

**MEETING OF TRURO CITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 28 JUNE 2021 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, New County Hall**

**PRESENT:** The Mayor (Councillor Webb), Honorary Freeman Cllr Wells, Councillors Ambler, Biscoe, Mrs Carlyon, Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons, Goodman, La Borde, Green, Nolan, Mrs Nolan, Pascoe, Rabey, Rich, Roby, Roden, Sealy, Smith, Ms Southcombe, Mrs Swain, Tamblyn, Unwin and Wilkins.

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies of absence were received from Councillor Mrs Stokes (Deputy Mayor)

Also in Attendance: Roger Gazzard, Town Clerk;  
Candidates for Co-option (Mrs Allen, Mrs Bennett, Mr Goodman and Mr Faragher).

Apologies of absence were also received from The Dean of Truro Cathedral and David Harris CC

**PRAYERS**

Prior to the formal business of the Council the Town Clerk said prayers, as the Dean of Truro Cathedral had tendered his apologies..

**74 DISCLOSURES OR DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures or declarations of interest.

**75 CO-OPTION FOR CASUAL VACANCY, MALABAR WARD**

As per Procedural Guidance of the Council, it was proposed by Councillor Sealy, seconded by Councillor Rich and

**RESOLVED** that the Council holds a secret ballot as opposed to a public vote, to select the new Councillor for Malabar ward from the five candidates.

Four of candidates came into the Chamber in turn. The Mayor welcomed the candidates and ran-through the procedures. Candidates had been invited to submit a personal statement; the statements were circulated to Councillors prior to this meeting. The order in which candidates addressed the meeting were alphabetical by surname and were afforded five minutes each to speak.

Following each verbal statement, each candidate was asked the same questions, as suggested by Councillors prior to this meeting and agreed upon by the Mayor in consultation with the Town Clerk. The questions were as follows (and asked by the Mayor):

The fifth candidate Mr M. Vella was unable to attend due to illness. The Town Clerk read his statement to the meeting.

[N.B. Point of order: Councillor Nolan commented he had sought advice and the candidates should not be asked their political party affiliation. However, as the first candidate had already been asked this question the Mayor felt it prudent to ask the same of the other candidates. Noted for future co-options.]

1. For transparency purposes, which political party, if any, do you affiliate with?
2. What would be the one thing you would want to change about Truro?
3. There is a large area of green space/woodland with high biodiversity value, adjacent to Malabar. What are your views on managing this for the benefit of wildlife and for local people to enjoy?
4. Do you have any connections to Malabar and what are the issues and priorities Malabar community face at present?

After each candidate had spoken and had answered the above questions, voting then took place via secret ballot as to which candidate Members wished to co-opt onto the City Council.

Mr Matthew Goodman achieved the votes of most of the Councillors present, as per NALC's guidance, and the Mayor proposed that it be

**RESOLVED** that as Mr Matthew Goodman achieved the majority of the votes cast, Mr Goodman be co-opted to fill the casual vacancy on Malabar Ward of the City Council.

The Mayor thanked all the candidates for taking part. Mr Goodman signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting in his new role as Councillor.

[To note, during the above proceedings when votes were being counted, for the sake of efficiency, the Mayor continued with the meeting and items 8, 6 on the agenda (Verbal Communications from the Mayor and Open Session for Cornwall Councillors) were considered, in the above order, reflected in the minutes below.]

## 76 **MAYOR'S VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor informed Members about a number of events and meetings he had attended since the start of his Mayoralty. These included Carnon Carers, an Interfaith group, Royal Cornwall Museum, the housing pods at the site of the former Carrick District Council offices, 'Learn Your Way', and the Dean of Truro Cathedral.

The Mayor also commented that it was a privilege to be Mayor and he thanked everyone for their help and patience.

## 77 **CORNWALL COUNCIL**

### (i) **Cllr Nolan CC -- Cornwall Council Committees**

Councillor Nolan CC informed Members he had been elected to sit on the Harbours Board, Strategic Planning Committee, Licensing Committee, and the Neighbourhood Scrutiny Committee.

### (ii) **Licensing**

Councillor Nolan CC commented there had been a licensing application for a terrace café at the marina that had gone to Committee, and it had passed.

### (iii) **Housing Pods**

Councillor Nolan CC commented that he had heard that the housing pods would be moving to New County Hall, however, the Estates Department had refused permission.

### (iv) **Private Housing Rental in Truro**

Councillor Rich CC spoke about the increasing issues of the private rental sector in Truro, and that despite sending the information to Cornwall Council he had yet to receive a response. Rental prices had increased drastically during the pandemic and some people had been evicted from their properties for the owners to either move in themselves following financial difficulties, or to rent at an increased rate. Councillor Rich CC commented the issue was compounding the already-existing problem of low wages vs high housing costs in the county, and he was in the process of working with others to draft a motion to Cornwall Council to introduce several measures to help negate the problem, though he recognised the complexity of the issue due to the need to change planning legislation, council tax regulations etc. Much of the issue could also be tackled by re-introducing council housing in the area, which Councillor Rich CC hoped 'Treveth', Cornwall Council's housing company, could investigate.

Following a question from Councillor Pascoe about the number of homes required, Councillor Rich CC confirmed that there were around 28,000 people on the Home Choice Register. However, he was aware that there were people who wanted a council house who were not on the register as they felt it unlikely they would ever be a priority case.

**(v) Cllr Rich CC -- Cornwall Council Committees**

Councillor Rich CC informed Members he had been elected to sit on the Central and East Sub-Areas Planning Committees (substitute), Chief Officers Employment Committee, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Leadership Board, Customer and Support Service Overview and Scrutiny Committee (substitute), Economic Growth and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee (substitute), Harbours Board, Neighbourhoods Overview Scrutiny Committee (substitute) and Strategic Planning Committee (substitute).

Councillor Wilkin asked if Councillor Rich or Councillor Nolan knew if the many lightbulbs used in the Council Chamber were low energy. Councillor Rich confirmed he had been copied into an email recently that stated they were LED bulbs.

**(vi) Councillor Wells CC -- Cornwall Council Committees**

Councillor Wells CC commented there had been a lengthy induction process for new members of Cornwall Council. Councillor Wells CC had been elected Vice-Chairman of the Constitution and Governance Committee, which would be revisiting the issue of parish boundaries and was a member of the Customer and Support Services Overview & Scrutiny, Pensions, and Standards Committees.

Councillor Wells CC commented as the City Centre was in his division, he had been talking with the businesses and Truro BID about issues that impacted the City Centre at present.

**(vii) Kenwyn Church – Right of Way**

Councillor Wells CC informed Members there was a small section of the footpath at the bottom of 40 steps near Kenwyn Church that was not currently a public right of way, but he had been contacted by several electors who wished for this to be formalised. An application had been submitted and the deadline given for the right of way to be considered by was 2026. However, based on the number of applications processed per year it was uncertain whether this deadline would be reached.

**(viii) Pydar Street (PA21/04889)**

Councillor Wells CC commented that he was encouraging the constituents in his division to look at the Pydar Street application, and to submit comments via Cornwall Council's online planning register for this scheme.

At the end of this item, as the co-option votes had been counted and the selected Member announced, the Mayor welcomed Councillor Goodman to Truro City Council as a voting Member.

**78 MINUTES OF COUNCIL**

(i) The Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Mayor Making Ceremony held on 17 May 2021 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

(ii) The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 7 June 2021 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

**79 OPEN SESSION FOR ELECTORS OF TRURO**

There were no written questions.

**80 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to report.

**81 QUESTION TIME – WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

There were no written questions.

**82 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Minutes of the Meetings of the under-mentioned Committees were approved and adopted by the Council, except where otherwise stated:

**MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

20 MAY 2021

With the confirmation that the meetings took place in person and not via Zoom, the minutes were proposed by Councillor Pascoe, seconded by Councillor Mrs Swain.

**MEETING OF THE PARKS AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

14 JUNE 2021

Proposed by Councillor Ms Southcombe, seconded by Councillor Biscoe with the following comments:

**Truro Town Deal Boscawen Park Project** (Minute 35, page 12)

Councillor Mrs Carlyon asked if the dredging of the duck pond could be included within the project. The Town Clerk responded that the project dealt with the connection of the duck pond to Boscawen Park, but the working group could consider including the dredging within the scheme, with the soil dredged from the pond being used elsewhere in the park. Councillor Biscoe commented the soil dredged from the pond had been earmarked during conversations with the Environment Agency, for use in the gabions at the corner of the park, adding it was important the dredging took place as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to dry out the soil before use. The Town Clerk responded it was very likely there would be sufficient soil to use for multiple areas.

**Public Conveniences** (Minute 37, page 14)

Councillor Mrs Carlyon asked for clarification whether this referenced the public conveniences at Green Street, and once the Town Clerk confirmed this was correct, asked for the Minutes to be amended to clarify this. In addition, Councillor Mrs Carlyon sought clarification as to the wording of Appendix B (relating to this minute) as it read ‘...reaching out to the police directly’ and she was unsure what this meant.

At 8.27pm Councillor Tamblyn left the meeting.

It was commented removing the second ‘we’ from the sentence made it clearer: *‘We encourage those people to report to the police and actively take part on the Truro Safe meetings as well as reaching out to the police directly.’*

Councillor Biscoe commented that when an incident occurs, the Public Convenience cleaning staff were being asked to report this to their manager who would collect the data and in turn report it to the police to identify a pattern.

**MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

17 JUNE 2021

With the amendment that Councillor Mrs Carlyon had tendered her apologies for the meeting, the minutes were proposed by Councillor Pascoe, seconded by Councillor Mrs Swain.

**MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

(And associated confidential minutes)

21 JUNE 2021

Proposed by Councillor Roden, seconded by Councillor Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons.

**83 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** (Appendix 1)

Appointments on outside bodies were confirmed as per the attached appendix.

**84 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS**

**RESOLVED** that for the Municipal Year 2021-2022 the following members be appointed or re-appointed to serve on the under-mentioned Committees:

**(a) City Emergency Committee**

The Mayor (Councillor Webb) and Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs Stokes) along with Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons, Pascoe, Roby, Sealy, Ms Southcombe, Tamblyn, and Honorary Freeman Councillor Wells.

**(b) Hall for Cornwall Liaison Committee**

The Mayor (Councillor Webb) and Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs Stokes), Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee (Councillor Roden), and Councillors Mrs Carlyon, Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons, plus two vacancies

It was proposed by Councillor Biscoe, seconded by Councillor Mrs Carlyon and

**RESOLVED** that the membership of the Hall for Cornwall Liaison Committee be deferred to allow the Town Clerk to speak to the Director of the Hall for Cornwall to determine the future relational position between the Town Clerk and the various elements of repair, maintenance and refurbishment of the building in order to ascertain as to whether there was a need for this Committee as well as an Accommodation Working Group

**(c) Boscawen Park Development Working Group**

The Mayor (Councillor Webb), Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs Stokes) along with Councillors Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons, La Borde, Ms Southcombe and Wilkins.

**(d) New Life for City Buildings Shareholder Representative and Working Group**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons, seconded by Councillor Rich and

**RESOLVED** that (a) Councillor Mrs Stokes (Deputy Mayor) would be the City Council's Shareholder representative on the Company Board

(Councillor Biscoe asked for his name to be recorded as having voted against the above resolution.)

and (b) The Working Group to consist of: The Mayor (Councillor Webb), Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs Stokes), along with Councillors Nolan and Wilkins.

There was some debate regarding whether there was any conflict by having the same Councillor on the working group also acting as the Shareholder Representative.

**(e) Accommodation Working Group**

As per the Hall for Cornwall Liaison Committee above, this item was deferred to allow for the Town Clerk to speak with the Director of the Hall for Cornwall.

**85 EXTENSION OF MEETING TIME**

As per Standing Orders, it was proposed by Councillor Roden, seconded by Councillor Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons and

**RESOLVED** that due to the time being 9.30pm, an extension for up to half an hour was granted in order for Council to finish its business.

**86 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2020-2021**

Following the Town Clerk's explanation that the statement was required to be approved by Council as a separate minute, it was proposed by Councillor Roden, seconded by Councillor Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons and

**RESOLVED** that the City Council approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2020-2021

**87 ANNUAL RETURN OF ACCOUNTS 2020-2021**

Following the Town Clerk's explanation that the statement was required to be approved by Council as a separate minute, it was proposed by Councillor Smith, seconded by Honorary Freeman Councillor Wells and

**RESOLVED** that the City Council approve the Annual Return of Accounts 2020-2021

**88 BANK MANDATE**

The Town Clerk confirmed this was a standard item to change the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee on the accounts to act as signatories. It was proposed by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Pascoe and

**RESOLVED** that the City Council approve the change of signatories on the bank mandate.

**89 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk had nothing to add to his written report.

**Town Clock**

Councillor Roden commented there had been press coverage on the repairs required to the clock tower. The Town Clerk confirmed that he had asked Cornwall Council that the City Council wished to go to tender for the work on the town clock. In addition, Cornwall Council had agreed to a loan for the works, and the final terms of the loan should be discussed and agreed with the relevant portfolio holder.

Councillor Biscoe reiterated the clock was known as the 'Town Clock' not the Municipal Buildings Clock, and so should be referred to as such in the future.

The Town Clerk commented that should the works start in September 2021, they would be expected to finish around March 2022, and then be followed with internal works. The Kier's cabins were also due to be removed from Lemon Quay in August 2021.

**90 TRURO AND ROSELAND COMMUNITY NETWORK PANEL**

Honorary Freeman Councillor Wells confirmed this would be his last report as Councillor Mrs Carlyon was now the Truro City Council representative on the Network Panel. The AGM took place on 8 June, where the new Chairman and Vice-Chairman were selected and there was a report on the Highways budget. The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 27 July 2021.

**91 COMMON SEAL**

**RESOLVED** that the Common Seal be affixed to any document or documents necessary to give effect to the resolutions passed by the Council at this Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:37pm

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## TRURO CITY COUNCIL

To: The Mayor (Councillor S Webb)  
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs K Stokes)  
and all members of **TRURO CITY COUNCIL**

ORGANISATION/ GROUP	DESCRIPTION	TERM	REPRESENTATION	PAST MEMBER/S
Cockin Charity	For the provision and maintenance of four cottages to lease to those the charity considers deserving, along with any surplus funds.	1 year expiring May 2021	The Mayor (ex officio)	The Mayor
Cornwall Association of Local Councils	Membership association for parish and town councils across Cornwall, providing support and advice to councils as their first port of call.	1 year expiring May 2021	Two Members	Councillors Mrs Carlyon and the Mayor
Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership	Non-profit partnership between local authorities, the railway and the University of Plymouth, promoting branch lines, helping deliver rail improvements and engaging the community.	1 year expiring May 2021	One Member plus Deputy	Councillor Rich and Councillor Rabey (Deputy)
Elliott Exhibition Foundation (formerly known as Truro Grammar School Elliott Exhibition Foundation)	Educational charity formed by a Reverend Elliott, who was an early C19th priest who held livings in various parishes. His legacy is invested and provides small grants to students from Truro, Ladock, Menheniot and Liskeard which can be used to buy books and other materials. It is administered by Cornwall Council. The committee is convened and chaired by the Lord Lieutenant.	3 years expired May 2020	The Mayor and Deputy Mayor (ex officio) plus two Members	The Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and Councillors Biscoe and Rich

Furniss Coal Charity	Provides fuel sources for heating in the winter months for those in need within the Truro parish. Has recently amended its remit to allow for non-coal sources due to the Climate Emergency and changing fuel resources.	1 year expiring May 2021	The Mayor (ex officio) plus six Members (no limit)	The Mayor, Councillors Biscoe, Mrs Eathorne- Gibbons, Green, Rich, Sealy, Ms Southcombe, Unwin
Truro Civic Society	Concerning the preservation of Truro's heritage, working with the Truro Conservation Advisory Committee and Cornwall Design Panel. Engaging local voices, and currently compiling a local list the community feels offer significant heritage value and should therefore be preserved.	1 year expiring May 2021	Mayor as President (ex officio) plus one Member	The Mayor and Councillor Mrs Carlyon
Truro-Boppard Twinning Association	Prompting friendship and cultural and historical links between the twinned areas of Truro and Boppard in Germany. Social events, and visits.	1 year expiring May 2021	Mayor and Deputy Mayor (ex officio) plus two Members	The Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and Councillors Rich and Roden
Truro-Morlaix Twinning Association	Prompting friendship and cultural and historical links between the twinned areas of Truro and Morlaix in Brittany, France. Social events, and visits.	1 year expiring May 2021	Mayor and Deputy Mayor (ex officio) plus four Members	The Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and Councillors Biscoe, Rabey, Roby and Smith
Truro City of Lights	Annual parade of lanterns, music, and dance. Working with numerous business and schools across Cornwall to promote culture.	1 year expiring May 2021	Mayor and Deputy Mayor (ex officio) plus one Member	Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and Councillor Nolan
Truro/Roseland Community Network Panel	Discusses issues that arise across the network area, building working relationships with local partners. Includes Cornwall Councillors representatives from parish councils. Local organisations and services invited to present.	1 year expiring May 2021	One Member	Councillor Mrs Carlyon
Trelander Youth and Community Association	To benefit the youth and community of Trelander Estate in Truro, supporting projects and events and organisations that enhance the lives of residents.	6 years expiring May 2021	Two Members	Councillors Green and Mrs Swain

William Yeoman Bennett Charity for the Poor, Incorporating the John White Charity.	Provides one-off grants of support to individuals in times of hardship.	3 years expiring May 2021	The Mayor (ex-officio) and four Members, together with Mr David Flexman	The Mayor and Councillors Biscoe, Mrs Carlyon, Goodman, Green and Tamblyn

**OTHER ORGANISATIONS/GROUPS** (not expiring 2021)

<b>ORGANISATION/ GROUP</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>REPRESENTATION</b>	<b>CURRENT MEMBER/S</b>
Truro Municipal Charities	Provision of Almshouses for elderly people and assists in the relief of poverty or hardship with small, personal grants.	4 years expiring May 2022	Mayor and Deputy Mayor (ex officio) plus four Members	Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and Councillors La Borde, Rich, Wells and Wilkins