

PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held remotely on Tuesday 26 January 2021 at 6.30 pm

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

In Attendance: Mrs K Pemberton (Town Clerk), Mrs N Barnes (Responsible Financial Officer) and Mrs S Daly (Support Officer and Minute Taker)

2020/117 To receive apologies for absence and announcements: There were no apologies for absence or announcements.

2020/118 Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

2020/119 Dispensations: There were no dispensations.

2020/120 Public Participation:

- i) **Cornwall Councillor's Report:** Cornwall Councillor R Buscombe noted two areas highlighted to him for alteration in the town these being i) introducing double yellow lines the full length of The Strand and ii) switching a loading bay for a disabled bay in the old part of town. He asked members to let him know within the next month of any other areas they would recommend for alteration.

Councillor Buscombe advised he had been approached by members of the community who were concerned with the gaps and ditches left by Cornwall Council following recent works along the coast path from stile field to Tregirls. It was noted that he had raised this with the Officer concerned and invited him to attend a site visit and discuss. He would report back once more was known.

- ii) **Police Report:** Members noted the police report and that crimes recorded for the period 25 November 2020 to 25 January 2021 were down on the same period in the previous year. Councillor Buscombe noted that question had been raised with Devon and Cornwall Police as to whether incidents relating to second homeowners or holiday rentals during COVID restrictions, could be extracted from the anti-social behaviour statistics but that the response was part of an ongoing discussion.

2020/121 Minutes Tuesday 24 November 2020 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held remotely on Tuesday 24 November 2020 be signed as a true record.

2020/122 Clerk's Report: The Clerk's report was noted for information. Progress on the mini parish anti-dog fouling campaign was noted. Comment was made that dog-fouling had increased significantly since the start of the latest national lockdown. Wheal Jubilee Parc and the Churchyard were noted as particularly bad. Comment was made that signs to keep dogs on leads were widely ignored. The Town Clerk confirmed that relevant signage was in place and up to date including information advising that dog waste can be placed in

rubbish bins. It was hoped that the campaign would help and that more posts regarding dog-fouling would be placed on social media. The Town Clerk would also ask the Support Officer to resend to Councillors information on how to report dog-fouling incidents to Cornwall Council.

2020/123 Committees/Working Group Meetings:

- i) **RESOLVED** to receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held remotely on 8 December 2020 and 12 January 2021.
- ii) **RESOLVED** to adopt the note and approve recommendations (if any) of the Neighbourhood Development Steering Group Meeting held on 5 January 2021.

2020/124 Finance: Monthly Accounts and Payments January 2021

- a) The monthly finance report was noted.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to i) to approve payments January (b) of £2,944.41, Lloyds to Barclays account of £250,000 and direct debits of £224.08; ii) to ratify payments made November (b) of £5,716.64 and direct debits of £156.21; iii) to ratify payments made December (a) of £5,309.05 and standing orders or direct debits (regular payments of the same amount £10,254.69 and direct debits of £1,337.12; iv) to ratify payments made December (b) of £2,011.38 and direct debits of £25.00; and v) to ratify payments made January (a) of £7,674.52, standing orders or direct debits (regular payments of the same amount) of £10,254.69 and direct debits of £1,706.25
- c) Car park takings were noted.
- d) **RESOLVED** to approve the Investment Strategy.
- e) **RESOLVED** to approve the Risk Assessment Management Plan (January 2021).
- f) **RESOLVED** to approve the direct debits and standing orders summary.

2020/125 Correspondence:

- a) Correspondence for information was noted.
- b) i) Members gave consideration to Cornwall Council's Climate Emergency Development Plan Document Consultation. A member expressed concern that CC was effectively weakening existing policies and making it easier to erect wind turbines in AONB land and/or the land which affects its setting.

RESOLVED that Councillors submit their thoughts on the proposed draft of CC's Climate Emergency Development Plan Document (DPD) Renewable Energy and Sustainable Energy Construction Policies to the office by Friday 29 January, and that a response to the consultation be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman based on Councillor comments.

ii) In response to Padstow School's Consultation regarding pupil age ranges it was **RESOLVED** to support the proposed changes to the range of funded ages at Padstow School from the current 4 – 11 years to 2 – 11 years.

iii) Land use Request: Members gave consideration to the land use request from Nadelik Lowen. It was **RESOLVED** to permit Nadelik Lowen to place a Community Tree of Lights on the bandstand in the same position as 2020 from 22 November 2021 until a date in the week commencing 3 January 2022;

subject to receiving public liability and risk assessments to the satisfaction of Council's Health and Safety advisor and insurers.

2020/126 Bandstand Events 2021: The Town Clerk referred members to the agenda report on this matter. It was noted that last year the decision was taken to cancel bandstand performances due to the national restrictions in respect of COVID19. The Town Clerk advised that typically performance dates are finalised with bands at this time of year, however with the nation in another lockdown, no bands had been in touch and it was highly unlikely any had even been able to meet and practise.

Other key factors in the decision for the coming year included lapsed training for employees in Traffic Management Community Events, which was required for the safe management of the road closure. The training provider has confirmed that training is not currently available and future dates are as yet unknown. In addition, the bandstand benches, which are moved for each performance, are presently screwed down to assist with preventing congestion and supporting social distancing measures.

Members were in general agreement that, due to ongoing COVID19 uncertainty, bandstand performances for 2021 not be permitted. Consideration was given to other groups who use the bandstand for charity collections such as the RNLi and Marie Curie. It was felt these events could be permitted, following consideration of individual requests by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman.

RESOLVED to i) not hold or grant any bandstand performances for 2021 due to the ongoing COVID19 uncertainty and road closure training not being available at this time; and ii) to permit events for collection purposes only, consideration of which to be given by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman, provided that they satisfy Council's insurers and health and safety advisors with their risk assessments which need to cover COVID measures.

2020/127 Emergency Scheme of Delegation Decisions: RESOLVED to note the decisions made via the Emergency Scheme of Delegation as detailed in agenda page 57.

2020/128 Reports from Members/Outside Organisations: There were no reports from members/outside organisations.

2020/129 Future Meeting Dates and Date of Next Meeting: Future meeting dates were noted. Members discussed the impact of purdah on Town Councillors; the Town Clerk advised she would confirm any restrictions in this regard. Members suggested that the next Full Council meeting date be brought forward as a precaution.

RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting be moved to Tuesday 23 March 2021.

2020/130 It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

- 2020/131 Confidential Minutes Tuesday 24 November 2020: RESOLVED** that the confidential minutes of the meeting held remotely on Tuesday 24 November 2020 be signed as a true record.
- 2020/132 Rent/Tenant Updates:** The update was noted as per the agenda report.
- 2020/133 Core Building Purchase:** See confidential minutes.
- 2020/134 Request from Padstow Sailing Club:** See confidential minutes.
- 2020/135 Council Land Matter:** See confidential minutes.

Meeting closed at 7.20 pm