

Notes made from the audio recording of the CTC meeting held on 6th March 2008

Present: Mayor B. Lush (BL), Dep. Mayor J. Pearce (JP), P. Clark (PC), D. Elliott (DE), R. Rotchell (RR), P. Lessels (PL), A. Shaw (AS), B. Ireland (BI).

Minutes taken by:- Acting Town Clerk R. Hart (RH).

Also present were newly appointed Town Clerk Brian Groves and his wife who were introduced to the Councillors.

Public Participation –

- (a) County Councillor Janey Comber (JC) addressed the meeting re the ‘Implementation Executive’ (12 Councillors from Districts and 12 from County) of the forthcoming Unitary Authority. A new structure will be in place. A boundary review will take place and the committee is looking at the level of population which is set to increase over the coming years and they must factor in possible new developments. JC then spoke about ‘Community Networks’ and the wishes of residents will be taken into account. ‘One Stop’ shops will be opened where residents can ‘hopefully’ get answers to issues such as benefits, housing, planning and have access to all Council services plus support for the Community Networks. If Town and Parish Councils want to take on more responsibility this will be looked at but this will not be forced on Councils. It is desired that adequate funding will be available for the Network to run those areas of responsibility they take on. It is not known at this time just how many Community Networks will be in place. JC believes it is likely that Town and Parish elections will take place in 2009 rather than 2013 as has been rumoured and that members of the public will be much better informed about the duties and responsibilities of Councillors. The footpath between Valley Truckle and Longfield Rd. is almost certain to go ahead before the autumn.
- (b) District Councillor Bob Ellison (BE) then spoke about his opposition to the project (Unitary) but that there is very little that can be done to change the outcome. He confirmed that Councils or individuals can make representations re boundary changes. He then spoke re the ‘Foyer’ scheme which he said is a ‘supported housing/accommodation unit for disadvantaged young people’ – in Camelford this will be sited at the old Labour Exchange in Fore St. He then said that concerns had been expressed about the request from MP Dan Rogerson for some input into any future parish newsletters, magazines or the CTC website – he did not wish for CTC to allow any party political slant to be incorporated and suggested that the MP’s request be turned down (see also below, Items 7b+c). Finally he spoke re the letter of complaint that had been received from Sgt. Jones about comments made at an earlier meeting. He stated that his comments reflected the concerns of residents.

1 – Apologies – M. Baber may be late, A. Hearnden (ill) & S. Morris (now resigned). RR proposed acceptance, seconded by BI, all in favour.

2 – Declarations of Interest – PC (4b, personal), PL (7c, personal) & BL (12, 00238, personal).

3 – Minutes – (a) Of 7th Feb 2008 – JP prop acceptance, sec by BI, 7 in favour, 1 abst.
(b) Of 19th Feb 2008 – JP prop, AS sec, 7 in favour, 1 abst.

4 – Items carried forward –

(a) Ambulance response times – a reply has been received but BL stated this did not answer the question Mr Huntley had put. RR commented that North Cornwall compares unfavourably with other

areas in terms of response times. AS prop that CTC write again and be more specific so that a proper answer is forthcoming, sec by DE, 7 in favour, 1 abst.

(b) Co-op to be re-sited – non-committal reply received but information will be forwarded to Co-op HQ.

(c) Rights of way (opeways) – RH stated that now a new Clerk had been appointed it will allow time for this to be progressed.

(d) CCC sign-cleaning partnership – no reply as yet.

(e) Offer to Community First re access at Churchfield car park – RH read a reply which requests further ‘meaningful discussion’.

(f) Reply re CTC’s suggestions to Sgt. Jones (D&C Police) – no answer due to a bereavement in Sgt. Jones’ family.

(g) Reminder of CTC ‘work-day’ in Churchfield car park – confirmed as 11am on Sunday 9th March – hand-tools only to be used due to insurance restrictions.

(h) Vacancy for Councillor update – enough signatures have been received to call an election for the vacant position.

5 – Answers to Public Participation of 19th Feb meeting –

(a) From E. McCormick re email received from B. Jordan – this was replied to at the last meeting and a reply sent to Mr McCormick.

6 – Questions from Councillors – None.

7 – Items requiring a decision –

(a) CTC website – BI spoke about widening the amount of information available. He also expressed displeasure at the limitations/restrictions inherent in the system supplied via NCDC and he is to meet with the NCDC webmaster with a view to improving the facility. This item to be kept on the agenda until the webmaster returns from holiday. In answer to a concern of AS, BI replied that using an alternative web host would not interfere with the ‘gov’ email facility. JP prop that BI put together information to report back to CTC, sec by PC, 7 in favour, 1 abst.

(b) Consider changing CTC ruling re political contributions to CTC website/news-sheets – BL endorsed the earlier comments of BE. AS also opposed. PC prop keeping the rule as it is, sec by BL. BI prop an amendment so that the rule incorporate the word ‘website’, all in favour.

(c) Request from MP Dan Rogerson to put an article in CTC’s news outlets – no longer applies due to above decision (7b), prop by BL, sec by PC, a.i.f.

(d) Review Standing Order that allows 1 Councillor to request that reports be held over before reaching a decision – BL explained how this S.O. had come about and was a safeguard. PL was ‘amazed’ that a single Councillor could delay the process and he believes this S.O. is ‘flawed’. BI stated that sub-committees should ensure that agenda/minutes/reports be presented in good time to forestall this S.O. being invoked unnecessarily. BI prop no change to Standing Orders, sec by BL, 4 in favour, 2 against, 2 abst.

(e) Future Parish Council elections (CAPTC) – request for opinion whether elections to be held in 2009 or 2013. BL believes 2013 is the sensible option as it allows existing Council to see through programmes. BI believes the Unitary implementation will leave surplus County and District councillors seeking election to Town/Parish councils. PC prop that CTC reply with 2013 as the desired option, sec by JP, 7 in favour, 1 abst.

(f) (PC declared a personal interest) – Letter from PCSO Sam Smith re roller-skating and request for some funding for boots and ‘in-line’ skates. AS prop that because of CTC restrictions on funding that this request should come via the Youth Club, sec by JP, 7 in favour, 1 abst(BL as Vice-Chair of Youth Club).

(g) Shelter (grant request) – AS prop that, as this is not within the CTC remit, it be left on the table, sec by BI, a.i.f.

(h) Date for Parish meeting – JP prop 7pm on 28th April 2008, sec by RR, 7 in favour, 1 abst.

(i) Guest speaker for Parish meeting - PC prop Lesley Nell (due to involvement in proposed Cycle Path between Launceston & Wadebridge), AS sec, a.i.f. RH to invite her via email.

(j) Member of CTC as rep on War Memorial committee – PL volunteered.

(k) New CTC member for Car Park committee – as there is to be only one more meeting before review BL is to stand in – this was prop by PL, sec by BI, 7 in favour, 1 abst (BL).

(l) New CTC member for Planning committee – it was decided to leave this vacant until AGM.

(m) Sir James Smith 6th Form – PL had attended a meeting and gave a report. He said that the reason for closure was mainly due to low numbers which had been projected through to 2020. Transport remains a problem, St. Austell & Truro both provide subsidised transport.

(n) Dog waste bin between Valley Truckle and Police Station – RH gave an estimate of price of approx £140. RR prop replacement of the bin, sec by BL, a.i.f.

(o) Estimate of balance to be paid for repair of car park wall – Car Park committee to review this and possible installation of barrier at their next meeting – RH stated that £450 is required to complete the work. BL prop acceptance of this price, sec by RR, a.i.f.

8 – Items for information –

(a) Re new Town Clerk – RH to stay on in a part-time basis until 29th May 2008 due to new Clerk's holiday commitment.

(b) North Cornwall LAG E01 update – Local Agreement Government re SWRDA – JP stated that CTC have already indicated an expression of interest.

(c) Cornwall Implementation – RH stated that this was very similar to the item earlier (7e) re the election in either 2009 or 2013 – Cllrs to write individually.

(d) Code of Conduct adoption re Cllrs requiring training – notification of dates of courses for those Cllrs who have yet to attend.

(e) NCDC local plan/Development framework – this arrived too late to be of use (meeting tomorrow 07/03/08).

9 – Approval of payments – available from Clerk's office – additional cheque No. 103432 for £750 to be included. RR prop approval, sec by BI, a.i.f.

10 – Resolutions from Councillors – None.

11 – Correspondence –

(a) Request from relative of Pat Reid to plant tree in Enfield Park – RH suggests invite to discuss location and species of tree. RR to liaise, prop by BL, sec by AS, a.i.f.

(b) From B. Jordan – re RH's statement in minutes of previous meeting – Mr Jordan wants a public apology or will go to Police – RH reiterated the statement he had made at the previous meeting and has passed this to CTC's solicitor.

12 – Planning Applications –

(a) 2008/00238 – Trefrew Rd – AS expressed concern at the size of this development and the aluminium roof. JP prop no objection, sec by BI, 3 in favour, 5 abst (BL having declared an interest).

(b) 2008/00250 – Penmelen – AS prop no objection, sec by BI, a.i.f.

(c) 2008/00274 – Trewalder – AS prop no objection, sec by JP, a.i.f.

(d) 2008/00308 – Daws Meadow – Felling of 2 trees currently covered by a Tree Preservation Order – AS has spoken to residents who have expressed concern. RR stated that if a TPO is in place

then CTC cannot approve until more information is available, he proposed objection, sec by BL, 6 in favour, 2 abst (PL & BI).

(e) 2008/00331 – Canopy at Valley Truckle garage – BL prop no objection, sec by PC, a.i.f.

13 – Planning approvals – None.

14 – Planning Refusals – None.

15 – Planning withdrawn – None.

16 – Committee reports –

(a) Finance Committee – JP prop acceptance of minutes of 26/02/08, sec by BI, a.i.f. JP then reported on (1) Risk Assessment – he and the Clerk had undertaken an exercise to identify potential areas of risk (list presented to Cllrs) – further work needed to comply with auditors requirements. (2) Raising income – suggestions include car boot sales and farmers market.

(b) Amenities Committee – RR prop acceptance of minutes of 28/02/08, sec by PL, a.i.f. RH suggested that because of the format of the report the committee should re-assess their recommendations in a more formal manner. Arrangements in the meantime to be of a temporary nature to allow re-evaluation of the duties and timing of works by J. Gilbert, All instructions to J. Gilbert to come via the Clerk. The committee request that notices re dog waste be considered for purchase. RR to provide Lloyds Bank with dimensions of seat for near their premises. RH to request further information from CCC re Playgroup funding. BL prop that RR progress grant application, sec by PC, a.i.f.

17 – Reports from outside bodies –

(a) Town Forum – M Baber failed to attend this evening so no report was given.

(b) CDCDT – meeting next Thursday.

(c) Youth Club – S. Morris, having resigned CTC, so no report.

(d) C.A.R. – RH read a report provided previously by M Baber. Copies of latest Newsletter provided to Cllrs.

(e) Chamber of Commerce – nothing to report.

(f) Mayor’s report – BL having just returned from holiday had nil to report.

(g) Other reports – PC reported on a meeting he attended re MCTi (Market & Coastal Towns Initiative) re bid for cycle trail and tourist potential. NCDC have also tabled a bid for ‘good works’ for North Cornwall (PC requests an item on the next agenda to discuss this further).

(h) Clerk’s report – (1) Police liaison meeting at Launceston 19th March. (2) Letter from Mr. Otter (Chief Constable).

18 – Newsletters & Circulars – (1) ‘Local Councillors Direct’.

19 – Items for 18th March – see above.

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