

Meeting Minutes

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MINUTES:

of the meeting of Camborne Town Council held in The Council Chamber, Passmore Edwards Building, The Cross, Cross Street, Camborne, TR14 8HA on Thursday 13th February 2025 at 6.30pm

PRESENT:

Councillor J Ball	Chair
Councillor J Morgan	Vice Chair
Councillor D Atherfold	
Councillor J Cosgrove	
Councillor V Dalley	
Councillor Z Fox	
Councillor C Godolphin	
Councillor L McDonald	
Councillor N Miles	
Councillor P Mills	
Councillor D Ragan	
Councillor R Tal-E-Bot	
Councillor R Weatherburn	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Samantha Hughes, Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer; David Garwood, Head of Strategic Development; Rose Hitchens-Todd, Head of Community & Culture; Sally Williams, Committee Support Officer and three members of the public.

C.6372 SAFETY PROCEDURES

The Chair explained the safety procedures to all present.

C.6373 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

There were no apologies received from Councillor C Lawrence or Councillor M Williams.

C.6373.2 RESOLVED: that the apologies from Councillor R Congdon and Councillor S Weedon for non-attendance of the meeting of Full Council held on 13th February 2025, was received

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor V Dalley

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6374 MEMBERS TO DECLARE DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-REGISTERABLE INTERESTS (INCLUDING THE DETAILS THEREOF) IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA INCLUDING ANY GIFTS OR HOSPITALITY EXCEEDING £25

Councillors Ball, Cosgrove, Dalley, Fox and Morgan declared interests in Agenda Items 17, 30 and 32 as they were members of the Town Deal Board.

Councillor Godolphin declared an interest in agenda item 23 and would leave the Chamber for that item.

C.6375 TO APPROVE WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Standing written requests for dispensations were in place to enable Councillors Ball, Cosgrove, Dalley, Fox and Morgan to speak and vote on Town Deal Board Agenda Items.

C.6375.2 RESOLVED: that written requests for dispensations for Councillors Ball, Cosgrove, Dalley, Fox and Morgan to speak and vote on Town Deal Board Agenda Items were noted

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor J Morgan

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6376 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a result of several meetings held in this week and the previous one, and because the Head of Strategic Development was leaving the Council, a Large Projects Working Party meeting had been provisionally booked for February 26th at 13.30. This would allow the Head of Strategic Development to give Councillors a full update on the projects and estates before he left the organisation.

C.6377 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16TH JANUARY 2025 AND THE CHAIR TO SIGN THEM

The Chair deferred this agenda item to the next meeting.

C.6377.2 RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 16th January 2025 be deferred to the next Full Council meeting in March 2025, was approved

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor Z Fox

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a Majority.

C.6378 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE REDACTED MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16TH JANUARY 2025 AND THE CHAIR TO SIGN THEM

The Chair deferred this agenda item to the next meeting.

C.6378.2 **RESOLVED: that the redacted minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 16th January 2025 be deferred to the next Full Council meeting in March 2025, was approved**

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor C Godolphin

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

The Chair stated that Agenda Items 8i, 8ii and 8iii would be taken en bloc but that Agenda Item 8iv would be taken separately.

C.6379 **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

- I) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 14TH JANUARY 2025**
- II) STAFFING COMMITTEE 18TH DECEMBER 2024**
- III) STAFFING COMMITTEE 15TH JANUARY 2025**
- IV) AMENITIES COMMITTEE 23RD JANUARY 2025**

The Chair noted that the Staffing Minutes from the 15th January 2025 were not available and would be taken to the next Full Council meeting in March 2025.

C.6379.2 **RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings of Planning and Development Committee held on 14th January 2025 and the Staffing Committee held on 18th December 2024; were received en bloc**

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor C Godolphin

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

The Chair questioned the wording of A.4556 in the Amenities Committee meeting minutes from 23rd January 2025 and stated that they did not reflect what had been said. He wished to defer them until they had been considered at the next Amenities Committee meeting.

C.6379.3 **RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 23rd January 2025 were deferred until they had been discussed and approved at the next Amenities Committee meeting to be held on 20th March 2025**

Proposed by Councillor C Godolphin
Seconded by Councillor P Mills

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a majority.

C.6380 **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF:**

- I) EVENTS WORKING PARTY 10TH JANUARY 2025**

- II) **EVENTS WORKING PARTY 10TH JANUARY 2025 (REDACTED)**
- III) **VISUAL IMPROVEMENTS WORKING PARTY 28TH JANUARY 2025**

C.6380.2 **RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings of the Events Working Party held on 10th January 2025, Events Working Party held on 10th January 2025 (Redacted) and the Visual Improvements Working Party held on 28th January 2025, were received en bloc**

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor J Morgan

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6381 **TO NOTE THE MINUTES AND NOTES OF:**

- I) **CAMBORNE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION 8TH JANUARY 2025**

C.6381.2 **RESOLVED: that the Camborne Produce Association Minutes 8th January 2025, were received**

Proposed by Councillor L McDonald
Seconded by Councillor P Mills

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6382 **MATTERS ARISING, FOR INFORMATION ONLY, WHERE NOT INCLUDED BELOW**

Councillor Miles informed Councillors that there was to be an Earth Protector Communities facilitator's meeting on Thursday 20th February. This would take place at Tyacks Hotel and he urged all coordinators to attend and have an input to the meeting particularly on funding and cultural facilitating.

C.6383 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SUBJECT TO STANDING ORDER 3e MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE PERMITTED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS AND GIVE EVIDENCE IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF FIFTEEN MINUTES)**

One of the members of the public, Mr Polkinghorne, introduced himself and stated that he was a member of the Earth Protector Communities group. He wished to have sight of the biodiversity net gain report associated with the development at Kerrier Way (Lowarth Holman). However, the Head of Strategic Development explained that a biodiversity net gain report had not been required by Cornwall Council Planning Officers for this site. Nonetheless, the reports and surveys that had been conducted were all available to the public on the Cornwall Council planning portal.

C.6384 **TO RECEIVE A VERBAL OR WRITTEN UPDATE FROM DEVON AND CORNWALL CONSTABULARY AND AGREE ACTION**

There was no one present from Devon and Cornwall Constabulary at this meeting.

C.6385 TO RECEIVE VERBAL OR WRITTEN UPDATES FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE THE LAST FULL COUNCIL AND AGREE ACTION

A Councillor provided a brief update regarding The Spinney. They explained that there had been several events since the last meeting. The Levelling up Grant had now been spent. It was spent on planting trees, bulbs, a birdbath, bird boxes, tree surgery, new natural log benches, new gates, information boards, user surveys and information leaflets.

There have been a few changes of committee members and new volunteers including co-operation with nature based and wellbeing groups.

The Spinney Group have dealt with anti-social behaviour issues and wild campers but have liaised with the PCSO and Street Marshalls successfully. There was also to be a tidy up workshop on Tuesday 25th February from 9:30 – 11:30.

Another Councillor stated that they had had the opportunity to talk with colleagues at the JNCC regarding the opportunity of incorporating some of their citizen outreach programmes with our Climate and Nature Recovery group.

C.6385.2 RESOLVED: that verbal updates from Councillor Mills and Councillor Miles were received

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor R Weatherburn

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6386 TO RECEIVE WRITTEN OR VERBAL UPDATES FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLORS FOR THE PARISH AND AGREE ACTION

There were no reports received from Cornwall Councillors for the Parish.

C.6387 TO RECEIVE A CAMBORNE TOWN COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2025 – 2026 AND AGREE ACTION

The Chair explained that a Full Council meeting had been provisionally scheduled for August in 2025. Whilst this was traditionally a month where no Full Council meetings were held, Camborne Town Council was now so busy that this had necessitated Extra-ordinary meetings in recent years. They felt that it was better to have advance notice of a potential meeting

which was why this date had been included in the calendar for the coming year.

A Councillor enquired whether they were allowed to download and print these for their information. The Clerk indicated that this was acceptable as the information was in the public domain anyway.

The Clerk also explained that this was merely a provisional list at present. There were potential plans for an additional Planning Committee meeting this year to allow for the disturbance that would result from the Elections. So, this Schedule of Meetings would be agreed following that and then the schedule would be posted on the website.

C.6387.2

RESOLVED: that a Camborne Town Council Schedule of Meetings for the Municipal Year 2025 – 2026 was received

Proposed by Councillor C Godolphin
Seconded by Councillor D Atherfold

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6388

TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM CREATE CIC ON LOWARTH HOLMAN ARTWORK AND AGREE ACTION

The two representatives from Create CIC thanked Councillors for allowing them to talk about their creative ideas for the Lowarth Holman artwork. Councillors had already received the designs for the artwork and motifs that had been the result of Create CIC's collaboration with Mei Loci. They gave a little bit of background information about how the designs had been decided upon. They explained that they had held some public consultations to ask the people of Camborne about what the site meant to them. From this they had found several themes that they had incorporated within the designs. Some of these themes had become motifs that would be embedded into the floor and pathways on the site. In addition, some of the benches which will be placed in the park will have mosaic designs embedded into them, based around the four themes of Camborne Past, Industrial Camborne, Connected Camborne and Camborne the Future.

They then moved on to talk about the process involved in the making of the mosaics. They planned, following on from the success of the mosaics at the railway station and the Donald Thomas Centre, that all the mosaics used at Lowarth Holman would be made by the people of Camborne. Each bench will have a 'ribbon' of mosaic embedded in them and there will be two workshops wherein people will be invited to make some tiles under Create CIC's guidance. These will then be embedded into the design. The tiles will be very small, but they will all feature Celtic designs. It was felt that in this way people would be drawn into the project and the making of the tiles would give people a sense of ownership of the space.

They admitted that, until they had run the workshops, they did not really know what people would come up with. They had the main themes, but they didn't know how these would be interpreted as the tiles were made. The two workshops would be held on the 22nd February and the 8th March 2025. They would be held at the Donald Thomas Centre from 10.00 until 16:00.

A Councillor then asked about the benches and wondered whether they would be a cohesive fit for the other projects that would be happening around the town. They had concerns that the benches that were being proposed for Lowarth Holman would not 'tie in' with the street furniture that would be going in through the town itself.

The Head of Strategic Development explained that these benches had a different remit, part of which was that they needed to be part of a retaining structure. He also stated that this had gone through Council nearly a year ago and so they had always been part of the design for this site.

Another Councillor stated that as there were already mosaics at the train station then these designs would mirror that theme which would give an element of continuity.

Another Councillor explained that, in honour of Holman's, they would like to see some compressors and rock drills incorporated into the themes. Create CIC explained that this had been incorporated into the tile designs as part of the background but that they would be happy to suggest these ideas to people when they came to make their tiles at the workshops.

The final part of the discussion centred around how to incorporate the Cornish Language into the tiles. This should tie in with Camborne Town Council's Cornish Language Policy.

C.6388.2

RESOLVED: that a presentation from Create CIC on Lowarth Holman artwork was received with thanks

Proposed by Councillor L McDonald
Seconded by Councillor J Morgan

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6389

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER ON MAKING A MINOR CHANGE TO THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND AGREE ACTION

The Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer explained that the report had been written in light of the upcoming election and the formation of a new Council. The present system of payment authorisation was sometimes causing delays to payments being made, hence why the report recommended adding all of the Finance & General Purposes Councillors as signatories for the next few months. This would rectify the problems that had been experienced and would prevent any more suppliers being upset by late payments. In addition, the Clerk/ Responsible Finance Officer would also be added as a second signatory in the short term as a safeguard. This would then act as a stop gap over the period of

the elections when there may be delays to Councillors being appointed to Committees. The Town Council will then be in a position to make payments effectively in a timely manner.

C.6389.2 RESOLVED: that a written report from the Responsible Finance Officer on making a minor change to the Financial Regulations to improve accounts payable services, was received

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor P Mills

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6389.3 RESOLVED: that updating the Financial Regulations with 6.4 revised was approved and adopted

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor P Mills

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6389.4 RESOLVED: that additional signatories, to include all members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, were authorised

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor P Mills

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6390 TO NOTE THE DETAILS OF A CASUAL VACANCY FOR CAMBORNE TOWN COUNCIL

Councillors agreed that this vacancy should not go out to co-option at this point due to the timescales leading up to the election.

C.6390.2 RESOLVED: that the details of a casual vacancy for Camborne Town Council were received and noted

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor Z Fox

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6391 TO RECEIVE A WRITTEN REPORT REGARDING AN INDUCTION PLAN FOR COUNCILLORS, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE

The Clerk explained that this report had been discussed at the pre-agenda meeting, and it was believed that 'Roles and Responsibilities' training should also be incorporated, possibly not straight away but when the new Council had been in place for a while. So, she suggested possibly incorporating something similar over the next twelve months. There were also suggestions for extra training by CALC and these dates would be provided soon. The dates had been booked due to them being delivered by CALC

who were delivering the training across Cornwall and so dates were being booked up.

She stated that the Council were trying to do much more to support Councillors, both existing Councillors and those who come in as new Councillors following the election.

Another Councillors suggested some additions to the induction plan. They proposed that alongside a Welcome Evening, the Council provide something more formalised than that in the form of team building and restorative training. This would be with the aim of encouraging Councillors to work well alongside one another and to respect each other's differing opinions.

Another Councillor applauded the reintroduction of Parish tours for new Councillors. They stated that this had been done in the past and had been very successful in giving Councillors an insight into all aspects of the Parish and not just the area that they represented.

One Councillor suggested that whilst the tour would take Councillors to the Town's green spaces there were also a multitude of green spaces in the town and outlying villages that could also be incorporated into any tour that was planned. That would also illustrate how big the Parish was.

C.6391.2

RESOLVED: that a written report regarding a suggested Induction and Training Programme for the new Council, was received

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor L McDonald

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6391.3

RESOLVED: that the suggested programme of events and training, incorporating further events to support team building and restorative training, with the timetable to be confirmed at a future meeting, was approved, and that a budget of up to £2,500 to be taken from the Council Expenses/Members Training Budget Codes, was authorised

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor L McDonald

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6392

TO RECEIVE AND NOTE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION INFORMATION REGARDING THE PRE-ELECTION SENSITIVITY PERIOD AND ELECTION TIMETABLE

A Councillor enquired whether the nomination papers would be available in the Library or in the Council Offices. The Chair explained that they would not be available there but that they could be collected from Tolvaddon or Heartlands. An alternative option would be to contact Democratic Services at Cornwall Council and ask for the election pack to be posted out.

Another Councillor asked whether this would be advertised on social media, and this was confirmed by the Clerk.

The Chair then pointed out that on the CALC timetable it was stated that the vote count would be taking place on the 2nd May, possibly going into the 3rd. They would not be conducting the count on the evening of the 1st May. He just wished to make everyone aware of this.

C.6392.2 RESOLVED: that Local Government Association information regarding the pre-election sensitivity period and the election timetable were received and noted

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor J Cosgrove

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a majority.

C.6393 TO RECEIVE A CONSULTATION DOCUMENT REGARDING STANDARDS IN COUNCILLOR CONDUCT AND SUBMIT A RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF CAMBORNE TOWN COUNCIL

The Chair stated that an email about this had come out to Councillors on the 11th February so if Councillors wished to submit their own personal views on this consultation they could do so via the link in that email.

He then proposed that Camborne Town Council's response to the consultation should fall in line with CALC's response. However, some other Councillors had reservations about the CALC response. One Councillor queried number 5 which asked whether Camborne Town Council maintain a standards committee. They pointed out that Cornwall Council do but the Town Council do not. However, the Clerk stated that that question was referring to Cornwall Council and so the response was accurate.

The Councillor then suggested that there were another couple of responses that the Council should reflect upon before submitting their response. They raised concerns about the suspension of Councillors which caused him unease. They particularly disliked the 'interim suspension' which implied that Councillors who were accused of something could be suspended immediately. They felt that a decision of this magnitude required a great deal more thought and consideration. Following some further discussion of his points, the Chair reminded Councillors that they were all entitled to make their own personal representations to the consultation as well.

It was generally agreed that the Code of Conduct should have more power, however, question 11 was then discussed as being unfair. It was felt that names of Councillors who had been exonerated through the Code of Conduct process should not have their names published. If an allegation had been rejected it was not seen as fair for the name of that Councillor to be made public. Hence Councillors felt that the answer to that question should be 'No' rather than 'Yes'. Another Councillor agreed, stating that the process should be fair and equitable.

C.6393.2 **RESOLVED: that a consultation document regarding standards in Councillor conduct was received and that Camborne Town Council submit a response that was in line with the CALC response, with the exception of Number 11 being changed to 'NO', was approved?**

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor V Dalley

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a Majority.

C.6394 **TO RECEIVE A DECISION NOTICE FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL IN RELATION TO A CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT AND ACTION THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER**

Councillor Godolphin stated that he would not be apologising to Councillor Fox

He then left the room at 19:22.

The Chair then explained that the only thing that could happen, in light of Councillor Godolphin refusing to apologise, was for him to be censured.

C.6394.2 **RESOLVED: that a decision notice from Cornwall Council in relation to a Code of Conduct complaint was received and that the recommendation of the Monitoring Officer, to censure Councillor Godolphin, was approved**

Proposed by Councillor R Weatherburn
Seconded by Councillor P Mills

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a Majority.

Councillor Godolphin re-entered the room at 19:27.

C.6395 **TO RECEIVE A REQUEST TO USE PARK GERRY PLAYING FIELDS AND AGREE ACTION**

The Council had received a request from Camborne Air Cadets asking for permission to use Park Gerry for sports, and shelter and tent building activities.

Councillors discussed the request but in view of the imminent and significant works that would be taking place in the playing fields they felt compelled to decline the request. They did however suggest that the Air Cadets contact Cornwall Council to enquire about using Tuckingmill Valley Park or Boiler Works Road green space instead.

Another Councillor suggested that they enquire at Carwynnen Guide Camp, but it was felt that this might be too far out of the town.

C.6395.2 **RESOLVED: that a request to use Park Gerry Playing Fields by Camborne Air Cadets was received and that the request be regretfully declined at this time, was approved**

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor J Morgan

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a Majority.

C.6396 **TO RECEIVE A REQUEST TO USE CAMBORNE RECREATION GROUND FOR PARK YOGA, AND A REPORT ON LAST YEAR'S USE OF CAMBORNE RECREATION GROUND FOR PARK YOGA, AND AGREE ACTION**

Councillors felt that the Park Yoga had been phenomenally successful and so they were happy to support the request.

C.6396.2 **RESOLVED: that a request to use Camborne Recreation Ground for Park Yoga, and a report on last year's use of Camborne Recreation Ground for Park Yoga, was received and approved**

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor V Dalley

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6397 **TO RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CLIMATE ACTION AND NATURE RECOVERY WORKING PARTY MEETING HELD ON 29TH JANUARY 2025, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE**

One Councillor proposed that the recommended energy supplier should be appointed but another Councillor stated that at the Amenities meeting it had been agreed that all quotes would be brought back for a decision, not just green energy quotes. They queried why this had been passed to the Climate Action and Nature Recovery Working Party rather than being brought back to the Amenities Committee. However, another Councillor responded that this was a part of the Climate Action and Nature Recovery Plan, to appoint green energy suppliers and this had already been agreed by the Council.

There was some further discussion surrounding the costs of the plans, with some debate over whether the Council should be appointing the cheapest provider over the Green supplier, or vice versa, to protect the public purse.

The Clerk stepped in to remind Councillors that the whole Council did approve the Climate Action Plan and she felt that the price that had been quoted was very fair but that it was a decision that should be made by the Council as a whole.

C.6397.2 **RESOLVED: that a recommendation to Full Council from the Climate and Nature Recovery Working Party that a written report from the Climate and Sustainability Officer on Town Council Utility providers, which recommended that Octopus Energy be appointed as the energy supplier for any expired utility contracts, was received and approved**

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox

Seconded by Councillor J Cosgrove

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a Majority.

C.6398

TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM MARAZION TOWN COUNCIL REGARDING A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING AND ENFORCEMENT AND AGREE ACTION

The Chair stated that he hoped that Councillors had read through these documents as he felt that what Marazion Town Council were proposing was very significant. There had been a wide range of conversations about this across Cornwall in meetings that he had attended over the last few weeks, and he said that some Councils had concerns over the way in which the correspondence was worded. He admitted that his concerns were about whether this was calling for a vote of no confidence in the whole of the Cornwall Council Planning Department or whether it was calling for a vote of no confidence in the Planning Officers.

He stated that Camborne Town Council's Planning Committee made huge efforts to visit the site of planning applications in the Parish and then reviewing whether those applications should be approved. However, this is often met with a 5-day protocol calling for their decision to be reviewed and sometimes overturned by the Planning Officer. This detracted from the efforts that were being made by the Town Council's Planning Committee. He felt that physically visiting the sites gave a far superior view of the application and another Councillor agreed and stated that often they did not even receive comments from the Cornwall Council Planning Officers to guide them. This inconsistency from Cornwall Council made people question the Town Council Planning Committee when in fact they were doing the right thing by visiting the sites and making decisions based upon the facts of the sites.

Another Councillor stated that, whilst they were sympathetic to the views expressed in the statement from Marazion Town Council, they did not feel that it was clear enough or that it would remedy the situation. They felt that they could not support the vote of no confidence as the problems with the Planning system was not the fault of the facets in the vote of no confidence, instead it was as a result of all the different levels, primarily those directed by Government.

One Councillor suggested that, whilst Councillors might not agree with the exact wording of the correspondence from Marazion, members of the Planning Committee remained very unhappy with Cornwall Council's Planning system. The Chair agreed, that whilst the wording of the document could not be entirely agreed, it was about Councils showing their unhappiness in the current system and requesting some action to remedy it.

Another Councillor agreed with a former comment that it did not actually propose anything to remedy the problems, and they also felt that it was political due to the timing of the statement.

The Chair then proposed that Camborne Town Council attempt to do something to address their issues but independently of the

correspondence from Marazion Town Council. He suggested that it be left up to the Planning Committee to formulate a response to this agenda item.

It was suggested, due to the time constraints, that a response be sent to Marazion Town Council, broadly supporting and sharing their frustrations but suggesting that the problems were wider than this and that Government should undertake a root and branch review of the entire planning system.

C.6398.2

RESOLVED: that correspondence from Marazion Town Council regarding a vote of No Confidence in Cornwall Council Planning and Enforcement was received and that Camborne Town Council would not support the vote, instead formulate their own response to Marazion Town Council which shared their frustrations, whilst also formulating a response to Cornwall Council Planning which would be delegated to the Planning Committee, was approved

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor D Atherfold

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a Majority.

Councillor Ragan left the room at 19:44.

C.6399

TO RECEIVE A MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR BALL REQUESTING THAT THE COUNCIL CONSIDER MAKING THE WEBSITE AND OTHER AREAS MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR THE DEAF COMMUNITY AND AGREE ACTION

The Chair explained that he had attended the Cornwall Deaf Community Centre, and he had been shocked to discover that many deaf people did not have English as their first language. He explained that if someone had been deaf from birth then they had no understanding of what words sounded like. This makes it extremely difficult for them to engage with information, especially with media like websites. He felt that this was a real barrier to members of the Deaf community who might wish to participate and engage with the Town Council, whether this was attending events, meetings or taking an interest in the Council's projects.

At this point the Head of Community and Consultation explained that she had found some consultancies that could be considered to help with this process of enhancing the website. They could provide a translation service that would turn information into British Sign Language. She suggested that Councillors might wish to action some members of staff such as the Widening Participation Manager and the Communications and Engagement Manager to conduct research and bring back costed results with associated quotes illustrating what might be available. She advised that it might also be wise to consult with the Deaf Centre as well so that options that might be available more locally could also be considered that could be delivered in partnership with the Council.

One Councillor made the point that the Council should also involve the Deaf Community in its visual signage in the town. This should include small visual prompts on Town Council signage.

The Chair agreed. He stated that that was what the motion was about, increasing accessibility to any person with a disability. Another Councillor raised concerns about the potential cost and felt that any research into this should also include statistics about the numbers of people that would be impacted by this move.

Another Councillor suggested that an accessibility audit be conducted. This would then give clarity about which services would be cost effective and which may not be. They also wished for the current signage to be checked for Cornish Language accuracy at the same time. However, the Chair stated that this was not part of the motion that was being discussed.

C.6399.2

RESOLVED: that a motion from Councillor Ball requesting that the Council consider making the website and other areas more accessible for the Deaf Community was received and that Officers of the Council be tasked with investigating the possible options to enhance communications, bringing a costed report with quotes to a future meeting, was approved

Proposed by Councillor C Godolphin
Seconded by Councillor V Dalley

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6400

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL REGARDING THE DEVOLUTION OF CAMBORNE RUGBY FOOTBALL GROUND AND AGREE ACTION

The Clerk asked whether anyone was disappointed at the response from Cornwall Council, as she had been promised that this would be investigated as a matter of urgency. This had then been supported by an email confirming that the Devolution Team would be chased and so she felt that their subsequent response had been extremely disappointing.

Councillors then discussed the fact that Cornwall Council had only allowed the Town Council to take on the Rugby Ground on a ninety-nine-year lease. However, it had been agreed some years ago that this would become a Freehold. Despite chasing letters this had now been sitting with the Devolution Team for several years.

C.6400.2

RESOLVED: that an update from Cornwall Council regarding the devolution of Camborne Rugby Football Ground was received and that a letter be sent to the Devolution Team at Cornwall Council expressing discontent at the length of time that this was taking and that for this letter be delegated to the Clerk and the Chair, was approved

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor V Dalley

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6401

TO RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE VISUAL IMPROVEMENTS WORKING PARTY AND INFORMATION REGARDING THE CAMBORNE RENEW PROJECT AND AGREE ACTION

A Councillor commented that the final resolution that had been proposed recommended having hard copies of the public consultation in the Library. However, the consultation ended on the following Friday so they noted that this would need to be done very quickly.

Another Councillor suggested that this could take the form of a display rather than actual hard copies of the consultation. This, at least, would raise the public's awareness of the consultation. They also suggested that just one hard copy could be printed, and that the consultation could also be highlighted on the Town Council website as well.

The Chair also suggested that Councillors could publicise this when they were talking to members of the public.

C.6401.2

RESOLVED: that a recommendation to Full Council from the Visual Improvements Working Party that Camborne Town Council respond to the public consultation that they are supportive of the Renew Project, subject to there being consideration made to the durability and suitability of the benches and the palette scheme which should reflect the Town Council palette, was received and approved

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor D Atherfold

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6401.3

RESOLVED: that a recommendation to Full Council from the Visual Improvements Working Party that Camborne Town Council include in their response to the Renew Project public consultation that the drop down bollards for access to the Square be retained, was received and approved

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor D Atherfold

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6401.4

RESOLVED: that a recommendation to Full Council, that the Library be used to enable hard copies of the Public Consultation to be accessed by members of the Public, was approved

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor D Atherfold

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6402

THAT THE COUNCIL RESOLVES UNDER THE 1960 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT TO EXCLUDE THE

PRESS AND PUBLIC DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

C.6402.2 RESOLVED: that under the 1960 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act the press and public were excluded due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed

Proposed by Councillor C Godolphin

Seconded by Councillor D Atherfold

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

The remaining member of the public left the room at 19:59.

C.6403 TO RECEIVE A WRITTEN UPDATE FROM THE HEAD OF STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT REGARDING THE TOWN DEAL PROJECTS AND PROJECT REPORTS, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE

The Head of Strategic Development began by giving an additional update of developments regarding the projects that had occurred since the written reports.

He began by updating on the Park Gerry Project. He explained that planning permission had now been granted for the Pavilion building and there were other groundworks that did not require planning permission. A meeting had been held with Evolution and KHC to plan the works and to agree how the two organisations would work together. They are now going away to draw up a programme of works and to collaborate by sharing compounds, etc across the site.

A new noise assessment had been submitted to the Planning Officers that day alongside other documents including a variety of mitigation measures for the Skate Park, to include sinking it further into the ground. So, everything that could be done had been submitted and it was merely a question of waiting for the Planning Officer's decision.

One other thing had been agreed with the Forest for Cornwall team, that the standard trees had been ordered, and the Town Council were working with them and Mei Loci to hold an event over the next few weeks for these to be planted. The smaller planting would be delayed until the Autumn, but the funding would still be in place to cover this.

He then spoke about Lowarth Holman. He explained that the precast benches and retaining structures were currently in manufacture and they should be going in over the next few weeks. Whilst it had been dry, the team had been working on the footpaths ready to progress the hard landscaping. He also checked that Councillors had approved the Create CIC design earlier in the meeting and he stated that if this could be approved with the incorporation of the Cornish Language as discussed then he could give the go ahead for this work to begin.

A Councillor asked for a reminder about the extra grant that had been applied for but turned down. The Head of Strategic

Development explained that this had been for the site-specific interactive art installations. He stated that currently they were working with KHC, asking them to prepare a projected final cost as they were fairly well progressed with the project. There had been a reasonable contingency pot which, combined with any excess from the works, might provide enough to still provide some of these installations.

A Councillor wished to thank the Head of Strategic Development for keeping the project on track as well as he had.

He then moved on to give an update on the Basset Community Hub project (Awenva). He was expecting the contract with Classic Builders to be signed within the next week. They would then be expecting works on site to be started on the 10th March. This would be for the enabling works. The slates would be the most contentious thing to procure but meetings had been planned with the Conservation Officer to reach a solution for this.

The Clerk ended by stating that it was hoped that Rose Goodship would be attending the next Full Council meeting. She would be bringing some suggested projections of different business models for Councillors to consider.

C.6403.2

RESOLVED: that a written update from the Head of Strategic Development regarding the Town Deal Projects and Project Reports, was received and that Create CIC be actioned to commence with the work for Lowarth Holman with Cornish first, was approved

Proposed by Councillor L McDonald
Seconded by Councillor P Mills

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.6404

TO RECEIVE AN INTERIM STAFF STRUCTURE AND VERBAL UPDATE FROM THE TOWN CLERK ON STAFF VACANCIES

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

C.6404.2

RESOLVED: that an interim staff structure and verbal update from the Town Clerk on staff vacancies was received

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor D Atherfold

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a majority.

C.6405

TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT FROM THE HEAD OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURE REGARDING COMMUNITY SAFETY, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

C.6405.2

RESOLVED: that a verbal report from the Head of Community and Culture regarding Community Safety was received

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor D Atherfold

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:24

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR.....

DATE

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