

Councillors Present:

Mrs G A Grant – Town Mayor

Mrs M V Bennett, N S Ferris, D Garwood, Mrs B Hulme, J Langan, Mrs M K May, M J Mullins, Mrs S Peters, G C Rickard, C S F Smith, M Snowdon and E L Wilkes

115. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors K S Green (work) and Mrs C Hutchings (personal).

116. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Snowdon declared a registrable interest in Agenda No. 15 (Town and Country Planning Applications) as he was personally acquainted with a close family member of the applicants of PA14/11225 and owned neighbouring property in relation to Application PA14/11725.

117. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Town Clerk advised that no requests had been received from members of the public wishing to speak at the meeting.

118. MINUTES

RESOLVED that minutes 97 to 114 of the Council meeting held on 2 December 2014 be approved and signed as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor E L Wilkes and seconded by Councillor Mrs B Hulme

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 15 December 2014 were noted.

119. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk read two letters of thanks for community grants and email correspondence from Andrew Marston regarding the parking regime on Exchequer Quay. In her capacity as Cornwall Councillor, Councillor Mrs M K May advised that she had contacted the Harbour Master who was investigating the issue. She further advised that the Harbours Board was considering introducing a pay and display scheme for Exchequer Quay.

120. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ENGAGEMENTS

The Council noted the list of Mayor's engagements since the previous meeting.

121. REPRESENTATIONS BY CORNWALL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ATTENDING EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Cornwall Councillor Mary May reported on the following:

- She had received complaints of vehicles parked on double yellow lines near Penryn Surgery, however, she had been advised that the drivers of the vehicles were disabled badge holders and that it was therefore a matter for the police to deal with if it was causing an obstruction.
- The parking had improved at Green Lane and Greenwood Road during the Christmas period in the absence of the student population.
- She called for a Council volunteer to join the Penryn Town Fair Committee which would be meeting on Tuesday 13 January.
- The poles for new hanging baskets in Broad Street had been delivered and were awaiting installation. She requested that the Town Council include provision in its next budget for new granite troughs.
- A Working Party had been set up by the Harbours Board to progress work on the slipway at Church Beach.

122. REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk presented an update report on the work of the Council which was noted. In response to a question, the Town Clerk advised that there had been no response so far from Cornwall Council on the request for asset transfers but she would be following that up with the Community Network Manager. Councillor Mrs B Hulme advised that she had received many complimentary comments on the artwork at Penryn Station.

123. ACCOUNTS

The statement and list of payments made for the period 1 to 30 November 2014 were presented.

RESOLVED that the list of accounts paid from 1 to 30 November 2014 be approved.

Proposed by Councillor E L Wilkes and seconded by Councillor Mrs S Peters

124. FALMOUTH AND PENRYN ALLOCATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT

The Town Clerk presented a report from Cornwall Council seeking the Town Council's endorsement of recommendations arising from a prioritisation assessment of strategically important sites for housing in the Falmouth and Penryn Allocations Development Plan Document. The report focussed on the two remaining sites in the Penryn area, namely Penryn North and College Valley and recommended on balance that College Valley should be prioritised as the most likely to deliver the required level of housing.

During a lengthy debate, the following issues were raised:

- There was a clear intention by the landowner to develop the site at College Valley.
- Penryn had resisted development in College Valley for many years, however, the situation had changed and there would also be benefits to developing the site including the provision of a country park.
- The Town Councils should seek to secure a good level of affordable housing on the site and to ensure that the development be kept to a minimum of 200 dwellings.
- A number of Councillors expressed a preference for developing the Penryn North site at Treluswell which was south facing, however, it was commented that much work would be needed to create the necessary access to the Penryn North site and there were serious drainage problems to be overcome.
- It was suggested that rather than identify one site it would be possible to develop part of each site and use Section 106 contributions from Penryn North to create a better entrance to the town.

- Concerns were raised that the Penryn North site was open ended with the potential for urban sprawl.
- It was commented that if the College Valley site must be accepted as the most viable then it was important to work to secure the best outcome for the town from the site.

It was proposed by Councillor J Langan and seconded by Councillor M J Mullins that Cornwall Council be advised that the Town Council supports the development of Penryn North. On a vote the motion was lost.

RESOLVED that the Town Council endorses the recommendation of the prioritisation assessment, based on the evidence available at this time, that the College Valley land should be prioritised, with a very strong emphasis on ensuring the delivery of 40% affordable housing.

Proposed by Councillor M Snowdon and seconded by Councillor Mrs M V Bennett

125. CCTV MANAGEMENT GROUP

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs B Hulme be appointed to represent Penryn Town Council on the CCTV Management Group and that Councillor Mrs M K May be appointed as substitute.

Proposed by Councillor E L Wilkes and seconded by Councillor Mrs S Peters

126. DEMENTIA ACTION ALLIANCE

RESOLVED that Penryn Town Council becomes a member of the Dementia Action Alliance and that the draft Actions, attached as an appendix to the report, be approved.

Proposed by Councillor E L Wilkes and seconded by Councillor M J Mullins

127. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICY

RESOLVED that the draft Freedom of Information Policy, attached as an Appendix to the report, be adopted.

Proposed by Councillor M J Mullins and seconded by Councillor Mrs B Hulme

128. DATA PROTECTION POLICY

RESOLVED that the draft Data Protection Policy, attached as an Appendix to the report, be adopted.

Proposed by Councillor M J Mullins and seconded by Councillor Mrs S Peters

129. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Having declared a registrable interest in the following applications, Councillor M Snowdon left the meeting during discussion of the items and did not take part in the debate nor the vote.

PA14/11225 – 23 West Street, Penryn

RESOLVED that the Town Council objects to the application on the grounds that, due to a lack of turning space, access and egress in the busy one-way street would not be possible in

a forward gear. The Town Council also considers the proposal to be detrimental to the character of the Conservation Area.

Proposed by Councillor E L Wilkes and seconded by Councillor J Langan

Councillor Mrs M K May requested that her name be recorded as abstaining from voting on the above application.

PA14/11725 – Land to the rear of 31 Broad Street, Penryn

RESOLVED that the Town Council has no objections.

Proposed by Councillor M J Mullins and seconded by Councillor J Langan

Councillors G C Rickard and E L Wilkes requested that their names be recorded as abstaining from voting on the above application.

Following the above decision, Councillor M Snowdon returned to the meeting.

130. COMMUNITY GRANTS

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Cornwall Blind Association be awarded a grant of £300 towards the cost of providing services to the blind and visually impaired.

Proposed by Councillor E L Wilkes and seconded by Councillor M J Mullins

131. VACANCY FOR TOWN COUNCILLOR

The vacancy for a Town Councillor in the East Ward was noted.

132. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items by reasons of the confidential nature of the items. Proceedings, apart from any resolutions passed, shall remain confidential.

Proposed by Councillor J Langan and seconded by Councillor Mrs M K May

133. TOWN HALL ELECTRICAL WORKS

The Deputy Mayor advised that during the recent refurbishment of the Council Chamber it had become apparent that the Town Hall's electrical wiring boards were in urgent need of replacement and reorganisation. The Town Council placed on record its gratitude to Councillor M Snowdon for giving up his free time to carry out the refurbishment and congratulated him on the excellent standard of the work.

RESOLVED that delegated authority be granted to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Deputy Mayor, to appoint a suitably qualified electrician to carry out essential and urgent works to the Town Hall electrical wiring boards and any other directly related works which may prove necessary following further investigation with a maximum budget of £5000 to be vired from general reserves.

Proposed by Councillor E L Wilkes and seconded by Councillor M J Mullins

134. COUNCIL CHAMBER FURNITURE

RESOLVED that a decision on the Council Chamber furniture be deferred to the next meeting of the Council pending a visit by the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs M K May and Councillor Mrs M V Bennett to a number of possible sources of suitable tables that had been identified.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs G A Grant and seconded by Councillor M Snowdon

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.35 p.m.

TOWN MAYOR