

**NEWQUAY TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTE REF:** Minutes of the Tourism & Leisure (T&L) Committee Meeting held on 16 January 2018 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Marcus Hill, Newquay. **Actions:**

**Present**

Cllrs Mrs R Craze (Chairman), Mr A Pringle (Vice-Chairman), Mr D Cheney, Mr G Jones, Mrs M North and Mr L Gardner.

**Also attending**

Mr J Piwecki (Deputy Town Clerk), Miss N Cerejo (Projects Officer), Mr D Bradshaw (Town Crier), Ms C Beckham (Plastic Free Newquay) and three members of the public.

**T001/18** **Apologies**

Cllr O Monk was absent without apology.

**T002/18** **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

None.

**T003/18** **Minutes**

- i. 21 November 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Cheney, seconded by Cllr Jones and

**T003/18 (1)** **RESOLVED unanimously to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2017.**

**T004/18** **Matters Arising**

T084/17 – **Coast of Dreams Signage**

The signs were now due to be installed on 24 January 2018. There had been some delay owing to the Christmas period.

**T005/18** **Terms of Reference and Risk Assessment Update**

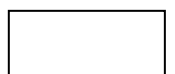
No update.

It was proposed by Cllr Craze, seconded by Cllr Pringle and

**T005/18 (1)** **RESOLVED unanimously to move Agenda Item 10 forward to be discussed next.**

**T006/18** **Plastic Free Newquay**

A short presentation was given by Ms Beckham regarding the Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) initiative 'Plastic Free Coastlines'. Ms Beckham had



been facilitating a coalition of Newquay based organisations to implement the initiative within Newquay. The aim, to cut plastic pollution through individuals, businesses, schools and other organisations collectively reducing the plastic that they use. The same initiative had been successfully launched in Penzance the previous year.

*At this time Mr Bradshaw entered the meeting (7:04pm)*

To receive the 'Plastic Free Coastline' status Newquay would have to meet certain criteria. Newquay Town Council would need to pass a resolution to support the initiative and name a representative of the Council to join the Plastic Free Newquay steering group. They would also need to make changes as a business to reduce plastic consumption by removing single use plastics from Council premises and sourcing plastic free alternatives.

As part of the initiative, local businesses would need to be involved with one of the objectives for a town the size of Newquay being that 12 businesses adopt the scheme by removing at least 3 types of plastic from their business.

In addition, Plastic Free Newquay would need to connect with the local community to communicate their message and facilitate plastic free rallies, undertake at least two beach cleans and hold an SAS fundraiser.

Several organisations had already joined the steering group, among these were: Refill Cornwall, Newquay Beach Care, Cornwall College Newquay, Newquay Marine Group and Newquay Community Orchard.

Ms Beckham stressed the environmental benefits of the scheme as well as potential benefits for the economy, community and businesses of Newquay.

Cllr Craze stated that the environmental aspects would need to be taken to the Footpaths, Bridleways and Open Spaces (FBOS) Committee. The proposed policy changes and potential financial impact on resources and staffing would need to be considered by the Finance and Policy (F&P) Committee. Ultimately the proposal would need to go to Full Council for a resolution.

All Councillors in attendance expressed their support for the scheme. Cllr Pringle felt that it would provide a good opportunity for the Town Council to work collaboratively with the community and suggested a resolution could be passed to ensure events on the Killacourt were single-use plastic free as a condition of booking.

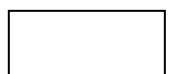
It was proposed by Cllr Craze, seconded by Cllr Pringle and

**T006/18  
(1)**

**RESOLVED unanimously to open the debate up to members of the public.**

Member of the public Mr Goodman expressed his support and offered to help promote the scheme through his community social media pages.

It was proposed by Cllr Pringle, seconded by Cllr Cheney and



**T006/18  
(2)**

**RESOLVED unanimously that the T&L committee support in principle, the Plastic Free Newquay initiative subject to F&P and Full Council approval.**

**F&P**

*At this point Ms Beckham thanked the committee and left the meeting along with one member of the public (7:23pm).*

**T007/18**

**Public Engagement**

No questions were asked.

**T008/18**

**Newquay BID Update**

The Deputy Town Clerk announced a brief update in the absence of the Newquay BID Manager.

Seven Magazine 2018 BID were currently collating content for the 2018 Seven Magazine which was due for release around April/May 2018.

GDPR Workshop BID had organised a General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) workshop for their members, which was to take place on Thursday 25 January 2018 at a cost of £5 per member (capped at 25 attendees).

Training Courses A monthly programme of various training courses, workshops and seminars was being put together as requested by BID members. These were to cover subjects such as counter terrorism training, first aid and basic social media training.

Banners BID were researching and liaising with various banner companies to install banners around the town at the end of March 2018.

Newquay in Bloom BID were liaising with Newquay in Bloom regarding any additional schemes or ideas they may have for future competitions.

Love NQY App The software developer was in the test phase of the Love NQY mobile app development.

**T009/18**

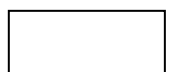
**Town Crier's Report**

The Town Crier gave a report on his recent activities.

As the only Town Crier in England to have hosted a Guild of Town Criers world championship he had been approached to front a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary championship event which was to take place at Windsor Castle in August 2018. Her Majesty the Queen would be in attendance.

He had also been invited to attend the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sir Francis Drake Armada Cup in Kingsbridge and Dartmouth in July.

He had agreed to take on the role of Newquay Carnival King and reported that the 2018 carnival week would include a photography competition.



He had been invited to participate in a televised 100 Year Anniversary of Remembrance Day event, as one of 500 Town Criers from around the world to perform 'A Cry for Peace' on Sunday 11 November 2018.

The Town Crier's new robe had been ordered and was being made.

All notice boards were up and running. There had been some issues with access to the notice boards at Trenance Gardens owing to flooding.

**T010/18**      **Town Council Events**

The Chair requested that Items A and B were switched so that Item B could be discussed first.

It was proposed by Cllr Craze, seconded by Cllr Cheney and

**T010/18**                      **RESOLVED unanimously to open the discussion up to**  
**(1)**                              **members of the public.**

**T010/18**      **B. Debrief on Winter Events**  
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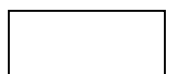
The Festive Festival

The Deputy Town Clerk gave a report on the Festive Festival event, a collaboration with Newquay BID, which had taken place on Friday 24 November 2017. Feedback had been very positive, and the event well received by members of the public. There had been a larger crowd than in previous years. Newquay BID had coordinated a mini program of events leading up to the Christmas lights switch on including street performers and live music.

The Deputy Town Clerk had attended a debrief on the event. There had been suggestion from some members of BID that there may be scope to split the Light Switch-On and Lantern Parade into two separate events. The Deputy Town Clerk was unclear as to the reasoning behind this as Nitoe Security had been at the debrief and did not express any concerns about the numbers that attended. Another meeting was planned for 22 January 2018 to discuss this matter further with Newquay BID. The Deputy Town Clerk and the Chair of the T&L Committee would attend.

Members discussed the proposal to split the festival in two and agreed that people are drawn to the event as a whole rather than individual elements. The consensus was that splitting it would be to the detriment of the festival and should only be considered if the increased numbers posed a danger to public safety, which at present it did not. Cllr Gardner added that if the event was split, this would increase the total cost owing to duplication on certain aspects such as road closure management, security, fencing and so on. Members agreed that the Fireworks display could do with being moved to an earlier time so that some of the younger children could attend.

Member of the public Mr Goodman added that he had received feedback that some of the parade had still been at East Street (by the Post Office) when the stage performances at Marcus Hill began, and so missed the



entertainment. He felt this may have been the reason Newquay BID were looking at splitting the event. He added that if the slope outside of the Municipal Offices was utilised by the parade it may help to accommodate all of the attendees.

#### Christmas on the Killacourt

The Deputy Town Clerk gave a report on Christmas on the Killacourt, a Newquay Town Council event held on 09 December 2017.

A consultation survey to gauge the community's reaction to various elements of the event had been put on the Newquay Town Council website and shared on social media. The Deputy Town Clerk reported that by and large the findings had been positive.

The Christmas Market (held at St Michael's Church Hall) had received a good footfall but the survey had identified respondents wished to see a greater variety of stalls.

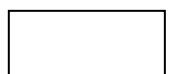
The Santa's Grotto (held in the Bandstand on the Killacourt) had received very positive feedback from all respondents, the majority of whom had indicated they would be willing to make a small donation towards sustaining it if needed. However, Cllr Craze was keen to keep the Grotto free of charge to the public. Cllr Pringle suggested that going forwards, if the Grotto was held again, the Council would have more time to seek corporate sponsorship (from local businesses at Head Office level) earlier on in the year.

The Deputy Town Clerk continued that the only negative feedback was that there should have been more physical promotion throughout the town and better signage to redirect people when the venues were changed owing to bad weather.

All feedback received on the live music event (held at Tall Trees nightclub) had been positive however, respondents to the survey felt this would have been better attended had it been held on the Killacourt as originally planned.

The Deputy Town Clerk had attended a debrief on the whole event where it had been agreed that the Killacourt, being very exposed and prone to high wind speeds, was not an ideal location to erect a marquee in December. The Fore Street Car Park had been discussed as an alternative location for the Market and Music elements as it is less exposed, while the Santa's Grotto would remain in the Bandstand. The Office had been in contact with Cllr Geoff Brown (Cornwall Council) to ask whether it may be used free of charge as part of the Cornwall Council Christmas Free Parking Day. Cllr Brown had agreed to look further into whether this would be possible and the Office were awaiting a decision.

Member of the Public and Christmas Market organiser Mr Goodman agreed that the Fore Street Car Park would be a good location and would allow space for food vendors outside of the marquee, as had been done previously at the same location with the Music & Ale Festival.



Cllr Gardner thanked the members of the Office staff that had worked on the 09 December Christmas event and input their own time to help make it a success.

**T010/18  
(A)** A. Events Management Working Party

The Chair suggested that an Events Working Party be formed to support the organisation and growth of the Summer Finale, Festive Festival and Christmas on the Killacourt events.

Cllrs Gardner, Pringle, Jones, The Town Crier and member of the public Mr Goodman agreed to take part in the Working Party with Cllr Gardner as Chair.

It was proposed by Cllr Craze, seconded by Cllr North and

**T010/18  
(2)** **RESOLVED unanimously to form an Events Management Working Party.**

Band Concerts

Cllr Gardner had been researching the potential to manage a program of Summertime music performances in public spaces around Newquay, centred around the Bandstand and Killacourt. The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that there was already a budget line for paid band concerts at the Bandstand and that the Town Council had in previous years held these over 12 successive weekends from mid-July to September.

It was proposed by Cllr North, seconded by Cllr Pringle and

**T010/18  
(3)** **RESOLVED unanimously to pass the coordination of band concerts to the Events Working Party.**

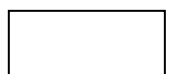
*At this point the two remaining members of the public left the meeting (8:10pm).*

Killacourt Bookings

The Deputy Town Clerk had received a booking application from events company Modern Markets who wished to use the Killacourt for an international food, drink and crafts festival. Despite requests for further information the company had failed to produce any site-specific documentation and it was unclear as to whether they would expect to be paid for holding the market.

Members discussed the application at length and raised some concerns over the proposed date which coincided with the Boardmasters Festival weekend and was close to that of the Fish Festival. It was unclear whether local businesses would be offered the opportunity to have stalls or if the organisers would have long standing contracts with national businesses.

Some members felt that while there would be benefits to having such an



event in Newquay, residents and businesses may perceive this as unwelcome competition, particularly if local businesses are not permitted to take part.

The Deputy Town Clerk agreed to take the Committee's comments back to Modern Markets and request more information, imagery and evidence from previous events that the company had held elsewhere.

#### Summer Finale

The Chair announced that a decision needed to be made about whether the Town Council would hold another Summer Finale event for 2018. This event had been successful in 2015 and 2016 but in 2017 had been cancelled owing to adverse weather conditions. The Vice Chair agreed that there should be another event in 2018. The date for this was agreed as 15 September 2018.

#### Gorsedh Kernow

Cllr Cheney announced that several Gorsedh Kernow ceremonies were due to take place in the run up to 01 September 2018, culminating in a parade across the Barrowfields. The Gorsedh Kernow Committee were in discussions to add a civic parade onto the event, which would take place on the morning of 01 September. In the evening a concert was planned to be held at the Hotel Bristol.

#### Carnival Week

As a member of the Newquay Lions, Cllr Cheney was already heavily involved in the organisation of Newquay Carnival. He requested that another member of the T&L Committee volunteer to represent the Town Council on the Carnival Committee to which Cllr Jones had stepped forward.

It was proposed by Cllr Cheney, seconded by Cllr Pringle and

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**RESOLVED unanimously for Cllr Jones to represent  
Newquay Town Council on the Carnival Committee.**

#### Deckchairs

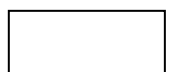
A conversation took place regarding the Town Council's 43 Deckchairs which had existed since the Restormel Borough Council days and were in varying states of disrepair. The Office had received an offer from a local business to buy the chairs for £15 each for re-covering. This money, in addition to revenue from Killacourt bookings, could go towards replacing them.

It was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Pringle and

**T010/18  
(5)**

**RESOLVED unanimously to sell the Deckchairs for  
£15 each.**

*At this point Cllr Cheney left the meeting (8.27pm).*



**T011/18**      **Other Correspondence**

The Deputy Town Clerk had received an e-mail from a member of the public raising concerns about the re-location of Cornwall Pride festival from Truro to Newquay. The Deputy Town Clerk had responded that Newquay Town Council had supported and would continue to support the event being held in Newquay. He had agreed to take the points raised by the member of the public to the T&L Committee for discussion.

*At this point Cllr Cheney re-entered the meeting (8.30pm).*

The Committee agreed that all the feedback from the 2017 Cornwall Pride event had been positive and the event was good for the town.

Cllr Jones added that the event had benefitted the school community and had a positive affect with improving confidence among his LGBTQ pupils.

Cllr Craze asked that the Deputy Town Clerk write a further reply relaying Councillors' support for the event.

**T012/18**      **Visit Newquay Tourist Information Centre Update**

Cllr Craze had attended a management meeting to discuss the TIC and gave a brief report in the absence of the TIC Manager.

Visit Newquay Guide The 2018 Guide had been printed in the new smaller format, ready for distribution.

See Confidential Addendum 16.01.18/001

Building Access When the Marcus Hill building is transferred to the Town Council it was discussed that the Visit Newquay TIC could potentially be used as the main entrance to the building and that hours could be extended from 9am-5pm

*At this point Mr Bradshaw thanked the committee and left the meeting (8:36pm).*

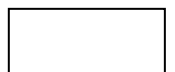
See Confidential Addendum 16.01.18/002

**T013/18**      **Library/Information Service Update**

See Confidential Addendum 16.01.18/003

No specific date had been given for the transfer of the Library to the Town Council, but the end of April to beginning of May had been indicated.

Cllr Craze announced that there are some building improvement works that can be undertaken under license and that she would be pushing for this to happen as soon as possible.





**T014/18**      **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There were no members of the Press or Public present.

**T015/18**      **Visit Newquay Tourist Information Centre**

Please see minute ref T012/18. There were no further updates to be given.

**T016/18**      **Library/Information Service**

Please see minute ref T013/18. There were no further updates to be given.

**T017/18**      **Chairman's Other Business**

Cllr Jones announced that he was helping to organise and would be participating in 12 walks across 12 months to raise money for a suicide prevention charity. This would culminate in a 24 hour walk from Land's End to Newquay in November. The team was made up of 12 walkers and had already received the support of the Newquay Voice. Cllr Jones asked for the support of the Committee and advised that he would update as and when the final plans come together.

**T018/18**      **Date, venue and time for the next meeting**

The next Tourism & Leisure Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Marcus Hill, Newquay TR7 1AF.

The Chair thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8:45pm.

**Signed**..... **Chairman**  
Cllr Craze

**Date**.....

