

PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held remotely on Tuesday 25 August 2020 at 6.41 pm

Present: C Watson-Smyth (Chairman), A P Flide (Vice-Chairman), K Freeman, R Higman, J O'Keefe, H M Saunders, Mrs A E Symons, D N Vivian and Mrs T Walter

In Attendance: Mrs K Pemberton (Town Clerk), Mrs N Barnes (Financial Responsible Officer), Mrs S Daly (Support Officer and Minute Taker) and 2 members of the public (1 part)

2020/44 To receive apologies for absence and announcements:

- i) Apologies were received from Councillor R Buscombe, M Evans and M Rickard
- ii) Announcements: There were no announcements

2020/45 Declarations of Interest:

- Councillors C Watson-Smyth and Mrs T Walter declared an interest in agenda item 15 Lease/Tenant Issues in part.

2020/46 Dispensations: There were no dispensations.

2020/47 Public Participation: None.

- i) **Cornwall Councillors Report:** There was no report.
- ii) **Police Report:** Was noted as detailed in the agenda "to follow" papers

2020/48 Minutes Tuesday 28 July 2020: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held remotely on Tuesday 28 July 2020 be signed as a true record.

2020/49 Clerks Report: The Clerk's report was noted for information.

2020/50 Committees/Working Group Meetings:
RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held remotely on 11 August 2020

2020/51 Finance: Monthly Accounts and Payments August 2020:

- a) The monthly finance report was noted for information. The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) noted that although July had picked up it remained down on last year, August car park takings were better up to date. The RFO advised there were still debtors but that the finances were holding up at present, despite the April - June losses.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to ratify payments made August (a) of £15,090.11, standing orders or direct debits (regular payments of the same amount) of £10,443.42 and direct debits of £5,104.55.
- c) Car park takings were noted. The RFO noted overall takings in July were down by approx. £3,000 due to the 6 days missed

revenue at the beginning of the month. August was up on last year up to the date of the meeting.

- d) Cornwall Council Grant. It was noted the RFO hoped to apply for a grant from Cornwall Council in the next few weeks. Cornwall Council were the only Council in the country offering grants to Town and Parish Councils.

2020/52 Correspondence:

- a) Correspondence for information was noted.
- b) (i) Access Stile Field: Consideration was given to a request from Cornwall Council in respect of access to undertake improvements works to the South West Coast Path. Further to the agenda report it was now expected that the works would take place in November and take approximately 4 weeks.

RESOLVED to approve the request from Cornwall Council to permit access across the top footpath of stile field and accommodate the storage of some stone in the area immediately by the main gate subject to receiving satisfactory risk assessments and PLI and on the basis that Cornwall Council make good any area they use.

(ii) Gate Rear of Workshop Units – Freeman Sails: Consideration was given to this temporary request to alleviate issues of rubbish and public urination behind the workshop unit.

RESOLVED to approve the request for a temporary gate at the rear of the Freeman Sails workshop unit provided there are no health and safety issues.

iii) Cornwall Council Climate Emergency Development Plan Document (DPD) Pre-Submission Consultation: Members gave consideration to the consultation. One member commented that they thought the document ought to address making properties more energy efficient or require properties to capture solar and geothermal energy.

Mention was made that the Council could seek views of groups such as Beach Guardian however it was noted the document was open to all and such groups were encouraged to answer in their own right.

In response to queries the Town Clerk confirmed the consultation had gone to Full Council to provide more time for a response than delaying until the next Planning meeting. In response to the documents effect on NDPs she considered that when the Padstow Parish NDP went to CC for Screening, it would be appropriate to ask how the policies of the NDP could be strengthened in respect of the Climate Change DPD.

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It was proposed that Councillors submit their comments on the consultation to the Town Clerk and the response be delegated.

Councillor C Watson-Smyth returned to the meeting whereupon he resumed the Chair.

RESOLVED to delegate a response to the Cornwall Council Climate Emergency DPD to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-chairman based on comments from members to be submitted to the Town Clerk.

2020/53 Update Town Opening: Members noted the update in the agenda "to follow" papers. The Town Clerk confirmed the actions from the last Council meeting had been put in place. She had been unable to attend the partner site meeting on 19 August but referred members to the update from Councillor Buscombe in this regard which was also detailed in the agenda report.

Going forward it was suggested that additional car park signage would help alleviate some of the congestion into the town and this was being progressed by Cornwall Council as per the map in appendix 1 of the "to follow" papers. In addition, the partner organisations would continue to keep in contact and would get together to begin to take stock of this season, take on board lessons learnt and develop together a town plan for next season taking into account likely continued volume of tourist associated traffic and COVID19.

The Vice-Chairman commented that he thought the signs were a good step and that it was positive to be looking forward to next year. The Vice-Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to all those involved which was seconded by the Chairman.

It was suggested that signage should try to catch vehicles sooner, perhaps by the school and that this could be a multi-sign which an operator could update with all town car park availability. Comment was made that traffic was often congested on the ring road around midday when heading from Trevone towards Tesco because the road was blocked by cars queuing to turn off the road to the town centre.

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The Town Clerk advised she would feedback members comments to Highways. There was general concern that vehicles were being parked almost anywhere during these unprecedented times which was beyond the Council's control.

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- 2020/54 Reports from Members/Outside Organisations:** Councillor Vivian reminded members that voting was still open for the Persimmon Homes' grant. Votes for Padstow Sea Cadet Unit could be made up until 18 September.
- 2020/55 Future Meeting Dates And Date of Next Meeting:** Date of next meeting: Tuesday 29 September 2020 at 6.30pm and future meeting dates were noted.
- 2020/56 It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.**
- 2020/57 Confidential Minutes Tuesday 28 July 2020: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held remotely on Tuesday 28 July 2020 be signed as a true record.
- 2020/58 Lease/Tenant Issues:** See confidential minutes.

Meeting closed at 7.28 pm