Porthleven Town Council

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT INSTITUTE COTTAGE, CLIFF ROAD

ON THURSDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2024, 7pm

Present:	Cllr. Toy (in the Chair)	Cllr. Munday	Cllr. Short
	Cllr. Berryman	Cllr. Horne	Cllr. Shainberg
	C Thompson (Clerk)		
In Attendance:	Mr M Wallis	Mr B Carrington – Mission Code	

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
	Apologies for Absence	
	Cllrs. Davies, Naylor and Port forwarded their apologies	
	Declaration of Interests	
	Cllr. Horne declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute 133/2324, as she holds the position of Secretary of the Porthleven Food Festival	
121/2324	To receive and approve minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11 th January 2024	
	Proposed from the Chair and AGREED as a true and accurate record	
122/2324	Matters arising from the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11th January 2024	
	None	
123/2324	Planning – to receive and comment	
	Planning Public Participation	
	None	
	Category 1 applications:	
	PA23/09437 Seapinks, Loe Bar Road – Retrospective application original application number PA21/01530. Internal changes to the original scheme and a new timber placed at the front of the property with bin store. Applicant: Elizabeth Fogg	
	Proposed from the Chair and AGREED to make no objections	Clerk
	PA23/10380 Porthleven Bowling Club, Methleigh Parc – Extension to clubroom to create indoor bowling greens Applicant: Corrie Thompson, Porthleven Town Council	
	Proposed by Cllr. Shainberg, seconded by Cllr. Short, and AGREED to support	Clerk
	PA23/10119 11 Forth Scol – Works to Tree within a Conservation Area (TCA) - Ash - Pollard to 5-6 m in height above the upper righthand hand branch on right side, removal of all branches to allow an even crown Applicant: Adam Beverley-Jones	

	Proposed from the Chair and AGREED to support	Clerk
	PA24/00562	-
	9 Thomas Terrace – Replacement of single storey lean to kitchen with new flat roof extension Applicant: Ms Caroline Appleton	
	Proposed from the Chair and AGREED to support	Clerk
	PA24/00502 29 St Pirans Parc – Proposed loft conversion and alterations. Applicant: Mr Pollard	
	Proposed by Cllr. Berryman, seconded by Cllr. Shainberg, and AGREED to make no objection	Clerk
	Category 2 applications:	
	None	
124/2324	Public participation (non-planning matters) None	
125/2324	Observations upon matters raised during Public Participation	
	None	
126/2324	Mayor's Report	
	The Mayor reported attending Porthleven Food Festival meeting, briefing for Chairs / Vice Chairs of Community Area Partnerships (CAP), RNLI Lifeboat Day meeting, St Ives Feast celebrations, re-opening of Kota Kai, onsite meetings on the Moors, CAP meeting and CAP Finance meeting.	
127/2324	Deputy Mayor's Report	
	Attended the re-opening of Kota Kai	
128/2324	Town Clerk's Report	
	Town Clerk reported on various items including the following:	
	Bickford Smith Institute	
	Following report last month that Mr Osborne had requested the Town Council consider a proposal, from Porthleven Arts Community for the Bickford Smith Institute, during the February meeting. At Mr Osborne's request this will now be presented in March	
	Works to Trees – Notification	
	Application: PA24/00074 Proposal: Works to a Tree within a conservation area namely reduce and thin (T1) Bay tree to allow more light. Location: Deva 11 Wellington Road Porthleven Helston Cornwall Applicant: Joyce Picot	
	As this application is for works to trees in a Conservation Area, it will be decided under delegated authority.	
	Bickford Smith Institute building defibrillator	
	Upon inspection of the defibrillator, it was discovered that the battery and pads have been purposefully removed and are nowhere to be found. Thankfully we have not received reports of anyone needing the defibrillator as this could have had very serious life-threatening consequences.	
129/2324	Cornwall Councillor Report	

	Reported that he and the Customer Services Scrutiny Committee had been busy providing the general oversight of the Council's emerging business plan.	
	This coming month will see the Council setting a balanced budget, which is required by law. It is anticipated that a Council Tax based on an overall 4.99% in 2024/25, being 2.99% core increase plus 2% Adult Social Care precept. This represents a Band D charge of 1,892.75 – and increase of £89.96 or £1.73 per week.	
130/2324	Accounts	
	a) Accounts for payment	
	Clerk provided a detail of accounts for approval	
	Discussed	
	Proposed from the Chair and AGREED	Clerk
131/2324	Requests for Financial Support	
	None	
132/2324	Reports on Meetings Attended as a representative of Porthleven Town Council	
	Cllr. Berryman: Porthleven Food Festival and re-opening of Kota Kai	
	Cllr. Shainberg: Re-opening of Kota Kai	
	Cllr. Munday: Re-opening of Kota Kai	
133/2324	Porthleven Food Festival	
	The Mayor suspended standing orders to allow Mr Carrington to address the Town Council. Cllr. Horne left the room for this agenda item	
	Mr Carrington addressed the Town Council to offer a counteroffer for the use of the Moors. Requested the Town Council consider a one off £1,000 donation, with additional fundraising, for use of the Moors for this year and future years.	
	Discussed	
	Concerns raised regarding the approval of the counteroffer by the Porthleven Food Festival Committee as not minuted. Mr Carrington noted that this agreement was reached via email not at a meeting.	
	Concerns raised over the continued wear and tear with high volumes of foot passage and vehicles.	
	Proposed by Cllr. Shainberg, seconded by Cllr. Toy, and AGREED to request £1,000 donation for the use of the Moors Recreation Ground, for this year's festival, with additional voluntary fundraising for the Moors Recreation Ground to be organised by the Porthleven Food Festival Committee / Mission Code.	Clerk
	Porthleven Food Festival / Mission Code to open discussions with Porthleven Town Council as early as possible regarding next year's festival.	
134/2324	The Moors Recreation Ground	
	The Mayor reported that a donation of £5,000 had been received from Equin Ltd to be ringfenced for works to the Moors Recreation Ground.	
	Quotes in the process of being obtained for:	
	Flood alleviation / land drains	
	Removal / control of bamboo area	
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	 Waiting on details from Environment Agency regarding their proposals 	
135/2324	Budget Review April to December 2023	
	Clerk presented the budget review, noting various items including:	
	Over spend on defibrillators, budget line, due to replacement defibrillator being required	
	Cost of election, unbudgeted election costs equating to over £5,000	
136/2324	Budget 2024 - 25	
	The Clerk presented the draft budget for 2024 – 25, discussed at length.	
	Clerk noted various items including:	
	Increased budget line for Open Spaces to finance flood alleviation and various other works on the Moors Recreation Ground	
	Increased budget line for defibrillators to cover cost of replacement case / batteries	
	Discussed at length	
	Final Budget proposal:	
	Proposed from the Chair and AGREED to set the budget at £143,875.00 expenditure, £4,626.60 income	
137/2324	Precept 2024 - 25	
	Clerk presented the precept figure for 2024 – 25 as £139,248.40	
	Proposed from the Chair and AGREED to set the precept at £139,248.40	

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signature:	 Cllr.	Toy,	Ma	yo

Date: 14th March 2024

FEBRUARY 2024 - EXPENDITURE EXCEEDING £100

CORNWALL COUNCIL: Non Domestic Rates Shrubberies Car Park	£	104.00
CORNWALL COUNCIL: Non Domestic Rates Institute Cottage	£	204.00
STAFFING COSTS: All staff related costs including pension, NI,	£ 3	,906.46
Tax, HM Revenue Payments etc		
CORSEV FACILITIES LTD: Public toilet cleaning / hygiene services	£	674.37
INDEPENDENT RURAL SERVICES: Hedge trimming	£ 1	,190.00
SOURCE FOR BUSINESS: Water services Shute Lane toilets	£ 1	,860.20