

**MEETING OF TRURO CITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 25 MARCH 2019 at 7.00 pm at the Large Community Room, Truro Library**

**PRESENT:** The Mayor (Councillor Ms L Southcombe), Honorary Freeman Cllr Wells Councillors Biscoe, Mrs Butler, Mrs Callen, Mrs Carlyon, Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons, Ellis, Miss Jones, Mrs Neale, Nolan, Mrs Nolan, Rich, Roden, Smith, Mrs Stokes, Mrs Swain, Tamblyn, Mrs Tudor and Wilson.

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Allen, Vella and Webb

An apology for absence was also submitted by David Harris CC

Also in Attendance: Roger Gazzard, Town Clerk  
Reverend Jeremy Putnam, the Mayor's Chaplain  
Mrs Isabelle Risner, member of the electorate

**PRAYERS**

Prior to the formal business of the Council, as the Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend Jeremy Putnam said prayers.

**382 PRESENTATION – Mr Mark Killingback, Harbour Master, The Port of Truro**

Mr Killingback, Harbour Master for the Port of Truro, gave Councillors an update on the work of the Port of Truro with the following points:

**Annual Returns for Cargo**

The Port exported cargo only, and 13,000 tonnes of scrap metal had been exported from Newham in the previous year (approximate 470 lorry loads) which reduced the amount of material being transported via the road networks.

**South West Marine Plan**

The Marine Management Network held several planning workshops and discussed the South West Marine Plan which included a proposal to reduce the carbon footprint of transporting goods. Truro Recycling wished to do more, but they were constrained by the spring tide.

**Pellew Schooner**

Mr Killingback spoke about funding that had been acquired to build a 90ft schooner named after Admiral Pellew, a famous Cornish admiral. The vessel would be constructed with the help of apprentice shipwrights using traditional materials and skills. Members of the public could view the construction taking place. Mr Luke Powell and Mr Andy Brigdon were a part of this project.

**Acquisition of Malpas Marine**

Mr Killingback informed Members the Port of Truro had acquired Malpas Marine from a private business. This was fundamental in preserving the ferry landing to Truro at low water, allowing better access to the water for the boating public. A planning application had been submitted to connect the island with the infrastructure, as it was just over the water line. This should allow for visitor, residence and founder berthing, and there was the potential to refurbish the bathroom and shower, possibly for public use. Mr Killingback commented the Harbour had also acquired a holiday let which would help pay for this.

Councillor Miss Jones joined the meeting at 7:05pm.

Mr Killingback commented on several other things including vessels that had spent time in the port, including a vessel that had been out of service from the North Sea, and a crane barge owned by a local civil engineering company. The Port also had

CCTV which had enabled the Harbour Office to assist the local police in several unfortunate events.

Moving into a question and answer session, Councillor Mrs Carlyon queried the number of slipways as there only appeared to be three (Boscawen Park, Sunny Corner and Malpas). Mr Killingback confirmed the Port was not losing slipways and the slipways were all-access

The Mayor thanked Mr Killingback for attending the meeting and providing an update.

Mr Killingback left the meeting at 7:13pm.

**383 DISCLOSURES OR DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

**Town Clerk's Report (Minute 389)**

Councillors Mrs Carlyon and the Mayor declared an interest in the above item as they are on the board of trustees for Truro Technical School (the latter in ex-officio capacity).

**384 CORNWALL COUNCIL (F1)**

**(i) Tour of Britain**

Councillor Rich CC spoke about a motion he had put to Council last year, which had been passed by both Council and Cabinet, to support the Tour of Britain coming through Cornwall. Councillor Rich CC was pleased to announce this would now be happening as Cornwall Council had signed on for the opening leg to take place in the county. The Tour is the largest "free to watch" event in the UK. The Cornwall leg would start in Penzance and end in Bodmin, and though the route had not been finalised, it was likely it would come through Truro.

Councillor Rich CC commented he was on the working group for the Tour and spoke about how it was important Cornwall was able to showcase events such as these; Chris Opie had watched a previous cycling race that had been influential in guiding his career.

**(ii) Recycling Centre at Tregurra**

Councillor Rich CC informed Members that the firm contracted to develop the Recycling Centre at Tregurra had gone into administration. Councillor Rich CC would be looking at the contract for any liabilities Cornwall Council may have, though he had been assured work would recommence later.

**(iii) Strategic Planning**

Councillor Nolan CC commented that Strategic Planning had been quiet recently, and the majority of the bigger applications that were coming in to Cornwall Council were resubmissions for sites that had already been given approval.

**(iv) Higher Newham Farm**

Councillor Nolan CC mentioned he had met with the developer of Higher Newham Farm and they seemed indifferent to the inclusion of the junction on Morlaix Avenue. The issue had been passed to Cornwall Council Highways.

**(v) Residents Parking**

Councillor Nolan CC informed Members the new Residents Parking Scheme would be implemented on 29 April 2019. He had received several complaints from residents from both sides of the argument. Councillor Biscoe CC confirmed he had also received complaints on the same issue.

**(vi) Planning Training**

Councillor Nolan CC spoke about his involvement with planning training for Chairmen that took place at Warwick University, and how Cornwall Council's Planning

Department was well regarded nationally. Many Councils had not provided planning training for their Councillors for several years, and Cornwall Council were ahead of the game in this regard. Councillor Nolan CC also mentioned there would be changes to the government's five-year housing permissions, and it was suggested Cornwall Council's approach of wishing to build "affordable homes for local people" was the correct way forward. Councillor Nolan CC reminded Members that Cornwall Council had delivered 930 affordable homes and were number one in England.

**(vii) Harbours Board**

Councillor Nolan CC mentioned there had been trouble with unruly behaviour on the Prince of Wales pier. The Harbours Board had successfully curtailed issues by liaising with the police and not providing licences to certain individuals.

**(viii) Boscawen Street Cobbles**

Councillor Biscoe CC commented he was still in communication with Mr Kevin Bryant, Head of Highways and Infrastructure at Cornwall Council in relation to the reinstatement of the cobbles on Boscawen Street. Emergency works had taken place over the last few days and the subsidence was being tackled. Councillor Biscoe reported his latest communication from Mr Bryant said he was waiting on lab reports on a variety of bonding materials and ways to lay the cobbles as he wanted to find a solution that would last, as well as maintaining the quality of the street in the context of the Conservation Area and the usefulness of the road.

**(ix) Scrutiny Panel**

Councillor Biscoe CC commented the City Council had received an invitation to attend a meeting that would be looking at the health of town centres (following government approval for funding for town regeneration), and although Truro was not included within the funding, other towns in Cornwall that were considered to be in greater need were.

**(x) Adoption of Roads**

Councillor Biscoe CC mentioned that he was hoping the 12 year impasse (which included at least three lots of remedial works) between Persimmon and Cornwall Council regarding the adoption of Treffry Road may soon come to an end. It was in Councillor Biscoe CC's understanding that all of the works required to be undertaken by Cornwall Council had been completed. Residents had expressed concern over the potential drop in the value of their homes if the adoption of the road did not go ahead, particularly in relation to the safety of the road during the winter. It was pointed out, however, that it was a voluntary agreement and Cornwall Council did not have to adopt the road, just as the developer did not have to apply for the adoption to take place.

**(xi) Mr Bernie Beale's Funeral**

Councillor Biscoe CC spoke briefly about Mr Bernie Beale, whose funeral took place in Truro Cathedral, and his colourful contribution to the City over many years, his shops considered "works of art." The funeral was well-attended and there was a large round of applause on High Cross as his hearse left.

**385 OPEN SESSION FOR ELECTORS OF TRURO**

There were no matters raised.

**386 MINUTES**

The minutes of Council held 25 February 2019, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record with the following corrections or comments:

**(i) The One Public Transportation System in Cornwall.**

Councillor Biscoe commented the transportation system is known as “The One Public Transportation System in Cornwall” not simply “The One.”

**(ii) Higher Newham Farm Proposal**

Councillor Mrs Carlyon commented the second sentence of the second paragraph should read “...and that visibility in the low winter sun was very difficult in that area.”

**387 MAYOR’S COMMUNICATIONS**

In addition to her written report (tabled), the Mayor reported the following:

**(i) Social Prescribing Tea Party**

The Mayor informed Members the social prescribing tea party was a success and the information collected during the event would be collated. It was hoped a Repair Café where damaged goods could be taken along at an agreed time for repair by volunteers would result in social interaction and activity.

**(ii) Annual Town Meeting**

The Mayor commented that at the previous year’s Annual Town Meeting there were no members of the electorate in attendance. The Mayor wondered if it might be a good idea to have a couple of displays and/or talks at the meeting, and to advertise widely on social media to try and encourage Members of the Public to attend. The Mayor queried whether a press release in the paper in addition to the usual advert would be a good idea.

**(iii) Truro Soup Event**

The Mayor reported the next Truro Soup event would take place on 14 April 2019. Reverend Jeremy Putnam would be pitching for the Lifehouse project, but that there were additional pitch spaces if anybody knew of someone who may be interested.

**388 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

7 MARCH 2019

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Carlyon, seconded by Councillor Smith

**a) Lemon Quay, Back Quay (PA19/00255)**

Councillor Mrs Carlyon asked the Town Clerk what the current position was on the above application as it had been submitted in the Town Clerk’s name on behalf of the City Council. The Town Clerk commented the latest he heard was that Cornwall Council had dropped the proposal.

**MEETING OF THE PARKS AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

11 MARCH 2019

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons, seconded by Councillor Mrs Nolan

**a) Apologies**

Councillor Wilson commented he had given Councillor Miss Jones’s apologies to the General Office but they were not recorded in the minutes.

**b) Idless Nursery (Minute 369, Page 201)**

Councillor Mrs Carlyon commented the costings and timescale for works at Idless Nursery were not on the spreadsheet she received relating to the progress of the works. The Town Clerk responded that as per the minute (above) from the Parks & Amenities Committee, the timescale for completion was March 2020, and while the original figure had been agreed in estimates, there were not currently figures for the

specific jobs as they were subject to tender. Once received, the actual costings could be considered.

Councillor Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons confirmed that Councillor Mrs Carlyon, and any other Councillors who wished to be notified, would be kept informed of progress as new information became available.

c) **Two, Five and Ten Year Plan** (Minute 372, Page 202)

The Town Clerk and Councillor Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons confirmed there was no recommendation for this minute and therefore no agreement had been made. The report had been noted only.

**MEETING OF THE BOUNDARY REVIEW WORKING GROUP**

18 MARCH 2019

Proposed by Honorary Freeman Councillor Wells, seconded by Councillor Smith.

**MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

18 MARCH 2019

Proposed by Honorary Freeman Councillor Wells, seconded by Councillor Mrs Callen with the following amendments as outlined below:

a) **Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer's Report – Management Accounts 2018/2019 – Community Work**

Councillor Biscoe drew Members' attention to "Community Navigator" (Vote no. 3040) within the Management Accounts and asked, since the funds were now being spent, whether Councillors would receive progress reports. The Town Clerk confirmed the Community Navigator would be attending the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee along with the Community Development Worker.

b) **Beechwood Parc**

Councillor Mrs Swain asked if any progress had been made on the Section 106 monies for Beechwood Parc. The Town Clerk confirmed he had not had any updates. Councillor Roden commented that Cormac had completed some works on the grass and play equipment but wondered if the City Council, once the funding agreement was in place, could consider improvement works. The Town Clerk responded the Parks & Amenities Committee could hold a site visit and discuss this possibility.

**389 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT (Appendix A)**

In addition to the Town Clerk's Report (Appendix A), the Town Clerk informed Members a new ship in Glasgow had been named the HMS Tamar, and there was a formal affiliation with Truro. It was likely that in 2020, an event in Truro would be required, and though the ship would be too big to come into the river in Truro, it would be in Falmouth. Councillor Biscoe queried the process to determine affiliation with a place and wondered how much this would cost the City Council.

**390 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner**

The Town Clerk informed Members following his letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner, he had received a response from Devon and Cornwall Police stating his letter had been forwarded to Superintendent Sarah Crane and a "suitable nominated representative" would be in contact in due course, though this could take up to twenty-eight days. The letter also stipulated any additional correspondence should be directed to Superintendent Crane.

Councillor Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons commented she felt there should be a response direct from the Police and Crime Commissioner and asked if the Town Clerk could

follow this up. At Victoria Gardens, every incident was now recorded in detail, as previously the police had indicated they did not have enough information to go on.

**Langarth Stakeholder Group**

Councillor Mrs Carlyon wondered if a report would be forthcoming from Councillors who attended the above first meeting. Councillor Smith (Mayor Elect) briefly reiterated his attendance, which Honorary Freeman Councillor Wells pointed out this had been reported to the Planning Committee (Minute 360, page 197) on Thursday 7 March 2019. Councillor Mrs Tudor informed Councillor Mrs Carlyon she would make sure she was invited to any future meetings.

**391 TRURO ROSELAND COMMUNITY NETWORK PANEL (F20)**

Honorary Freeman Councillor Wells reported the last meeting of the Network Panel took place on Tuesday 19 March 2019. Inspector Milburn of Devon and Cornwall Police gave a presentation which included a breakdown of crime statistics across the network area. Some areas were concerning but others proved reassuring. At the present time, Inspector Milburn was unable to say how new officers allocated to the area would be rostered, but it would increase police presence in neighbourhoods. It was also agreed Inspector Milburn would make a report to the network panel every six months.

Mr. Viv Bidgood from Cormac spoke about the Community Network Highways Scheme and answered any questions. No further allocation of projects had been made.

There was also a presentation from a local mother (with no political affiliations) about the Emergency Climate Declaration at Cornwall Council, who wanted parish councils within Cornwall to fall in line with the declaration. Honorary Freeman Councillor Wells was able to inform her Truro City Council had agreed to this back in February.

The next meeting of the Network Panel would take place on 14 May 2019 (NB. The meeting date was subsequently changed to Tuesday 4 June 2019), a week earlier than originally proposed. This would be the Network Panel's AGM. Honorary Freeman Councillor Wells pointed out that as Truro City Council would not have appointed representatives on outside bodies at this time, he would remain the Truro City Council representative on the panel until such a time as a representative was elected for 2019/2020.

**392 REPORTS OF MEETINGS OR CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

Councillor Roden tabled his report from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) conference on 11 February 2019.

Councillor Ellis reported he had attended a meeting on 13 March 2019 about the South West Rail Resilience Programme between Dawlish and Teignmouth, where repairs would be made to the breakwaters along the coast. As part of the works, it had been identified issues were not relating to the sea coming in, but rather the cliffs falling down.

Councillors Ms Southcombe (The Mayor), Smith and Webb attended a conference on Climate Change and Neighbourhood Planning at the Tremough Campus in Penryn. The Mayor would also be attending an event about sustainability with the Wildlife Trust at Eden; if a Member wished to attend they were asked to contact the Mayor direct.

**393 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 7:58 pm.

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MAYOR

# **Town Clerks Report**

## **Council 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

### **Financial Position 2018-19**

I reported the current year financial position to the end of January to the Finance & General Purposes committee. In summary we are £11k underspent in the year to date measured against the revised estimates agreed in January. I am currently expecting a year end position close to the revised estimate.

### **Truro Library**

I reported on progress to the Finance committee. All parties continue to work towards a transfer date of the 1<sup>st</sup> June.

### **Hall for Cornwall Development**

The Hall for Cornwall works continues, and councillors are receiving a monthly update from the Hall for Cornwall. We continue to await the price for the external works from the contractor. This remains a risk to the City Council but I have agreed with Cornwall Council a payment in 2020-21 of any balance remaining after our fund is exhausted. I am not anticipating the need to increase the Precept as a result of these works.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

A well-attended information day was facilitated by Cornwall Council. Cornwall Council has also allocated sufficient resources to facilitate rapid progress involving a weekly meeting to which all Councillors are invited. These commence on the 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### **St Clement Street Day Centre**

Governance documents are currently being drafted which will need the approval of the trustee organisations, including the City Council. I have indicated to Cornwall Council our interest in the devolving of the building.

### **Malabar Community Centre**

Councillors will recall that Cornwall Council offered a piece of land in the area adjacent to the school to the City Council on the condition that the land was made available to the residents association to construct a community building. The City Council accepted this offer and has further agreed to provide a grant to the residents association to undertake pre-planning and funding work. Recent discussions have revolved around the use that Cornwall Council's family services will make of the building and with that issue solved we look for progress towards the planning and grant funding applications being made.

**Roger Gazzard**  
**Town Clerk**