

CALLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Portreeve Choosing Ceremony
Minutes
26th May 2015

TOWN HALL

Before the official proceedings Cllr Andrew Long welcomed everyone and prayers were given by Rev Tony Stephen.

Present: Cllr Mr Long (Mayor & Portreeve), Cllr Mr Harriman (Deputy Mayor & Portreeve), Cllrs Mr Denley, Mrs Coakley, Mrs Tolman, Mr Gist, Mrs Gold, Mr Williams, Mr Smith and Mr Tagg

Officers: Helen Dowdall, Town Clerk and Staff (MM)

In Attendance: Tony Stentiford, Town Crier and David Jones, Sargent at Arms

Members of the Public:

Approximately 30 invited persons representing Callington groups, societies and invited guests. 2 members of the press.

1. ADDRESS BY PORTREEVE

Cllr Mr Long thanked everyone for attending and gave a vote of thanks to the Councillors and staff for all their help over the past year.

ELECTION OF PORTREEVE & MAYOR FOR 2015 TO 2016.

Upon nominations being requested, Cllr Long was proposed by Cllr Harriman and seconded by Cllr Gist.

There being no further nominations this was put to the vote and Cllr Long was unanimously elected.

2. NEWLY ELECTED PORTREEVE INSTALLED WITH CHAIN OF OFFICE BY RETIRING PORTREEVE

Cllr Long was re-installed with the Chain of Office by the Clerk.

3. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY NEW PORTREEVE

Cllr Long read and signed the Declaration of Office.

Cllr Long expressed his honour at being elected again.

4. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY PORTREEVE & DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2014 TO 2015**
Upon nominations being requested Cllr Smith was proposed by Cllr Long and seconded by Cllr Denley. There being no further nominations Cllr Smith was unanimously elected.

5. **DEPUTY PORTREEVE PRESENTED WITH INSIGNIA OF OFFICE & MACE**
Cllr Smith was presented with the insignia of office and mace.

6. ELECTION OF TOWN CRIER

Upon nominations being requested Tony Stentiford was proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr Gist. There being no further nominations Tony Stentiford was unanimously elected.

7. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

It was proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed unanimously that the Town Council resolves now and, until the next relevant Annual Meeting of the Council, that having met the conditions of eligibility, to adopt the General Power of Competence.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.25 for refreshments and official photos.

Meeting was reconvened at 8pm.

PUBLIC SESSION

A number of Councillors had received complaints from residents regarding the state of Well Street, namely weeds and an abandoned car. Cllr Gist explained that progress has been made on some aspects but he and Cllr Long would kindly do a site visit to assess the current situation and report back.

Cllr Mrs Coakley went on to convey a complaint about the state of the bench at Frogwell, she will report this to staff (SS).

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Lumley and Dowdall

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 28th April 2015 were agreed as a correct record of proceedings and duly signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING - NONE**

4. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST - None**

5. **POLICE MATTERS**

Cllr Gist gave an update on current discussions regarding the custody suite at Launceston Police Station.

6. **FIRE MATTERS**

Cllr Smith explained that the fitness testing initiative has been disregarded and there is still ongoing concerns regarding access on shouts caused by traffic congestion.

7. **REPORTS**

a) Planning Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Harriman seconded by Cllr Gist and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Planning Committee on 5th & 19th May 2015 be received.

b) Town Hall & Premises Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Denley seconded by Cllr Mrs Coakley and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Town Hall & Premises on 5th May 2015 be received.

c) Outside Services Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Gold seconded by Cllr Denley and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Outside Services Committee of 12th May 2014 be received. A special mention was given to the Police for their help regarding the recent damage at Tamar Close. The culprits have been identified and action taken. This will hopefully give a clear message to the public that anti-social behavior will not be tolerated.

d) Finance & General Purposes Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Smith seconded by Cllr Gist and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee on 19th May 2015 be received.

e) Any other reports [not for decision]. Nothing.

f) Reports from Cornwall Councillors. Councillor Long gave a report on the following matters:

- Back to "Normal"
- Callington Community College
- Highways

- Case for Cornwall
- School Crossings
- Chief Executive
- Stadium for Cornwall

Cllr Gist gave thanks to Cllr Long and Cormac for swiftly completing the temporary repairs in Fore Street. A discussion was then had on the lack of presence from the enforcement officers and the perception that you can park anywhere for long periods of time in the town. Cllr Long asked that any such matters are officially reported, namely providing vehicle details and timings to Cornwall Council. A request for speed checking at Newport was put forward by Cllr Smith.

Cllr Mrs Tolman also stated that the crossing provision below the traffic lights is extremely hazardous, often allowing only seven seconds for pedestrians to cross. Cllr Long confirmed that these concerns would be added to the agenda when a meeting is held with Cornwall Council regarding highway matters.

g) Reports for Kelly Bray. Cllr Mrs Coakley had recently attended the Residents Association meeting and their requests had been confirmed in an email to the Clerk, which was then discussed.

8. FINANCE

Nothing to report

9. SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES & COMMITTEES

The Council discussed the councillor membership of committees and outside bodies for 2015/2016 civic year.

a) Re-election of all Committees

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Gist seconded by Cllr Denley and agreed (1 against) to have the following Committees:

Finance & General Purposes (previously 11* members)
 (Min 8 – Quorum 4)
 All Councillors except Cllr Dowdall to continue
 *Cllr Dowdall had opted out of this committee

Outside Services (previously 12 members)
 (Min 8 – Quorum 4)

All Councillors, to meet on the 4th Tuesday after Full Council

Planning (previously 12 members)
(Min 8 – Quorum 4)
All Councillors

Town Hall & Premises (previously 11* members)
(Min 8 – Quorum 4)
*Cllr Dowdall had opted out of this committee

b) Election of representatives to external groups

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Gist seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed to have the following representatives to external groups:

GROUP/OUTSIDE BODIES	COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE FOR 2015/2016
Fireworks Committee	No further council involvement
Police	Cllr Gist
Fire	Cllr Smith
Tamar Valley Association	Cllr Mrs Coakley
Tamar AONB Management	Cllr Mrs Coakley
CALC	Clerk, Cllr Harriman
Kit Hill Countryside meetings	Cllr Gist, Cllr Mrs Coakley
Heritage Centre	Cllr Williams and Cllr Mrs Tolman
Callington Town Forum	Cllr Mrs Coakley and Cllr Lumley
Community Action Through Sports (CATS)	Cllr Mrs Gold
Trustees for Labouring Poor	Cllr Gist, Cllr Long, Cllr Dowdall, Cllr Denley and Cllr Mrs Coakley
Brendon & Huggins Trust	Cllr Gist, Cllr Mrs Winfindale (part year) and replaced by Cllr Smith
Callington Community Network Panel	Portreeve (ex-officio with voting right), Clerk
Festival Committee	Cllr Mrs Gold, Cllr Lumley, Cllr Mrs Winfindale* & Cllr Mrs Coakley
Callington Primary School	Clerk
Kelly Bray Residents Association	Cllr Mrs Coakley & Cllr Harriman
Neighbourhood Plan	Cllrs Lumley, Mrs Coakley, Harriman and Smith

Items highlighted in yellow are amendments this year.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS -

Nothing

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.17pm.