

## PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Padstow Town Council held on Tuesday 26 October 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Church Rooms, Church Street, Padstow

**Present:** C Watson-Smyth (Chairman), J O'Keefe (Vice-Chairman), Mrs J Dawe, J Fidler, K Freeman, R Higman, A N Rees, D N Vivian and Mrs T Walter

**In Attendance:** Mrs N Barnes (Responsible Financial Officer), Mrs S Daly (Support Officer and minute taker) and Cornwall Councillor S Rushworth

**2021/89 To receive apologies for absence and announcements:**

Apologies were received from Councillors A P Flide, M Rickard and Mrs A Symons. There were no announcements.

**2021/90 Declarations of interest from Members:** Councillors Mrs J Dawe, K Freeman, J O'Keefe, and A N Rees declared an interest in May Day under agenda item 18 Legal and Lease/Tenant Matters.

**2021/91 Dispositions:** 4 requests for a dispensation were received in respect of May Day under Agenda Item 18 Legal and Lease/Tenant Matters. Councillors Mrs J Dawe, K Freeman, J O'Keefe and A N Rees all requested dispensations to participate in discussions in respect of this item. Councillors Mrs J Dawe, K Freeman and A N Rees also requested dispensations to participate in any votes taken on this matter. All 4 dispensation requests stated, "the dispensation is in the interest of persons living in the authority's area" and were requested until the end of 2022.

**RESOLVED** i) to grant Councillors Mrs J Dawe, K Freeman and A N Rees a dispensation to participate in any discussion of and vote on the "Future Running of May Day" until the end of 2022; and ii) to grant Councillor J O'Keefe a dispensation to participate in any discussion of the "Future Running of May Day" until the end of 2022.

**2021/92 Public Participation:** There was no public participation.

Cornwall Councillor's Report: Cornwall Councillor Rushworth addressed Council and apologised for missing the previous meeting due to a diary mix up. Points included:

- Contrary to press information, a decision regarding the future of the leisure centres at Wadebridge, Launceston, Falmouth, Saltash and the hydrotherapy pool in St Austell, had not been made. GLL had requested permission from CC to close the facilities or receive £750K of subsidies from CC on a yearly basis to keep them open. CC officers would be negotiating options with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties and it would be discussed at a cabinet meeting in December. Councillor Rushworth noted that he would not be supporting their closure;

- It was noted that there will again be a Network Budget available for roadwork issues. Members were asked to begin thinking of areas which could benefit. Cllr Rushworth noted he had been contacted about a request for a second flashing 30mph sign, to be sited in the opposite direction to the one entering Padstow. Comment was made that improved lighting along the Hill Steps pathway would be beneficial. Cllr Rushworth confirmed lighting applications were permissible under the scheme. In response to a member query regarding the condition of the road surface in Middle Street which had caused pedestrian trips, Cllr Rushworth felt this would fall under annual Highway maintenance;
- It was noted that Cllr Rushworth would be meeting CC Officer Oliver Jones to tour his division and discuss potential improvements, he suggested a PTC representative attend the Padstow tour;
- Cllr Rushworth advised that CC needed to make £70m of savings, part of this would mean saving £18m in staff costs. There would be redundancies and possibly up to 600 job losses. He noted that these were "hard times" and costs such as adult social care were "skyrocketing".

Police Report: The Police report for the period 27/9/21 to 23/10/21 was noted for information.

- 2021/93** **RESOLVED** that subject to amending the date in minute reference 2021/84 to 26 October 2021, the minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 28 September 2021** be signed as a true record.
- 2021/94** **Clerk's Report/Work Programme:** The report was noted for information. In response to a member query the Responsible Financial Officer advised that money was available in the budget for the replacement of the Trevone information map and that a Support Officer was obtaining costings with the aim of bringing a report to a future meeting.
- 2021/95** **Committees/Working Group Meetings: RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes and approve recommendations (if any) for the meetings of
- i) Staffing Committee meeting held on 5 October 2021;
  - ii) Leisure, Tourism and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 19 October 2021; and
  - iii) Highways, Roads and Transport Committee meeting held on 19 October 2021.
- b) **RESOLVED** to receive the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 October 2021.
- 2021/96** **Finance: Monthly Accounts and Payments October 2021**
- a) The monthly finance report was noted.
  - b) It was **RESOLVED** to ratify payments made i) September c) of £2,630.26 and direct debits of £3,292.85; ii) October a) of £4,279.64, standing orders or direct debits (regular payments of

the same amount) of £10,162.21 and direct debits of £1,881.38; and iii) October b) of £4,535.62, direct debits of £423.53 and to note wages paid (gross including contributions) of £24,176.22.

c) Car park takings were noted.

d) The availability of bank reconciliations for inspection was noted.

**2021/97 Correspondence:**

a) Correspondence for information was noted.

b) i) Bandstand Use Requests:

a. Carols on the Quay: Members gave consideration to the request from Churches Together to hold a short event on the Bandstand with readings and carol singing accompanied by some members of St Minver Silver Band.

**RESOLVED** to approve the land use request from Churches Together to hold "Carols on the Quay" on the Bandstand on Sunday 5 December 2021 as per the submitted land use request detailed on agenda pages 18-20. Further, this be on the understanding that the benches remain in situ and organisers ensure band members can play around the benches in a safe manner and subject to receiving PLI details and risk assessment, including COIVD measures where appropriate, to the satisfaction of Council's Health and Safety advisors.

b. Padstow Christmas Festival Organiser Request: Members gave consideration to the request for use of the bandstand in 2022 and **RESOLVED** to defer a decision on the matter until the Leisure, Tourism and Open Spaces Committee has given consideration to use of the bandstand going forward.

**2021/98 Street Names – Treceus Farm Development:** The Chairman referred members to the agenda report and following consideration it was **RESOLVED** not to comment on, or make suggestions for, possible names for the Poltair Development at Treceus Farm.

**2021/99 Enterprise Car Club:** Members gave consideration to the Enterprise Car Club proposal having now received answers to queries concerning the scheme and following the presentation at the September Council meeting. The Chairman considered that the scheme was good in principle but was unsure what the take up was likely to be. Other members expressed concern that the proposal favoured a single business enterprise and if minded to pursue, thought Council should tender the opportunity. Concern was also expressed that any issues with the scheme would be directed towards Council staff.

Support for the scheme was also expressed. Some members considered the cost to the Council [lost parking space revenue] was comparable to the cost of Council's existing Free Parking Permit

scheme and felt it was worth pursuing for the potential benefit to residents. Comment was made that many young people could not afford their own vehicle and the car club could be a good solution. However, it was noted that free club membership was only for 12 months. It was suggested that if supported, the vehicle should be located in the Lawns Car Park, being closer to residential areas.

**RESOLVED** to accept the proposal from Enterprise Car Club to trial the placement of one (1) low emission Car Club Vehicle in Padstow for a period of 6 months, as per their request and free of charge in order to gauge take-up of the "shared mobility" concept among both residents and visitors.

**2021/100 Cornwall Council Leisure Consultation:** There was some discussion on this item. Generally, members felt the Wadebridge Leisure Centre should remain open.

**RESOLVED** to respond as a Council to the Leisure Centre Consultation in favour of keeping Wadebridge Leisure centre open

**2021/101 Reports from Members/Outside Organisations:** Members noted the update in the agenda papers regarding the Camel Trail Partnership. Councillor K Freeman advised that the Memorial Hall AGM had been postponed.

**2021/102 Dates of Council Meetings:** Date of the next meeting, Tuesday 30 November 2021 at 7.30pm and future meeting dates were noted.

**2021/103 It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.**

**2021/104 RESOLVED** that the **confidential minutes** of the full Council meeting held on **Tuesday 28 September 2021** be signed as a true record.

**2021/105 Committees/Working Group Meetings: RESOLVED** to adopt the confidential minutes and approve recommendations (if any) of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 5 October 2021.

**2021/106 Legal and Lease/Tenant Matters:** See confidential minutes.

Meeting closed at 8.09 pm