

**CALLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL  
Full Council**

**Minutes**

**25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Before the official proceedings Cllr M Smith welcomed everyone, Rev Tony Stephens had sent his apologies.

**Public Session**

**Mr Harrison was in attendance to give an update on the Mining. The key points were:**

- Good relations continue with the local community and there have been no complaints to date.
- The first 11 holes of the 13 hole Phase 1 have been completed. Phase 1 drilling should be completed during August. Assay results will take a further 4 to 6 weeks before all the information is available for full analysis.
- Interim results for this first Phase are expected to be announced in Q3.
- Originally 23 holes were proposed and it has taken nearly 4 months to drill the first 13 holes. It has taken longer than expected due to slower drilling rates than originally planned plus the time taken to move the drilling mats and straw bales for good environmental control.
- CRL have asked Cornwall Council for a 6 week extension to the General Permitted Development Order in order to complete the holes in Phase 2. CRL have been delighted with the support given by CTC and are optimistic in getting the time extension.
- There have been slight changes to the Phase 2 drilling programme due to results obtained during Phase 1. Most of the holes remain in the same land owners fields but one new Land Access Agreement has been signed.
- Currently holes are being drilled in the field on Florence Road and Rundles Scrapyard.
- Sadly one of the CRL team has resigned as they have accepted a good permanent job in Africa. A replacement has already been found who is recent Mining Engineer graduate from CSM and lives locally in St Anns Chapel.

**1. APOLOGIES:**

CLLR MADI BURROWS

**Present:** Portreeve & Mayor: Councillor Mark Smith

Councillors: Maria Coakley, Jamie Dowdall, Graham Fox, Karen Gold, Andrew Long, Rick Lumley, Debbie Smith, Mike Tagg, Suzan Tolman and Peter Watson

**Officer:** Helen Dowdall, Town Clerk **Members of the Public:** 0

**2. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were agreed as a correct record of proceedings.

**3. MATTERS ARISING - None****4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – None****5. POLICE MATTERS**

The PCSO had just sent through the crime statistics for this month.

**6. FIRE MATTERS**

Cllr Fox has visited the local Fire Station at the same time as two potential recruits, which was really interesting. There has been an issue regarding the grass at the boundary. There is a concern regarding the long-term staffing levels and the overall moral and wellbeing of our local officers. In an attempt to raise their profile and promote their invaluable contribution to the town, it was suggested that they have a regular feature in the newsletter. Cllr Fox would put this offer to them.

**7. REPORTS**

**a) Planning Committee.** It was proposed by Cllr Tolman seconded by Cllr Long and agreed unanimously to agree the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

**b) Town Hall & Premises Committee.** It was proposed by Cllr Dowdall seconded by Cllr M Smith and agreed unanimously to agree the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

**c) Outside Services Committee.** It was proposed by Cllr Gold seconded by Cllr Coakley and agreed unanimously to agree the minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

**d) Finance & General Purposes Committee.** It was proposed by Cllr Tagg seconded by Cllr D Smith and agreed unanimously to agree the minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017. A meeting had been held earlier this evening.

**e) Any other reports [not for decision].** Cllr Long presented the Council with a gift of an engine house, being a piece of the original Engine Man, in recognition and appreciation for the hospitality shown by the Parish when the Engine Man passed through.

Cllr Coakley reported that Callington is now the 6<sup>th</sup> top tourist destination in the country, the Council were amazed.

Cllr Lumley had been in Barrsbuttel last weekend as part of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the twinning. Next year (2018) Guipavas play host, 2019 will be Barrsbuttel and Callington in 2020.

Callington has been invited to the Guipavas town festival next year, to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> July, which would normally be the date for our carnival. It was generally agreed that this may be a good time to re-think the actual timing of our carnival and Cllr Tolman explained that historically it had been in November. Possible dates discussed included the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in September or around Honey Fair.

**f) Reports from Cornwall Councillors.** Councillor Long gave a verbal report which will be followed up with a written report shortly. **Noted.**

Cllr Fox spoke about his concerns at Colmers Court and Cllr Long agreed to clarify the ownership of the lane first, and then we can decide where we go from there.

**g) Reports for Kelly Bray.** Cllr M Smith explained that the KBRA are looking at posts to hang their new Christmas lights from. The KBRA are aware that the bus shelter in Station Road is with Cornwall Council. A meeting with the Portreeve, a resident and the KBRA is scheduled to discuss a new hall.

## 8. FINANCE

a) To receive any concerns regarding the finances, in order to decide on a suitable course of action, namely a position statement on the arrears. **Nothing to report.**

**9. FOR DECISION – To discuss the future consideration of the library service by the Town Council (Information to be supplied by Cllr Watson).**

Cllr Watson has received statistical information from Cornwall Council regarding the footfall of the library, and he was asked to clarify whether the figures included the college pupils. Costings have also been provided to Cllr Watson.

**Resolved.** It was proposed by Cllr Fox seconded by Cllr Lumley and agreed that the item be deferred until September Full Council, once figures and footfall had been clarified.

**10. FOR DECISION – To acknowledge receipt of the Barclays painting and discuss an offer that has been received for it.**

**Resolved.** It was proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed (9 Support, 1 Against and 1 Abstention) to proceed with the sale of the painting with the offer on the table. The receipt would be put towards Section 137 expenditure as a legacy to the late Peter Hambly, former Councillor and Portreeve.

**11. FOR DECISION – To discuss the sale of the Youth Centre at Liskeard Road (Information to be supplied by Cllr Watson).**

Cllr Long confirmed that the property had been sold and the capital receipt (approx. £80,000 net) has been ring-fenced for youth provision in our town, and the covenant has been transferred with it. The money is not given to the Town Council to spend. Cllr Long has asked Cornwall Council for proof of the receipt and the legalities of the covenant confirmed.

The Chair of Town Hall & Premises and the Portreeve are meeting with the Town Forum tomorrow to hear their thoughts and proposals on related matters.

Cllr Lumley also made reference to the local charity Battling On and how links could be formed with them.

**Resolved.** It was proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr Dowdall and agreed unanimously that the matter is deferred pending the meeting with the Town Forum, and a report brought back to the next Full Council meeting.

**Cllr Long left the meeting at 8.30pm.**

**12. FOR INFORMATION – To receive any update on the St Mary's Close land transfer and sign the documentation (email previously circulated).**

The Clerk has confirmed that the street cleansing at St Mary's Close until 2020 will be financed by Cornwall Council, under their existing contract. However post 2020, the Town Council will have to pay for collection and disposal of the waste associated with any cleansing on the site.

Cllr Tolman recalled that the wall belong to the Church, this matter would be clarified.

**Resolved.** It was proposed by Cllr Dowdall seconded by Cllr Tagg and agreed unanimously to proceed.

- 13. FOR DECISION – To receive the proposal from the Outside Services to consider an additional vehicle for the Council, for use across all committees.**

**Resolved.** It was proposed by Cllr Dowdall seconded by Cllr Gold and agreed unanimously that a working party of Cllrs Dowdall, Gold, Tagg and Tolman would meet to agree a recommendation, which would be presented at Full Council in September.

- 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS -**

Cllr Dowdall reiterated the concerns raised at F&GP that some emergency works are needed in the Pannier Market.

**Resolved.** It was proposed by Cllr Dowdall seconded by Cllr Gold and agreed unanimously that the proposals agreed at the earlier F&GP meeting are ratified by Full Council and for the emergency works to be given approval.

The meeting was then moved into a Part II Session at 8.40pm.

The Clerk left the meeting.