

Councillors Present:

Mrs G A Grant – Town Mayor

Mrs M V Bennett, N S Ferris, D Garwood, K S Green, 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

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**153. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

**154. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**155. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**156. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that minutes 135 to 152 of the Council meeting held on 2 February 2015 be approved and signed as a correct record.

*Proposed by Councillor E L Wilkes and seconded by Councillor Mrs M K May*

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 16 February 2015 were noted.

**157. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Town Clerk read a letter of thanks from the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust for a community grant and a letter from the Mayor's Warden, Mrs Lorna Smuda, in which she complimented the Mayor for the civic parade at the Penryn Methodist Church Anniversary Service, but expressed concern at the lack of Councillor attendance.

**158. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ENGAGEMENTS**

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

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

Cornwall Councillor Mary May reported on the following:

- Road cones had been installed at the entrance to Kernick Industrial Estate to resolve issues with access for goods vehicles.
- Car parking charges in Saracen and Commercial Road car parks had been increased to 60p for the first hour, £2.00 for up to two hours, and £367 for an annual season ticket. Alternative suggestions for a charge of £1.00 per day or for two hours had not been taken up.

- The Harbours Board had agreed to take on responsibility for the public conveniences on Exchequer Quay from 1 April 2015 with a view to seeking alternative revenue, such as parking charges or increased mooring fees, to cover the cost.
- Services were being reduced at One Stop Shops and post offices were providing alternative places to pay Council charges.
- The third tranche of European Union funding of £600m would be delivered by civil servants based in London despite protests from the Local Enterprise Partnership. The funding was currently 14 months overdue.
- Complaints had been received regarding abandoned trollies, litter and fly tipping on and around the reservoir footpaths. It was suggested that a letter be sent from the Town Council to South West Lakes requesting that they address the problem.

Councillor Tony Martin attended the meeting and reported that the installation of road cones in Permarin Road was helping to alleviate the parking problems.

## **160. REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

The Town Clerk presented an update report on the work of the Council which was noted.

## **161. ACCOUNTS**

The statement and list of payments made for the period 1 to 31 January 2015 were presented. The Town Clerk advised that the payment of £600 to Penryn College was payment of grant money that was being administered by the Town Council for the World War I commemoration project.

**RESOLVED** that the list of accounts paid from 1 to 31 January 2015 be approved.

*Proposed by Councillor E L Wilkes and seconded by Councillor K S Green*

## **162. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

The Town Clerk advised that she had received a motion, duly signed by Councillors Mrs G A Grant, Mrs M K May, Mrs S Peters, C S F Smith and M Snowdon, to revoke a previous decision of the Town Council to endorse the recommendation of the prioritisation assessment, based on the evidence available at the time, that the College Valley land should be prioritised, with a very strong emphasis on ensuring the delivery of 40% affordable housing. The motion proposed that the original decision be amended to exclude land adjacent to the viaduct on the lower side of College Hill. Concerns were raised that it was unclear from the wording of the motion as to which area of land was to be excluded and following a discussion, the proposers of the motion agreed to amend the motion to exclude the four fields to the north of College Hill.

It was moved as an amendment by Councillor D Garwood and seconded by Councillor Mrs B Hulme that the decision of the Town Council meeting of 5 January 2015 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 be revoked and that Cornwall Council be advised that the Town Council supports the prioritisation of the North Penryn site. On a vote, the amendment was lost.

**RESOLVED** that the decision of the Town Council meeting of 5 January 2015 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 be revoked and that Cornwall Council be advised 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 the exception of the four fields to the north of College Hill**, with a very strong emphasis on ensuring the delivery of 40% affordable housing.

*Proposed by Councillor Mrs M K May and seconded by Councillor Mrs S Peters*

#### **163. GLASNEY GREEN SPACE REGENERATION GROUP PETITION**

The Town Mayor advised that the response to the petition from the Glasney Green Space Regeneration Group that the Town Council revokes its decision to prioritise College Valley as a site for development had been decided through the previous agenda item to consider a motion from Councillors for an amendment to the original decision. Councillor Mrs M K May congratulated members and supporters of the Glasney Green Space Regeneration Group (GGSRG) for compiling the petition and standing up for what they believed in. Councillor C S F Smith commented that pressure from the GGSRG had prompted Councillors to revisit the issues and look at the sites again in more detail and although the Council had reached the same conclusion, it had been a difficult matter to consider.

**RESOLVED** that the petition be noted.

*Proposed by Councillor Mrs M K May and seconded by Councillor Mrs M V Bennett*

#### **164. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Town Council considered a proposal to form a Working Party to investigate the potential for a Penryn Neighbourhood Plan. During the debate, it was noted that although the Town Council had been advised that it did not need to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan, much of the preliminary work had already been done through other Plans and Policies and it was an opportunity to engage with the community and take a fresh and holistic look at issues around parking, housing and regeneration of the town.

**RESOLVED** that a Working Party be formed to investigate the potential for a Penryn Neighbourhood Plan.

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

#### **165. LONE WORKING POLICY**

**RESOLVED** that the draft Lone Working Policy, attached as an appendix to the report, be adopted.

*Proposed by Councillor Mrs M K May and seconded by Councillor Mrs B Hulme*

**RESOLVED** that staff be equipped with personal safety devices when working alone.

*Proposed by Councillor Mrs M K May and seconded by Councillor Mrs S Peters*

#### **166. LOCAL COUNCIL ADVISORY SERVICE MEMBERSHIP**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Council enrolls in the Local Council Advisory Service, with a review of membership in March 2016.

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

**167. SELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2015/16**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor M Snowdon be selected Town Mayor for the civic year 2015/16.

*Proposed by Councillor Mrs G A Grant and seconded by Councillor Mrs S Peters*

Councillor M Snowdon thanked Council for his selection as Town Mayor and commented that it was a great honour and he would carry out the role to the best of his ability and wear the civic chain with pride to know he was representing a fantastic town and its people.

**168. SELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2015/16**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs S Peters be selected Deputy Mayor for the civic year 2015/16.

*Proposed by Councillor M Snowdon and seconded by Councillor N S Ferris*

Councillor Mrs S Peters thanked Council for her selection as Deputy Mayor.

**169. PENRYN BY-ELECTION**

It was noted that the Penryn By-Election to fill vacancies on the Town Council would be held on 26 March 2015 and that the nominated candidates were Margaret Harrison (IND) and Rich Mitchell (IND) in the East Ward and Jim Lloyd-Davies (LAB) and Chaz Wenmoth (IND) in the West Ward.

**170. DELEGATED DECISIONS**

The delegated decision report was noted.

**171. 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 item by reasons of the confidential nature of the item. Proceedings, apart from any resolutions passed, shall remain confidential.

*Proposed by Councillor Mrs M K May and seconded by Councillor M V Bennett*

**172. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE STAFFING COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** that the recommendation from the Staffing Committee on a change to the staffing structure be approved.

*Proposed by Councillor J Langan and seconded by Councillor Mrs S Peters*

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.50 p.m.

**TOWN MAYOR**