

Notes from the recording of the CTC meeting of 15th April 2008.

Present: Mayor B. Lush (BL), Dep. Mayor J. Pearce (JP), D. Elliott (DE), P. Lessels (PL), A. Shaw (AS), B. Ireland (BI), M. Baber (MB).

Minutes: B. Groves (BG).

Public Participation – None.

1 – Apologies – A. Hearnden (ill), P. Clark (ill), R. Rotchell (RR)-(will be late arriving).

2 – Declarations of Interest – BL (personal, Item 12, Youth Club plan & 7d), MB (Pers, 4a).

3 – Minutes of 3rd April – AS queried Item 7d asking should it read ‘Fore St’? The amendment was agreed. MB proposed acceptance of minutes, seconded by PL, all in favour.

4 – Items carried forward –

(a) Co-op resiting update – BG has left a message with the person concerned – no reply as yet. AS recalled that approximately 10 years ago Co-op had stated that they would decide siting policy of their shop. MB expressed her concerns over pedestrian safety following an incident recently with vehicles leaving the Co-op car park and not treating the pavement area as such. AS proposed that CTC could write stating that access was becoming dangerous and requesting that they high-light the footpath for the benefit of both pedestrians and customers using cars. PL believes this should be treated urgently before a serious accident occurs and seconded the proposal, all in favour.

(b) Rights of Way application – update – BG explained that this was now being dealt with and a pack of paperwork is on its way to CTC for completion of the formal application. If accepted it may become CTC responsibility to maintain the opeways.

(c) Sign cleaning (C.C.C. & CTC partnership) – no update.

(d) CTC suggestions to Sgt. Jones of D & C Police (Camelford) – BG has spoken to Sgt. Jones today and a written reply should be with CTC very shortly.

(e) Letter to occupants re waste bin in Fore St. (Flames kebab shop) – this was delivered last Wednesday – no reply as yet.

(f) Contact with Jenny Metters re camellias in Victoria Rd. – BG read a letter from M. Williams with reference to an article in the Cornish Guardian – Mr Williams felt it was ‘churlish’ of CTC not to have consulted the person who planted the camellias and who may have been able to offer advice. JP stated that he thought the letter was very detailed and positive. MB prop that CTC write to Mr Williams thanking him for his helpful suggestions and apologise for not contacting the provider of the plants, also take up the offer of leaf mulch, sec by PL, a.i.f.

(g) Camelford Volunteers – JP spoke on the long list of people who do unpaid work within the community – he wants to circulate the list to see if others are willing to join in projects. BI asked the Clerk to clarify the position over insurance if CTC were to initiate projects. MB stated that, having brought this suggestion to the attention of the Town Forum, they were unable to offer physical help. AS stated that this is because Forum is essentially a ‘talking shop’ and the actual work is undertaken by the bodies of people who make up the membership. BG explained that any list of volunteers working under the auspices of CTC would need to be known in advance for the purposes of insurance. MB felt that JP should, as a member of the public, raise this with the Forum. AS has concerns because although, for example with ‘general maintenance’, volunteers may be very willing, in some ventures their ability may not meet the needs of the job in hand. PL then expressed his concerns over the possibility that some activities may require that volunteers are subject to a CRB (Criminal Records) check. BI asked that John Gilbert be kept fully informed so that there was no encroachment into his specified duties without his full

involvement. BI suggested, with reference to the old 'Town Guide', that the CTC website could be used to publish the list with contact names etc. AS commended JP on drawing up the list and his commitment, he also suggested that the 'Signpost' (volunteer magazine) be looked at – JP will look into this and will also contact people at Bodmin to see how their system operates. BL prop that this be left on the table, sec by MB, 6 in favour, 1 abst (JP).

(h) Nominations for CTC vacancy – Election 8th May, voting will take place at Clease Hall between 7am and 10pm – nominations are:-

- (i) Sue Elford (proposed by M B Williams, seconded by D H Pierce).
- (ii) Eddie McCormick (proposed by G R Ireland, seconded by A McCormick)
- (iii) Jenny Metters (proposed by R N Metters, seconded by S P Metters)

(RR arrived at 7.50pm)

- (i) Following the sad death of Gordon Piper the hanging baskets will be tended on a voluntary basis by Terry Baber.

5 – Answers to Public Participation of 3rd April – None.

6 – Questions from Councillors – None.

7 – Items requiring a decision –

(a) Enfield Park – Sunday 17/08/08, permission to use for fund-raising for Children's Hospice – free barbecue and collection boxes - AS proposed that this be permitted, sec by BI, a.i.f.

(b) Christmas Lighting costs (from BI) – BI stated that it had been brought to his attention that there was a shortfall of £153.50 in the amount CTC paid for electricity because of the figure previously agreed by Council. PL agreed with BI that this seemed a harsh demand and asked members to reconsider requesting this amount back from the Lighting Committee. AS stated that the difference could come from Section 137. BI prop that CTC cover the amount from Section 137, sec by PL, - JP proposed an amendment to include a request that the Lighting Committee consider L.E.D.'s for future purchases of display items which incur less electricity cost, all in favour.

(c) Animal Aid – adoption of 'Compassionate Charter' – newsletter accompanied by questionnaire with purchasing guidelines – AS suggested this be left on the table, sec by MB, a.i.f.

(d) WRVS – application for grant – RR reminded members that grants can only be for Camelford projects (not county-wide as in this request) therefore BG to write explaining this is outside of CTC remit.

8 – Items for Information –

(a) From Cllr. P Clark – Acquisition of land for allotments – AS asked that this item be moved to Item 17(b), CDCDT report – after some discussion on the difference between allotments and 'community gardens' this was agreed.

(b) Civil Parking enforcement – Summer – it was stated by BL that there will be 10 traffic wardens for the whole of Cornwall. Correspondence to CCC has been mislaid and they have asked for duplicates.

(c) Affordable Housing conference on 14th May at NCDC offices – PL offered to attend the 3pm meeting on that date.

(d) Notice of completion of Audit for 2006/7 – BG explained that the certificate has been received and no comments noted.

(e) Cornwall Countryside Access Forum, applications sought – JP stated that P Clark has indicated a willingness to be involved.

(f) Yearly CTC accounts for 2007/8 – Copies of accounts were distributed to Councillors – BI explained that Council had remained well within budget despite the extra expenditure throughout the year. BL commended the Finance Committee especially for their work.

(g) Removal of phone boxes – proposal from British Telecom – BT propose removal of boxes at Trefrew, Trevia, Helstone and 1 in Camelford (thought to be at Camelford Station by MB). BL expressed the problems that mobile phone users have with loss of signal and AS stressed the remoteness of the area. BG to reply to BT objecting to this proposal.

9 – Approval of payments – details available from Clerk’s office – BL proposed changing the BT bill to Direct Debit, PL suggested that ‘paperless billing’ also be requested, sec by MB, 7 in favour, 1 abst (DE). Payments were proposed for approval by MB, sec by RR, a.i.f.

10 – Resolutions from Councillors – None.

11 – Correspondence – only 1 item dealt with earlier (see Item 4f).

12 – Planning applications –

(a) Skateboard – AS prop no objection, sec by BI, 7 in favour, 1 abst (BL).

(b) Sportsmans – AS prop no obj, sec by BI, a.i.f.

(c) Fairway – AS prop no obj, sec by JP, a.i.f.

(d) Home Park Farm – AS proposed objection on grounds of over-development, restricted access onto A39, BL sec, 7 in favour, 1 abst (BI).

13 – Planning approvals – Trefrew Rd.

14 – Planning refusals – Penworthy.

15 – Planning withdrawn – None.

16 – Committee reports –

(a) Amenities – cancelled due to absence of Cllr Clark.

(b) Car Park – PL reported on the most recent survey and review of usage. Cllrs were each given a copy of the results. With regard to abandoned cars, Ministry of Transport are to provide details of ownership prior to request for ‘crushing’ order. J Gilbert has updated all the necessary notices re parking regulations. PL asked that CTC write to Mr Sanders to congratulate him on the quality of his work to the hedges, sec by MB, a.i.f.

BL reminded members that warning notices/tickets are available at the Spar shop for them to use to enforce parking regulations.

17 – Reports from outside bodies –

(a) Forum – meeting tomorrow (16/04/08)

(b) CDCDT – AS reported on the possibility of a plot of land becoming available – a landowner has approached the Forum re apiece of land at a reasonable rent for a period of 15 – 20 years for use as ‘community gardens’.

(c) Youth Club – BL reported on the postponement of a trip to the Scilly Isles now rearranged to the end of May.

(d) C.A.R. – MB reported on the ‘School Dinners’ fund-raiser held on 5th April in conjunction with the Fireworks Committee which raised over £550, also that copy photographs from the event are available from D Flower. Also the next meeting to be held on 30th May.

(e) Chamber of Commerce – PL is awaiting further information on the advisory lorry route.

(f) Mayor's report – BL reported that on 10/04/08 he attended the funeral of former mayoress Dorothy Merritt, on 11/04/08 he attended a civic reception at Truro for RAF St. Mawgan, and on 12/04/08 he attended the 70th anniversary of the Camelford W.I. at the Methodist Church.

(g) Other reports – (i) BL reported on Cllr Clark's attendance at the Local Action Group. (ii) BI reported on his attendance at a meeting re Unitary and boundaries proposals. (iii) BI then spoke with regard to his meeting with NCDC in respect of the CTC website. He proposed for the next agenda for discussion that CTC organise/establish another website with an alternative supplier which would allow much more freedom, security and flexibility than the present system. (iv) AS enquired about notices being posted with regard to the Parish meeting to be held on Monday 28th April.

(h) Clerk's report – BG had made enquires to the Finance Committee re pension provision.

18 – Newsletters & Circulars –

- (a) 'Hotline' from NCDC
- (b) 'Signpost' voluntary services
- (c) Local Associations information service
- (d) Hospice Care – 'Make a Will Week' from 12th May
- (e) Local Government Employers circular - Unfair dismissal cases

19 – Items for next agenda 1st May

RR asked re the date of Sgt. Jones next presentation to Council.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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