - Delegated Application - PA03/0294/10/R
57 Falmouth Road

Councillor Nolan reported that planning reasons for refusal of the application would be considered at the next meeting of the Planning Committee, Cornwall Council to be held on 12 May 2010.

- (b) **Minute 424(xi) - Delegated Application - PA03/0426/10/R**
1 James Place, Truro

RESOLVED that the second line of the recommendation be amended to read unneighbourly and not neighbourly.

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(3) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE 19 APRIL 2010

(i) **Minute 436(iii) Issuing of Cheques**

Following further discussion regarding the “death of the cheque” it was

RESOLVED that a letter be forwarded after the General Election on 6 May 2010, to the Bank of England regarding abolishing the use of cheques and N.A.L.C. and Internal Audit be consulted for their advice on a suitably adopted practice in the future.

(ii) **Minute 441(i) - Civic Affairs (F5)**

The Late Staff Sergeant Olaf Schmid

RESOLVED that Minute 44(i) be amended to read:
The Town Clerk reported that Staff Sergeant Olaf Schmid had been posthumously awarded the St George Cross for his acts of military gallantry.

(iii) **Minute 441 - Civic Affairs (F5)**

Mayor’s Sunday Civic Service and Remembrance Day

Following further discussion regarding members’ attendance at events it was

RESOLVED that the names of Councillors attending future Mayor’s Sunday Civic Services and Remembrance Sundays be reported and recorded in the Council minutes.

464 TRURO HEALTH PARK (PL1)

It was reported that builders at the Health Park site had demolished Cudmore Cottage, previously an old farmhouse adjacent to the Health Park, but that no notice had been forwarded to Truro City Council advising that a Demolition Order had been issued.

Councillor Nolan confirmed he would investigate the situation with Cornwall Council and report back to a future meeting of the Planning Committee and following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk

- (i) forward a letter to Building Control, Cornwall Council asking who originally gave permission for the property to be demolished;
- (ii) arrange for a Planning Officer from Cornwall Council to attend a future meeting of the City Council Planning Committee to discuss the demolition of Cudmore Cottage and other planning issues with members.

465 QUALITY STATUS (F10/4)

Further to Minute 442, the Town Clerk reported that, following renewal of the Quality Status, the panel had pointed out that Truro City Council did not have an item on their Standing Committee meeting agendas to encourage members of the public to participate at committee meetings and for the electors of Truro to

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submit verbal questions.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the matter be discussed at the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to be held on 14 June 2010.

466 TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE (F4/2/1)

Ex Storm Shop Lease

Further to Minute 447, the Town Clerk confirmed that when all costs for the fitting out of the Storm Shop premises were known, a written report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

467 COMMON SEAL

RESOLVED that the Common Seal be affixed to any document or documents necessary to give effect to the resolutions passed by the Council, at this Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.56 pm.

MAYOR