

PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Padstow Town Council held on Tuesday 29 June 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Church Rooms, Church Street Padstow

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

In Attendance: Mrs K Pemberton (Town Clerk), Mrs S Daly (Support Officer and minute taker) and 4 members of the public.

2021/32 To receive apologies for absence and announcements: There were no apologies for absence or announcements.

2021/33 Declarations of interest from Members: There were no declarations of interest.

2021/34 Dispensations: There were no dispensations.

2021/35 Public Participation: There was no public participation, Cornwall Councillor report or Police report.

2021/36 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 25 May 2021** be signed as a true record.

2021/37 RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on **Tuesday 1 June 2021** having been previously circulated and taken as read.

2021/38 Clerks Report: The report was noted for information. The Chairman advised that a date for a virtual meeting with Enterprise regarding the Car Club Scheme was being arranged but that due to commitments the date was proving difficult. It was thought this would be likely to now take place in September.

There was some discussion regarding the surface dressing of the coast path to Georges. It was noted that although the work signage had gone up and workers had been on site on Saturday it was thought that the works had not been completed, likely impacted by weather. The Town Clerk would feedback to the CC Officer.

2021/39 Committees/Working Group Meetings:

- a) **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes and approve recommendations (if any) for the meetings of:
 - i) Staffing Committee held on 25 May 2021;
 - ii) Leisure, Tourism and Open Spaces Committee held on 25 May 2021; and
 - iii) Highways, Roads and Transport Committee held on 25 May 2021

- b) **RESOLVED** to receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on (i) 25 May 2021; and ii) 8 June 2021

2021/40 Election of Council Representative (x1): RESOLVED that Councillor K Freeman be elected to fill the informal appointment of Council representative to Padstow Memorial Hall.

2021/41 Finance: Monthly Accounts and Payments June 2021

- a) The monthly finance report was noted. The Chair of Finance commented that it was good to see Car Park takings beginning to increase.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to i) ratify payments made June (a) of £6,966.80 and standing orders or direct debits (regular payments of the same amount) of £10,114.71 and direct debits of £2,045.48; and ii) ratify payments made June (b) of £6,334.06 and direct debits of £11,699.10.
- c) Car park takings were noted.
- d) The Non-Domestic Rates credit for 2020/21 and 2021/22 following the Non-Domestic Rating (Public lavatories) Act 2021 was noted.
- e) **RESOLVED** that £600 awarded under the Padstow Town Council Community Grant Scheme to Padstow Memory Café and returned due to their disbanding be allocated to the grant "pot" for 2021/22.
- f) The availability of bank reconciliations for inspection was noted.

2021/42 Correspondence: Correspondence for information was noted.

2021/43 Polystyrene Surfboards: Councillor Higman addressed Council on this item. He referred to an article highlighting how an area in North Devon had written to shops asking that they stop selling cheap polystyrene bodyboards that do not last long. He commented that he picked up a "couple of dozen" discarded and broken boards a year at Trevone. Councillor Higman sought Council's thoughts on writing to local businesses to request that they not sell these.

Some concern was expressed that it would be difficult for the Council to define what was "cheap" although it was noted the issue was more around the material used in the bodyboard and their being single-use than cost. Comment was made that there appeared to be a growing move towards wooden bodyboards and it was suggested these could be promoted.

Generally, members felt it would be useful to liaise with Beach Guardian about the issue in order to find a way forward for discouraging the sale of single use bodyboards.

RESOLVED to liaise with Beach Guardian to discuss a way forward to discourage the sale of single use bodyboards.

2021/44 Planning Application: RESOLVED to make the following response to Cornwall Council regarding planning application: **PA21/05040**

Regatta 7 Broad Street Padstow Cornwall – Advertisement
Consent for 1 fascia sign.

SUPPORT

2021/45 Town Councillor Vacancy (Padstow Ward): It was noted that there were 4 applicants for co-option whose applications had been previously circulated to members. The Chairman commented that it was pleasing so many had wanted to apply but noted it was a shame that they had not been part of the May election.

The Chairman clarified the procedure for voting on appointments; members were asked to vote for 1 applicant only and following the vote if one candidate did not receive an absolute majority then the candidate with the least votes would be struck off and a fresh vote taken.

RESOLVED to appoint by co-option Mrs Janet Dawe to Padstow Town Council as a Padstow Ward member having received an absolute majority of votes, being 6 of the available 11 votes.

2021/46 Reports from Members/Outside Organisations: Members were referred to the agenda report prepared by Councillor O’Keefe following his attendance at the last Community Network Area meeting. Councillor O’Keefe added that since writing the report he had used the Fix My Street app and found it to be very efficient and effective.

Councillor O’Keefe also noted that he and Councillor Rees had attended some Planning training sessions held over 3 days. These had included a lot of useful information. One thing of note was the significance that Neighbourhood Plans would have for their areas.

2021/47 Dates of Council Meetings: Date of the next meeting, Tuesday 27 July 2021 and future meeting dates were noted.

2021/48 It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

2021/49 RESOLVED that the **confidential minutes** of the full Council meeting held on Tuesday 25 May 2021 be signed as a true record.

2021/50 RingGo Contract: Members gave consideration to renewing the RingGo contract and **RESOLVED** to agree the contract for a 4 year term – see confidential minutes.

2021/51 Lease and Tenant Updates: Members noted the updates – see confidential minutes.

Meeting closed at 8.03 pm