

NEWQUAY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTE REF: Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10 January 2018 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Marcus Hill, Newquay. **ACTION**

Present

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

Also attending

Mr A Curtis (Town Clerk & RFO), Mr J Piwecki (Deputy Town Clerk), Mr T Wright (Facilities Manager), Reverend Jane Kneebone, Inspector Meredith, 1 member of the press and 8 members of the public

001/18 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mr S Hick. No apologies were received from Cllr Mr A Pringle.

002/18 **Dispensations & Declarations of Interest**

None.

003/18 **Community Safety Reports**

It was proposed by Cllr Miss Kenny, Seconded by the Deputy Mayor and

RESOLVED unanimously to raise item 14 – Newquay Town Council Issues to after item 4 – Public Questions

003/18(A) **A. Police Report**

Inspector Meredith gave members an update on the crime figures in comparison to the previous month. Regards increase in shoplifting offences; the previous year was an unusually low figure for that time of year which has resulted in this year looking worse. New Years Eve went very well with only 1 arrest. The weather was inclement which could have had an impact on the potential for crime and disorder as there were less people in Town. Police are allocating more resources to Tower Road and Higher Tower Road due to the known intelligence of Class A drug circulation in those areas.

Questions asked from members/members of the public

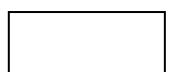
Q1. Regarding the statistics for drug crime, is this anticipated? Or is there an expectation this should be different?

A1. Crime is very unpredictable at times. Several arrests have been made which could have spiked the figures for drug crime.

Q2. Any more information on the burglary offences?

A2. In the grand scheme of things, 5 offences are not a generally high number for Newquay. It is not a series or regular offender as far as the Police are aware.

Q3. The homeless problem in Newquay is growing, particularly in the main thoroughfare of



Bank Street. Is there anything that can be done by the Police to ensure they cannot loiter?

A3. The Police have no powers to stop people sleeping in doorways. It is a complex social problem and most are suffering from drug and alcohol addiction. It is not the remit of the Police and is just as much of an issue for the landowners, Cornwall Council and Town Council to deal with.

Q4. Can they be moved anywhere where there is less of visual impact?

A4. The Police share this concern. The Police try and accommodate as much as possible. Newquay has had a homeless issue of varying degrees. It is very difficult however the Police are committed to dealing with it in a responsible manner.

Q5. An abandoned car was reported to Cornwall Council at the top of Tregunnel Hill. The Council reported that it was a Police issue. The member of the public then contacted the Police who said it was a Cornwall Council issue. No one appears to want to take responsibility?

A5. It isn't a case that the Police don't want to take responsibility. Inspector Meredith was unaware of that particular incident so couldn't make a comment.

At this time Inspector Meredith left the meeting (7:26pm)

003/18(B)

B. Facilities Report

The Facilities Manager gave a report on the Facilities Service, it's roles and responsibilities along with an overview of the assets and public conveniences it maintains.

Members thanked the Facilities Manager and his team for all the hard work they do for the town. The Mayor had personally witnessed the staff getting verbal abuse, and public acting aggressively towards them.

Members briefly discussed the income which is generated from the Toilets, which helps offsetting the running costs.

004/18

Public Question Time

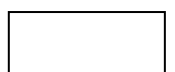
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Q1. The new industrial estate in Treloggan has been reported by the Cornish Guardian to take away an estimated 10 million pounds from Newquay Town Centre. What is being done to attract new business to the Town Centre?

A2. The figure in the press is not accurate. The businesses which are going into the new industrial estate will not be matched in the Town Centre so there won't be any competing businesses. The Town Centre will always have attractions such as the beaches, food and drink and parks which pull in tourists. It is not going to affect the Town Centre. The Deputy Mayor reported that Newquay BID is currently working with businesses in Newquay to develop a package, which can be given to potential shop owners thinking of moving to Newquay. The package will outline information about town and the benefits, to encourage investment in the centre. The Town Council is also investing in street furniture and open spaces to ensure it is a nicer experience for residents and visitors to the Town Centre.

Q2. Is there any update on the Huer's Hut transfer?

A2. It is currently between legal teams at Cornwall Council, an update is imminent.



005/18 **Newquay Town Council Issues**

Cllr Miss Kenny gave members an update on the Newquay Neighbourhood Plan (NNP) and circulated the draft document. The Newquay character study is currently underway which will inform the plan what themes are apparent in certain areas of Newquay e.g. areas predominantly bungalows. Members thanked Cllr Miss Kenny for all of her hard work on the NNP, which would not have happened without her efforts.

Cllr Summers enquired whether there was an update on the rat infestation at Marcus Hill and whether this will be fully resolved prior to the transfer, secondly an update on the Mount Wise building.

The Mayor reported that the legal process for the Marcus Hill estate and Library/Information Service was still on-going.

The Deputy Mayor reported that the refurbishment budget had been approved for the Mount Wise building. The process now will be assigning a Project Management firm who will take the site through the entire process from design, planning through to building works and eventually completion.

Members enquired as to whether there was any way of postponing the election in Treviglas Ward to consider the recently announced second vacancy in that ward. The Town Clerk confirmed that once the election process has been started it must be followed through. It is entirely possible an election may again be called for the second vacancy in the same ward. That will be down to the electorate.

Cllr Summers enquired as to whether the Finance & Policy (F&P) Committee can investigate what advice is available regards to submitting amendments to motions, particularly around the budget setting period. The Deputy Mayor confirmed the F&P Committee will be investigating this.

Cllr Miss Kenny raised concern that the upcoming boundary review may have an impact on Town Council ward boundaries.

The Deputy Mayor informed members of details of the upcoming Gorseth Kernow festival later in the year.

At this time Cllr Miss Kenny left the meeting (8:13pm)

006/18 **Correspondence**

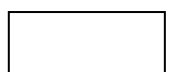
The Town Clerk reported that Camborne Town Council had offered to purchase the Council Chamber furniture. Members discussed at length and didn't agree to sell the furniture at this stage however would make a note of Camborne Town Council's interest.

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

RESOLVED unanimously respond to Camborne Town Council declining the offer to sell the Council Chamber furniture however register their interest for potentially selling it in the future

007/18 **Cornwall Council Issues and Reports**

Cllr Monk informed members that work at Trenance lake had stalled due to adverse weather. Cllr Summers informed members that the play park at St Columb Minor had been delayed slightly. Once completed Atlantic Road play area and Treloggan were next on the list of projects.



At this time 1 member of the press left the meeting (8:19pm)

008/18 **Minutes**

008/18(i) *i.* 06 December 2017

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 06 December 2017 and had been amended and were correctly recorded and they were signed by the Mayor

008/18(ii) *ii.* 13 December 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Summers, Seconded by the Mayor and

RESOLVED unanimously that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 13 December 2017 and had been amended and were correctly recorded and they were signed by the Mayor

009/18 **Matters Arising**

None.

010/18 **Committee Minutes and Reports**

A. Minutes of the Economic Development & General Purposes Committee held on

i. 16 November 2017

It was Proposed by Cllr Mr Cheney seconded by Cllr Mr Hannan (Deputy Mayor) and

010/18(A)
(i)

RESOLVED unanimously to note the minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development and General Purposes Committee held on 16 November 2017

1. E035/17(b)(i) – Recommendation to release funds from the Public Conveniences EMR to purchase the Railway Station Temporary Toilets from APS.

Members discussed at length the cost of purchasing the temporary toilets and the benefits of owning them outright. The Town Clerk confirmed the cost of purchase was £24,000.

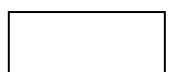
It was Proposed by Cllr Mr Cheney seconded by Cllr Mr Hannan (Deputy Mayor) and

010/18(A)
(i)(1)

RESOLVED to release £24,000 from the Public Conveniences EMR to purchase the Railway Station Temporary Toilets from APS Construction Services Ltd.

Cllr Summers abstained from the vote.

2. E035/17(b)(iii) – Recommendation to release upto £30,000 from the Public Conveniences EMR towards the cost of demolition of the Railway Station Toilets.



It was Proposed by Cllr Mr Cheney seconded by Cllr Mr Hannan (Deputy Mayor) and

**010/18(A)
(i)(2)**

RESOLVED to release upto £30,000 from the Public Conveniences EMR towards the cost of demolition of the Railway Station Toilets.

Cllr Summers abstained from the vote.

010/18(B)

B. Minutes of the Tourism and Leisure Committee held on

i. 21 November 2017

It was Proposed by Cllr Mrs Craze seconded by Cllr Mr Jones and

**010/18(B)
(i)**

RESOLVED unanimously to note the minutes of the meeting of the Tourism & Leisure Committee held on 21 November 2017

010/18(C)

C. Minutes of the Staffing Committee held on

i. 21 November 2017

It was Proposed by Cllr Mrs Craze seconded by Cllr Mrs Dixon and

**010/18(C)
(i)**

RESOLVED unanimously to note the minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on 21 November 2017

010/18(D)

D. Minutes of the Footpaths, Bridleways & Open Spaces Committee held on

i. 22 November 2017

It was Proposed by Cllr Mrs Dixon seconded by Cllr Mr Monk and

**010/18(D)
(i)**

RESOLVED unanimously to note the minutes of the meeting of the Footpaths, Bridleways and Open Spaces Committee held on 22 November 2017

010/18(E)

E. Minutes of the F&P Committee held on

i. 27 November 2017

It was Proposed by Cllr Mrs North (Mayor) seconded by Cllr Mr Hannan (Deputy Mayor) and

**010/18(E)
(i)**

RESOLVED unanimously to note the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee held on 27 November 2017

010/18(F)

F. Minutes of the Planning & Licensing Committee held on

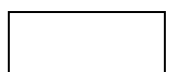
i. 04 December 2017

ii. 18 December 2017

It was Proposed by Cllr Mr Carter seconded by Cllr Mr Summers and

**010/18(F)
(i & ii)**

RESOLVED unanimously to note the minutes of the meetings of the Planning & Licensing Committee held on; (i) 04 December 2017 and (ii) 18 December 2017



011/18 Town Clerk’s Report

The Town Clerk informed members about the upcoming election and co-option. There is a recruitment process underway for another Open Spaces Operative. The Town Council is investigating apprentices to undertake work with accounts and administration.

A marketing company has been commissioned on a retainer for 12 months to assist with marketing, branding and promotion for the Town Council.

An investigation is underway to update the Town Council website to improve functionality.

012/18 Mayor’s Announcements

The Mayor report on her engagements before Christmas. On Christmas day the Mayor spent 2 hours visiting the local public services that are still operating such as Ambulance and Fire services. The Mayor wished to thank all the staff in these services on behalf of the residents of Newquay, for all their hard work.

The Mayor wished to thank David Mann for his work as Town Councillor prior to his resignation.

013/18 Financial Statements

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 £109,805.56 and authorise BACS Payments

014/18 Chairman’s Other Business

None.

015/18 Date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 07 February 2018 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Marcus Hill, Newquay.

The Chairman thanked those attending and the meeting closed at 8:39pm

Signed..... The Mayor Cllr Mrs North

Date.....

