

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF PENRYN HELD ON MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7:00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PENRYN

Councillors

Mrs S K Peters (Town Mayor)

Mrs M V Bennett, Dr J Garrett, J Langan, Mrs H May, Mrs M K May, C Mullins, K Ruby, Mrs J Tucker, C K Wenmoth and Mrs T Widdon

In Attendance

Helen Perry (Town Clerk)

Councillor J Symons – Cornwall Councillor, Penryn East and Mylor

Eighteen members of the public

152. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Edwards (car broke down), R L Holden (personal), G Rickard (away) and M Snowdon (work).

153. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

154. DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

155. PRESENTATION – CLIMATE EMERGENCY – MARK SMITH

Mark Smith gave a presentation on the "State of Climate Emergency", the areas covered included:

- Global Warming, its effects and how a 3°C increase would be catastrophic
- The impacts of warming
- What Town and Parish Councils do
- What Town and Parish Councils can do to help combat a temperature rise (including planning policy/regulations, neighbourhood plans, source cleaner energy and reduce its carbon footprint)

In response to questions from members, Mark Smith reported

- You can find out your carbon footprint on the Carbon Trust website.
- Steps that can make a difference include procuring green energy, energy efficient street lamps, more efficient boilers to control heating and cleaner ways of travel
- A section should be included in a Neighbourhood Plan housing e.g. energy efficiency

156. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests had been received from members of the public wishing to speak at the meeting, however due to the number of members of the public present, the Chairman used her discretion in allowing members of the public to speak, the main points raised were:

- Promote the use of compost bins and wormeries
- The need for an anaerobic composter within Cornwall
- Penryn Campus – there is no compost collection, and with 1,500 students all their waste is going to landfill

- Planting of trees to help with reducing carbon

Cornwall Councillor John Symons updated members of the public on the introduction of food waste collection scheduled to be implemented in 2021

157. CLIMATE EMERGENCY

A discussion took place about the earlier presentation and the ways in which the Town Council could support the initiative.

RESOLVED that the Town Council;

- a) Declares a 'Climate Emergency' and works in conjunction with Cornwall Council when further information has been published
- b) Calculates its carbon footprint
- c) Energy – when energy contracts are due for renewal, renewable energy suppliers are considered
- d) A working group is set up in the new civic year which commences in May 2019, to help reduce the Council's carbon footprint

Proposed by Councillor Dr J Garrett and seconded by Councillor C Mullins

Councillor C K Wenmoth requested that it be recorded he abstained from the vote.

158. COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED that minutes 138 to 151 of the meeting of the Council held on 7 January 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

159. COMMITTEE MINUTES & MINUTES FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 21 January 2019 were noted.

The minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on 16 January 2019 were noted.

160. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk reported:

- Email from John Simmons, Senior Electoral Officer – informing Council that a review of polling stations would begin on 4 March 2018.
- Cruse Bereavement Care – a thank you letter had been received for the community grant of £300
- Reminder of the CALC conference scheduled for Saturday 16 February 2019 commencing at 9:30am at New County Hall, Truro

161. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ENGAGEMENTS

The list of Mayor's engagements for the period 17 December 2018 to 3 February 2019 were noted.

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

Councillor J Symons reported;

- He had attended a Harbour's Board Meeting and that funding to remove the wreck behind Christie's was available, and they are in the process of obtaining quotes.
- ARC moored outside of Waterside House have put in a planning application to register as a registered children's home.

Councillor Mrs M K May reported;

- 39.3 million is available for 250 temporary homes, currently there are 267 families in temporary accommodation.
- 159 million for a housing scheme for the Langarth area on the outskirts of Truro
- South Crofty shut in 1998, an American Company is looking to invest in the mine
- The tarmacking of the main town has been completed.
- Town Fair – Titan the Robot has been booked for the Town Fair on Saturday 24 August.
- Penryn Week meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 19 February at 9:30am, Councillors are welcome to attend and input their ideas.
- CCTV Group – Penryn have completed their year as the Chairman and Clerk of the group, the baton has now been passed to Penzance Town Council.

163. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's report was noted.

The Town Clerk also confirmed that a letter had been sent by the Finance Officer to the residents of the property behind the library to try to ascertain ownership, in the meantime builders have been contacted to supply quotations to repair/make safe the wall.

164. ACCOUNTS – 1 DECEMBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2018

RESOLVED that the list of accounts paid and the monthly statement for the period 1 to 31 December 2018 be approved.

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

165. CONFIRMATION OF COMPLETION OF THE COUNCILLOR INTERNAL AUDIT

Councillors Dr J Garrett and C Mullins confirmed they had completed the internal councillor audit for the period 1 October to 31 December 2018, no issues were found.

166. SELECTION OF THE TOWN MAYOR FOR THE 2019/2020 CIVIC YEAR

The Town Clerk reported that one nomination had been received for Councillor C K Wenmoth, the Town Mayor called for any further nominations

RESOLVED that Councillor C K Wenmoth be selected as Town Mayor for the ensuing 2019/20 civic year.

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

On behalf of the Town Council, Councillor J Langan thanked Councillor Mrs S K Peters for her efforts in leading the Council.

167. RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Risk Management report update was noted.

168. STANDING ORDERS

The Town Clerk presented the Standing Orders with the revisions requested at the January 2019 council meeting.

RESOLVED that the revised Standing Orders, attached as an appendix to the report, be adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs S K Peters and seconded by Councillor C K Wenmoth

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:09pm

CHAIRMAN