

**CALLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Full Council
Minutes**

28th November 2017 at 7.30pm

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Public Session

Mrs Molyneux explained that she wanted to raise awareness of a long-standing highway issue along Launceston Road (by the Coronation Road junction). Her son had been involved in an accident along that stretch of road, but it could so easily have been a fatality. Cllr M Smith responded, explaining that a meeting has been held with the College and a suggestion has been proposed that pupils are encouraged to take alternative routes home, in an effort to disperse the current bottleneck. Hopefully, the College will also promote other ways to get to and from school.

Mrs Rundle also spoke about the road safety and asked what can the Council do to help. She went on to explain that a teacher had also experienced a near-miss along that road and whether the subject could be discussed as part of the PHSE curriculum.

A discussion then followed and it was agreed that a meeting would be arranged with all interested parties (public and the College) with the Area Highways Manager (Paul Allen), to discuss this matter and also the traffic problems at the Old Coachmakers' junction.

Cllr D Smith asked whether the College had spoken with the pupils about road safety, and it was confirmed that the Head Teacher would be prepared to have an assembly designated on the subject.

The idea of single traffic at key times was also raised.

The Clerk would also approach the PCMO (Police) about being involved in these issues.

The general consensus was that pressure needs to be put on all parties and the dangers on this stretch of road are promoted, to raise awareness of road safety.

2 members of the public then left the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES:

CLLR GRAHAM FOX, ANDREW LONG, SUZAN TOLMAN AND MIKE TAGG

Present: Portreeve & Mayor: Councillor Mark Smith

Councillors: Madi Burrows, Maria Coakley, Jamie Dowdall, Karen Gold, Debbie Smith and Peter Watson

Officer: Helen Dowdall, Town Clerk **Members of the Public:** 3

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 24th October 2017 were agreed as a correct record of proceedings.

3. MATTERS ARISING - None

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – None.

5. NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY PORTREEVE AND MAYOR

Upon nominations being requested, Cllr Tolman was proposed by Cllr Dowdall and seconded by Cllr D Smith.

There being no further nominations this was put to the vote and Cllr Tolman was elected. (6 Support, 0 Against and 1 Abstention).

6. POLICE MATTERS – NOTHING.

7. FIRE MATTERS –

The local fire brigade has kindly agreed to bring their Fire Engine to the Christmas festivities on Saturday. Cllr Gold asked about the article for the newsletter, and the Clerk explained that she had approach Cllr Fox about this but would chase it up. Cllr Watson asked if their fitness equipment had been purchased, Cllr M Smith explained that they were hoping to purchase something during the Black Friday sales.

8. REPORTS

a) Planning Committee. It was proposed by Cllr M Smith seconded by Cllr Dowdall and agreed to agree the minutes of the 7th and 21st November 2017. (1 Abstention)

b) Town Hall & Premises Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Dowdall seconded by Cllr Coakley and agreed to agree the minutes of the 7th November 2017. (1 Abstention)

c) Outside Services Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Gold seconded by Cllr D Smith and agreed to agree the minutes of the 21st November 2017. (1 Abstention)

d) Finance & General Purposes Committee. It was proposed by Cllr D Smith seconded by Cllr Gold and agreed unanimously to agree the minutes of the 24th October 2017. A meeting had been held earlier this evening.

e) Staffing Committee – No meetings held.

f) Health & Safety Update – No near misses or anything to report.

g) Any other reports –

Christmas

Cllr Gold reiterated the plans for the Christmas festivities on Saturday calling for help throughout the day. Cllr Coakley kindly agreed to help at the Lions Bingo on the 8th December. Cllr Watson also reminded everyone about the Santa Run and how to register.

Murals

The Murals Committee had been chaired by Rick Lumley but having now stood down as a Town Councillor, the Murals Committee has asked if Rick can continue as Chair.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Dowdall seconded by Cllr Gold and agreed that Rick Lumley could continue as Chair of the Murals Committee.

A further meeting of the Murals Committee is scheduled for Monday 4th December. An email has been set up (which goes to Cllr Watson), this email will be circulated to Members and via social media.

g) Reports from Cornwall Councillors. Not present.

h) Reports for Kelly Bray, including any Mining Development from Mr Harrison.

Mr Harrison gave a report on the recent drilling and progress made to date. Newsletters have been set out to those on the mailing list giving more thorough details.

Anyone wishing to sign up to receive the update can do so via the Town Council website: <http://www.callington-tc.gov.uk/mining-updates/>

Cllr Gold expressed thanks and appreciation to Mr Harrison for keeping everyone informed and being engaged with the community, it has worked well at all levels.

Cllr D Smith gave an update on the KBRA meeting held on the 8th November, at which a number of items were discussed: mining, planning (environmental impact and Winsor Lane application), Christmas lights and revival of the Bakery.

9. 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. **None.**

b) Appointment of the External Auditor for 2017/2018 – PKF Littlejohn LLP have been appointed. **Noted.**

10. FOR INFORMATION – To receive the letter from a resident regarding the Ginsters Fireworks.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Dowdall seconded by Cllr Coakley and agreed that the information be sent on to the Event Manager for consideration and their response to the resident.

11. FOR DECISION – To receive the quotes relating to the Neighbourhood Plan.

Two quotes had been received and put to the Steering Committee for consideration, and their recommendation was put forward.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Dowdall seconded by Cllr Gold and agreed unanimously to proceed with the quote from Clifton Emery.

12. FOR DECISION – To approve a precept requirement of £363,678 for 2018/2019 being at 3.97% rise on a Band D equivalent to £192.95 (from £185.59), plus the Council Tax Support Grant allocation.

The Portreeve wished to have it recognized that the committees have worked really hard this year to agree the overall budget and their efforts are very much appreciated. It was noted that nearly 2.2% of the 3.97% rise is focused on improvements to our parks.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Gold seconded by Cllr Burrows and agreed unanimously to proceed with a budget requirement of £363,678 for 2018/2019.

13. ANY URGENT ITEMS

There being no further business the Part II Session was reconvened at 8.28pm