

**Porthleven Town Council**  
**MINUTES THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING,**  
**HELD AT INSTITUTE COTTAGE, CLIFF ROAD**  
**ON THURSDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020 @ 7pm**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr. Plunkett (in the chair)	Cllr. Berryman	Cllr. Jorgensen
	Cllr. Toms	Cllr. Toy	Cllr. Murray
	Cllr. Adair	C Thompson (Clerk)	
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Ms Benyon	Ms Baker	Ms Lewis
	Mrs Pilley	Ms Roseby	Ms Kite
	Mr kite	Ms Thomas	

<b>Minute</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> Cllrs. Osmond and Wallis forwarded their apologies</p> <p><b>Declaration of Interests</b> Cllr. Jorgensen declared an interest regarding minute 134/1920 as he had an outstanding expense claim.</p>	
125/1920	<p><b>To receive and approve minutes of the:</b></p> <p><b>a) Town Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December</b> Proposed from the Chair and AGREED as a true and accurate record</p> <p><b>b) Special Town Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December</b> Proposed from the Chair and AGREED as a true and accurate record</p>	
126/1920	<p><b>Matters arising from the minutes of the:</b></p> <p><b>a) Town Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December</b> None</p> <p><b>b) Special Town Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December</b> None</p>	
127/1920	<p><b>Planning – to receive and comment</b></p> <p><b><u>Planning Public Participation</u></b> Members of the public may address the Council regarding any planning applications due to be discussed</p> <p><b><u>Category 1 applications:</u></b></p> <p><b>PA19/11031</b> 25 Claremont Terrace, Beacon Road – replacement windows, re-covering of pitched roofs, insertion of roof lights Applicant: Mr Nick Lambert Cllr. Toy gave a brief summary of the application Discussed Proposed by Cllr. Toy, seconded by Cllr. Berryman, and AGREED to support</p>	Clerk

	<p><b>PA19/11277</b>  Wave Tops, Loe Bar Road – Non material amendment of PA17/08764 (removal of front section of existing pitched roof and replacement with new pitched roof approximately 1270mm higher. Replacement balcony. New single storey rear extension. Internal alterations and enabling works)  Applicant: Mr &amp; Mrs N Stiles  Cllr. Toy gave a brief summary of the application  Discussed  Proposed from the Chair and AGREED to support  <u><b>Category 2 applications:</b></u>  None</p>	Clerk
128/1920	<p><b>Public participation (non-planning matters)</b>  <u>Climate Action Plan</u>  Melissa Benyon, together with a number of concerned community members (some in attendance as listed above and a further number unable to attend), addressed the Town Council to request that the Town Council declare an ecological and climate emergency and pledge to work towards Porthleven becoming carbon neutral by 2030.  Ms Benyon noted the work she, and the other members, had started in Helston in conjunction Helston Town Council with the formation of the Helston Climate Action Group.  A full copy of the report made by Ms Benyon is attached for information  Ms Lewis noted, that among other projects being instigated in Helston following the formation of the plan, that she was working with Helston Town Council in obtaining grant funding to formulate a pilot which would enable workshops, guidance events and information be available to residents on reducing their carbon footprint</p>	
129/1920	<p><b>Observations upon matters raised during Public Participation</b>  <u>Climate Action Plan</u>  Discussed  The Council noted that they were in the early stages of discussing implementing a Climate Action Plan and that a working party of the Council was scheduled to meet to discuss this  Thanked Ms Benyon and everyone for attending and sharing their work on the Helston Climate Action Plan.</p>	
130/1920	<p><b>Mayor's Report</b>  The Mayor reported attending Special Town Council meeting and the Christmas Event.  She also represented the Town Council, along with the Deputy Mayor, at the funeral of Mike Crowle, former Town Councillor, Remembrance Sunday Parade Marshall, respected volunteer and resident of Porthleven.</p>	
131/1920	<p><b>Deputy Mayor's Report</b>  The Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Toy, reported attending the Special Town Council meeting, Town Council Christmas event and assisted with the work required to protect the mosaic in Boslan Bus Shelter</p>	
132/1920	<p><b>Town Clerk's Report</b>  Town Clerk reported the following:  <b>Climate Action Plan Working Party</b></p>	

	<p>Clerk gave a reminder that the first meeting of the working party is scheduled for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan @ 9.30am</p> <p><b>Speed Monitoring on Gibson Way</b></p> <p>Further to minute T03/1920, Clerk noted that the following response had been received from the Local Neighbourhood Team:</p> <p><i>As you are probably aware speeding is one of Devon and Cornwall's Road Policing priorities so we take your concerns very seriously.</i></p> <p><i>Recently Helston Neighbourhood Team have spent a considerable amount of time trying to find suitable sites, which have to meet specific criteria's to carry out speed checks unfortunately Gibson Way is not a suitable site.</i></p> <p><i>We can play a more proactive role in having a visible presence around these core times but this will obviously depend on police demand at these specific times.</i></p> <p><b>Thomas Street</b></p> <p>Minute T04/1920, Clerk reported that no response had been received following notices placed requesting comments on proposed double yellow lines</p>	
133/1920	<p><b>Cornwall Councillor Report</b></p> <p>Not in attendance</p>	
134/1920	<p><b>Accounts</b></p> <p><i>The Chair noted that as Cllr. Jorgensen had a reoccurring expense that he was exempt from leaving the room but could not vote or discuss</i></p> <p>Clerk provided a list of accounts for approval</p> <p>Proposed from the Chair and AGREED</p>	Clerk
135/1920	<p><b>Requests for Financial Support</b></p> <p>None</p>	
136/1920	<p><b>Reports on Meetings Attended as a representative of Porthleven Town Council</b></p> <p>Cllr. Adair: Town Council Christmas event &amp; Special Town Council meeting</p> <p>Cllr. Jorgensen: None</p> <p>Cllr. Toms: Helston Climate Action Group</p> <p>Cllr. Osmond: Not in attendance</p> <p>Cllr. Murray: Town Council Christmas event &amp; Special Town Council meeting</p> <p>Cllr. Berryman: Town Council Christmas event &amp; Special Town Council meeting</p> <p>Cllr. Wallis: Not in attendance</p>	
137/1920	<p><b>SeaPeople – Marine Heat Pumps Scoping Paper</b></p> <p>Cllr. Jorgensen presented a letter requesting the Town Council support the Plymouth Project to investigate marine heat source pump and agree to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Become stakeholders (no financial support required)</li> <li>• Share information from the Porthleven Energy Project</li> </ul> <p>Noted that there was a possibility that they would conduct a free survey</p>	

	<p>of the Bickford Smith Institute to investigate the potential viability of a marine heat source pump.</p> <p>Discussed</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr. Jorgensen, seconded by Cllr. Toy, and AGREED to support the Plymouth Project by becoming non-financial stakeholders and sharing information</p>	<p>Cllr. Jorgensen</p>
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There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signature: ..... Cllr. Plunkett, Mayor

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Report by Melissa Benyon (minute 128/1920)**

My name is Melissa Benyon. I have lived in Porthleven since 2014. I live here with my partner who grew up in Porthleven and three children aged 15, 13 and 9. Three generations of my family live here at present.

For me, 2019 will be remembered as the year that many people globally, woke up to the climate and ecological crisis, with images and news stories coming constantly to our attention and that of our children. Personally, I have always been environmentally aware, but I have never faced the apocalyptic images and what they mean for humanity with such profound understanding and dread as I do today. Megadroughts on three continents, bush fires in Australia releasing a cloud of smoke the size of Europe, rainforest destruction, decimation of habitats, air pollution, reduced crop productivity, plastic pollution, ocean acidification, melting icecaps, climate refugees. In response, we heard people all over the world raise the alarm, with Greta Thunberg, the school strikers, Fridays for the future, extinction rebellion, healthcare declare, XR doctors and others all working to raise awareness and call for urgent action. Acknowledging that organisations such as Greenpeace and friends of the earth have been campaigning about these same issues for literally decades, and that scientists first came together to warn the global community over 40 years ago.

In April 2019, after significant pressure from the groups I have already mentioned, the UK parliament declared a climate and ecological emergency, although they presented an unambitious date of carbon neutrality by 2050. Discussion of the controversy around this target is beyond the scope of this address, but it is nevertheless highly controversial. Furthermore, since the climate emergency was declared, carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions have continued to rise at an alarming rate.

In January 2019 Cornwall County Council declared a climate and ecological emergency and set the target of 2030 to achieve carbon neutrality across the county. The Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research published their report on UK emissions, where it was identified that Cornwall needs to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 13.4% every year until we reach net zero to achieve the 2030 target.

Many other town and parish councils in the UK have followed, with Helston declaring in April 2019 with the same ambitious 2030 target. This sends a clear message to the UK government that we are aspirational in our communities to safeguard the future for our children and children all over the planet, many of whom are already experiencing untold hardship, social instability and displacement, malnutrition and death as a result of climate change.

I am here alongside other concerned citizens of Porthleven, and have apologies from at least 10 people who are unable to attend tonight, to ask the council to declare an ecological and climate emergency, and to pledge to work towards Porthleven becoming carbon neutral by 2030. This statement shows a clear intention of the council to consider, as central to all council decisions, the issues of climate change and biodiversity loss. This is to ensure that further harm and suffering is minimised and that this is done with utmost urgency.

I am a member of Helston Climate Action Group who are working alongside Helston Town Council to develop local projects to mitigate the effects of climate change, reach the 2030 target and increase our resilience – by which I mean being prepared for future changes that we will see. As you may be aware, we have written a climate action plan to outline how we hope to achieve this. We are doing what we can to engage and have conversations with individuals, groups and communities around us. Sharing this progress and ongoing work with the kind and creative Community of Porthleven, for me as a Porthleven resident and Helston community member is the obvious progression.

Together we are stronger, find support from each other with the facts that we face. Acknowledging the climate and ecological emergency as a community enables us to face this challenge, start important conversations and act to make 2030 target our reality.

I have three children who will inherit what remains of this precious earth. I want to be able to look them in the eye and say I did what I could to attempt to secure their future and the future of those less fortunate than us here in the UK. I hope Porthleven Town Council will help.

Thank you for listening  
Melissa Benyon

**JANUARY 2020 EXPENDITURE EXCEEDING £100**

DD	CORNWALL COUNCIL: B/Tax Shute Lane toilets	£	121.00
	STAFFING COSTS: All staff related costs included pension, NI, Tax, HM Revenue Payments etc	£	5,781.16
5384	EDF: Electricity Sep - Dec (BSI & BSI street lighting)	£	1,240.41
5390	P CARVELLY: General maintenance various	£	670.00