

NEWQUAY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTE
REF:**

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 06 December 2017 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Marcus Hill, Newquay.

ACTION

Present

Cllrs Mrs M North (Mayor of Newquay), Mr A Hannan, Mr A Pringle, Mr P Summers, Mr L Gardner, Mr D Mann, Mr S Carter, Miss J Kenny, Mr K Towill, Mr D Cheney, Mr G Jones, Mr S Wilding, Mrs R Craze, Mrs Z Dixon and Mr O Monk

Also attending

Mr A Curtis (Town Clerk & RFO), Mr J Piwecki (Deputy Town Clerk), Cllr Mr G Brown, Reverend Jane Kneebone, Inspector Meredith, Sgt Honeywell, 4 members of the public and 1 member of the press

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Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Stephen Hick. Mrs Brenda Edwards and Mr Paul Rees have resigned from the Town Council and so their seats are now vacant.

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Dispensations & Declarations of Interest

None.

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Community Safety Reports

**150/17
(A)**

A. Police Report

Inspector Meredith gave an update on the crime statistics of November compared to 2016. Boardmasters Festival caused a spike in crime and disorder during August however due to additional 50,000+ people visiting the town, Inspector Meredith felt this was relative with the influx of people. Inspector Meredith noted there had been an increase in burglaries however the offender has been arrested and figures have reduced as a result. The Festive Festival went very well and was well attended; it was a good advert for Newquay. The next big policing challenge is New Year's Eve, where most resources will be dedicated to.

Questions from members and the public

Q1. Will there be additional resources allocated to the Christmas holiday as it is effectively a 4 day weekend this year?

A1. Newquay doesn't generally have the Christmas rush that other Town's do so resources are allocated more towards New Year's Eve.

Q2. Are the Newquay crime figures based on Newquay parish boundary?

A2. Yes the figures are based around the boundary though it does include Cubert.

Q3. Can you confirm a reduction in Police resources and how this will affect services going forward?

A3. Yes there will be a phased reduction in officers. The intention is to let officers go through natural attrition through retirement. Fortunately there is a committed team at Newquay. There will be roughly a 50% cut in PCSO's and 90% cut in Neighbourhood Team Leaders. PCSO's are a valued resource and are on the ground reporting and spotting issues before



they can escalate.

Q4. Could you give us any details of the incidents of rape?

A4. This is largely due to historic reporting increasing the figures. Due to the public having more confidence in the Police, they are reporting incidents which occurred several years ago, not necessarily recently.

Q5. Is there anything being done about the Homeless problem in Newquay? It would appear that it is just accepted and nothing is being done.

A5. Every community has a Homeless problem. People come from very complex backgrounds and become homeless through very torturous means. Their issues are often related due to drug dependency and mental health issues rendering them in that position.

Q6. There are reports that Newquay Police have paid Homeless people to move to different Towns, is this the case?

A6. No this has never been the case.

At this time Inspector Meredith left the meeting 7:15pm

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(B)**

B. CCTV Report

Members noted the content of the CCTV Report. The Mayor reported that Cornwall Council had provided costs for the Newquay Town Council to enter into the Tolvaddon scheme. However, the CCTV Manager and EDGP Committee are still strongly in support of maintaining the hub in Newquay and exploring adding more towns to the current system rather than diverting to Tolvaddon.

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Public Questions

Questions from members and the public

Q1. What can be done about the multiple planning applications going in at 20 Island Crescent site?

A1. Newquay Town Council are consultees on Planning only. Cornwall Council make the final decision on Planning Applications. Applicants can submit as many applications as they choose.

A debate was held on the process for Planning Applications.

Q2. Is there anything being done about preventing traffic accidents on Mount Wise?

A2. A review has recently been undertaken of traffic orders, specifically Mount Wise which is intended to be no parking throughout the year which would hopefully alleviate some of the issues.

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Correspondence

None.

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Cornwall Council Issues and Reports

Cllr Miss Kenny reported there was a new Cornwall Council consultation on waste and recycling which will inform the Cornwall Council contract arrangements for collection moving forwards. Cornwall Councilors present encouraged the residents to complete the online survey.



Cllr Mr Monk reported on the Newquay Airport meeting he attended. Visitor numbers had increased to 450,000, the August bank holiday was the busiest it has ever been. The average wage at the Airport was above the national average in order to attract highly skilled workers.

Cllr Mr Gardner queried where the 'airport development fee' funds was being allocated as there didn't appear to be any development taking place.

Cllr Mr Monk reported that there was a trigger point at which Cornwall Council would begin investing money and expanding the airport. It is nearing the point where the airport will receive further development and is part of the master development plan for the area.

Cllr Mr Brown congratulated the Town Council for the November 05 Fireworks display and Festive Festival event. Cllr Mr Brown reported that Planning Enforcement tends to get a lot of criticism for being ineffective. Enforcement cannot legally get involved if there is a 'live' planning application.

The Parking review has now been completed and sits with Cornwall Council officers talking with local members however there is a danger the changes will not be enacted before the Summer.

There are planned changes to Universal credit to those on low income or without an income. It is being introduced in 2018 however will only affect new claimants, not existing. Cornwall Council is working to support those on low or no wages before these changes are implemented.

Cllr Mrs Craze was extremely disappointed with the bereavement services at Cornwall Council and was informed that a funeral could not be progressed for at least 16 days as no grave diggers were available. For people already going through difficult circumstances and dealing with grief, this added stress is unacceptable and needs to be investigated. Cornwall Council's present agreed to take this matter away and look into it further.

**Cllrs
Kenny/
Towill/
Summers/
Brown**

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Minutes

- i. 04 October 2017

It was proposed by the Mayor, Seconded by the Deputy Mayor and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 04 October 2017 and had been amended and were correctly recorded and they were signed by the Mayor

Cllr Mrs Dixon abstained from the vote.

At this time Cllr Brown and a member of the public left the meeting (7:50pm)

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Matters Arising

Minute Ref: 141/17(C) – Cllr Mr Towill explained that the Town Clerk was now in possession of the additional information requested from Young People Cornwall.

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Committee Minutes and Reports

**156/17
(A)**

A. Minutes of the Planning & Licensing Committee held on

- i. 25 September 2017
- ii. 09 October 2017
- iii. 23 October 2017
- iv. 06 November 2017



v. 20 November 2017

1. *Recommend Full Council agrees that in principle the Draft Newquay Neighbourhood Plan should be submitted to Public Consultation, subject to completion of the presentation layout – and review and incorporation of recommended changes proposed by the Committee and other Councillors.*

It was Proposed by Cllr Mr Carter, seconded by Cllr Mr Mann and

RESOLVED unanimously to note the minutes of the meetings of the Planning & Licensing Committee held on; (i) 25 September 2017, (ii) 09 October 2017, (iii) 23 October 2017, (iv) 06 November and (v) 20 November 2017

Cllr Miss Kenny updated members on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan.

A debate was held on whether the draft document was suitable to be sent out to external bodies given there were still some minor changes and spelling errors to be corrected. Cllr Miss Kenny stated there was still 2 weeks for members to come back with any suggested changes and correct any errors. The consultees that the document will be sent to will be aware that the document is in draft form.

An amendment was proposed to give final authorisation on the publication of the draft Neighbourhood Plan to the Town Clerk, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning & Licensing Committee.

An amendment was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Cllr Mr Carter and

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(v)(1)**

RESOLVED unanimously to agree that in principle the Draft Newquay Neighbourhood Plan should be submitted to Public Consultation, subject to completion of the presentation layout – and review and incorporation of recommended changes proposed by the Committee and other Councillors and to give authorisation to the Town Clerk, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee to approve the draft document.

**Town
Clerk/Cllr
Carter/Cllr
Mann**

It was proposed by Cllr Miss Kenny, seconded by the Mayor and

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RESOLVED unanimously to agree that in principle the Draft Newquay Neighbourhood Plan should be submitted to Public Consultation, subject to completion of the presentation layout – and review and incorporation of recommended changes proposed by the Committee and other Councillors and to give authorisation to the Town Clerk, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee to approve the draft document.

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Town Clerks Report

The Town Clerk confirmed receipt of the External Audit. The only feedback received was that the publication of the accounts was too long and the public had too much time view make comments.



158/17 **Mayor’s Announcements**

The Mayor had attended roughly 2 to 3 attendances each week. The Mayor would like to thank all those involved with the Christmas Lights Switch on. It was well received and humbling to see the community of Newquay turnout for the event. The fireworks over the Harbour were fantastic.

159/17 **Financial Statements**

At this time 1 member of the press left the meeting 8:20pm

It was Proposed by the Cllr the Mayor seconded by Cllr the Deputy Mayor

RESOLVED unanimously accept the Financial Statement of NTC and TIC for August totalling £116,260.98 and authorise BACS Payments

160/17 **Newquay Town Council Issues**

160/17 **A. Letter of Support for Bloodhound – Cllr Hannan**
(A)

Members discussed the Bloodhound event and praised the organisers for bringing the event to Newquay and involving so many of the local schools. The engineering industry will soon have a shortfall in new talent if it is not encouraged in education at an early level. With the UK needing rely more heavily on its own industries following the decision to leave the EU, it is vital that the youth is given more opportunities to explore technical and engineering careers.

It was Proposed by the Cllr the Deputy Mayor seconded by Cllr Miss Kenny and

RESOLVED unanimously to ask the Town Clerk to write a letter in support for Bloodhound

161/17 **Chairman’s Other Business**

Cllr Mr Summers asked if the Town Council was going to release an official statement regards the Christmas Tree, which has received some negative press. The Town Clerk confirmed one had already been released.

Cllr Mrs Dixon updated members on the proposed business plan being put together by St Petroc’s. The idea of the business plan was to work on a comprehensive strategy to ensure all the different services pull together to provide a joined up service and where that could feasibly be located.

162/17 **Date and time of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 December 2017 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Marcus Hill, Newquay.

The Chairman thanked those attending and the meeting closed at 8:32pm

Signed..... The Mayor Cllr Mrs North

Date.....

