

**ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING OF TRURO CITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 22 MAY 2022 at 7.00 pm  
in the large community room, top floor, Truro Public Library, Union Place, Truro**

**PRESENT:** The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Swain),  
Councillors Ambler, Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons, Green, Pascoe, Rabey, Rich, Roby,  
Roden, Sealy, Ms Southcombe, Webb and Wells

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Biscoe, Mrs Carlyon, La Borde, Nolan, Mrs Nolan, Mrs Stokes, Tamblyn, Unwin and Walker-Sunderhauf

Also in Attendance: Roger Gazzard, Town Clerk  
Reverend Simon Clarke, Mayor's Chaplain

**PRAYERS**

Prior to the formal business of the Council, Reverend Simon Clarke, the Mayor's Chaplain, said prayers.

**9 DISCLOSURES OR DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures or declarations of interest.

**Beryl Bikes**

Councillor Rich CC reported on the Beryl Bikes that were now in use in Truro and Kenwyn. Several Councillors, including Councillor Rich CC had used them and they found the associated app easy to use. Councillor Rich CC did not feel there were many in the Tregolls ward (there was a bay at Trelander, Boscawen Park and Bodmin Road) but consideration was currently being given to a possible bay at Uplands. Criteria for new bays was rigorous with the need for approval from Cormac due to traffic management. The Mayor commented there had previously been a bay at Waitrose, but was unsure if it was still there.

Councillor Wells CC added there were two bays in his division and he was aiming for a third.

Councillor Pascoe queried the pricing of the bike rental as he had heard there was currently an introductory price and he felt this was already expensive, particularly when compared to public transport. Councillor Wells CC replied that as far as he was aware, the current price was permanent unless a national increase was introduced. Councillor Webb wondered if there was any data on the usage of the bikes. Councillor Wells CC confirmed there is tracking that shows which bays are the most used, adding there is a penalty if bikes are not returned to their bays. Councillor Roby added that Inner Consulting had created a heat map from the stats to provide a visual of the popular routes in the city, which included to Boscawen Park and the hospital.

**Newham Rd/Newham Trail**

Councillor Rich CC joined Councillor Webb on a community walk at Newham Trail when the area was being filmed by a drone. The trail was very popular, and Councillor Rich CC wished to place on record thanks to the Truro Loops team and their volunteers, who utilised funding to have the trail resurfaced and street furniture added. Children in local schools had also been involved in various ways including in the designing of some of signs.

Councillor Roden also wished for thanks to the Town Clerk to be placed on record due to his work on obtained grant funding along with Cornwall Council on a short deadline.

**Compton Castle Boat**

Honorary Freeman Councillor Wells commented that unfortunately Compton Castle had flooded but thankfully the occupant was not on board at the time and had alternative accommodation. Temporary repairs would be carried out, but this was a

short-term solution. The Town Clerk had also spoken to the Harbour Master and confirmed that as from this evening, the boat was floating again.

**10 OPEN SESSION FOR ELECTORS OF TRURO**

There were no questions or comments.

**11 MINUTES OF COUNCIL**

**Council – 24.04.2023**

**Committee Selection Committee – 15.05.2023**

The minutes of Council held on 24 April 2023 and of the Committee Selection Committee held on 15 May 2023 were proposed by Councillor Webb, seconded by Councillor Pascoe, and unanimously resolved as being a correct record with a note the page numbers for Committee Selection Committee needed amending.

The Mayor informed Members that following the Committee Selection Committee, Councillor Unwin had written to explain that he was unable to sit on two Committees due to other commitments. The Mayor felt there were several options to resolve this:

- 1) A Councillor who was not on the Planning Committee could volunteer to join, thus meeting the numbers and allowing Councillor Unwin to remain on just the Finance & General Purposes Committee.
- 2) Swap a Councillor from the Parks & Amenities Committee to the Finance & General Purposes Committee, leaving Councillor Unwin to be on the Planning Committee
- 3) To remove Councillor Unwin from the Planning Committee, leaving a vacancy and therefore he would just be a member of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Swain, seconded by Councillor Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons and

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Unwin be removed from the Planning Committee, leaving an additional vacancy to the vacancy that would be filled by the successful candidate selected to fill the current casual vacancy.

**12 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

(Appendix 1)

The Mayor read out her communications since becoming Mayor of Truro (see attached briefing note).

**13 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Town Clerk read out the following correspondence:

- 1) A letter from Lord Lieutenant, following the Sunday Parade for the Coronation, thanking staff and Councillors for their help and the service, as well as Councillor Webb for his achievements as Mayor.
- 2) A letter from Philip Pearce, Transition Truro to congratulate the City Council for the revised Truro and Kenwyn Neighbourhood Development plan and its success at referendum. Mr Pearce commented that the welcomed changes provided focus to address climate change challenges. Thanks were extended to Councillors and staff who were involved.
- 3) Correspondence from Cornwall Council regarding the Community Governance Review. Consideration of the original submissions were deferred due to the pandemic, and later considered at a series of meetings at the end of 2022 and early 2023, before recommendations were taken to an extraordinary meeting of the full Council at the end of January 2023. The decision was taken for some boundaries not

to be changed, including the Truro and Kenwyn parish boundaries. Honorary Freeman Councillor Wells commented that when the respective meetings were considering the proposals, they took the lengthy period of development of Langarth into account. There would be other opportunities to propose boundary changes in a few years.

**14 QUESTION TIME PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO. 6K – WRITTEN QUESTIONS ONLY**

There were no questions submitted.

**15 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**

4 MAY 2023

As there were no recommendations to resolve, the minutes were noted.

**16 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

In addition to his written report, the Town Clerk informed Members that due to a member of staff leaving the Café in the Park, the City Council was currently recruiting. This meant the café was currently running on reduced opening times but by the next weekend it should be in a better position.

Councillor Pascoe asked about progress on the leats. The Town Clerk responded that the leats were now running and therefore this was resolved.

Councillor Ms Southcombe, commenting on the recent post of Zero Carbon Office, asked whether the Zero Carbon Working Group would be reformed. The Town Clerk replied that he was looking at different options and would discuss this with the officer, and that as part of the Organisation Review, in July the governance decision-making process would be examined. This would include consideration of which committees, sub-committees and working groups should be kept, disbanded, or created moving forward.

**17 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** (Appendix 2)  
Members agreed the attached appointment of representatives on Outside Bodies.

**18 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS** (Appendix 3)  
Members agreed the attached appointment of Members.

**19 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**  
It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Swain (Mayor) seconded by Councillor Rabey and

**RESOLVED** that the Standing Orders of the Council be suspended to enable selection of Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and representatives on any relevant reporting sub-committees or groups. Any press and public left the meeting.

Following assembly of the Standing Committees, Standing Orders were reinstated, and press and public were readmitted to the meeting.

**20 SPECIAL MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES**

The Town Clerk gave the following verbal reports for the Standing Committees of the Council, the minutes of which would be reported to the next meeting of Council:

**a) Planning Committee** (Appendix 4)  
The elected Chairman for the Planning Committee was Councillor Pascoe, with Councillor Ambler as Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Mrs Carlyon was re-elected to sit on the Truro Conservation Area Advisory Committee. The Mayor was re-elected (ex-officio) to sit on the Cornwall Buildings Preservation Trust.

- b) Parks & Amenities Committee** (Appendix 5)  
The elected Chairman for the Parks & Amenities Committee was Councillor Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons, with Councillor Sealy as Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Roby was elected to sit on the Cornwall Playing Fields Association.

- c) Finance & General Purposes Committee** (Appendix 6)  
The elected Chairman for the Finance & Purposes Committee was Councillor Roden, with Councillor Webb as Vice-Chairman.

The membership of the Grants Sub-Committee was as follows:

Councillor Mrs Swain  
Councillor Rabey  
Councillor Mrs Carlyon  
Councillor Mrs Stokes  
Councillor Roden  
Councillor Ambler  
Councillor Webb

## 21 MEETINGS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS

### **Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership**

Councillor Rich informed Members he had attended a meeting of the above, which was the first one since 2019. Many were in attendance. The introduction of a Mid-Cornwall Metro was discussed, which would run an hourly service between Newquay and Falmouth (with a branch line via Par), and down to Truro. This would increase the frequency of trips between Falmouth and Truro as the current branch-line service would still be in place. Other changes would include an e-lift at Par and a parcel loop on the Newquay line. It was thought this would help reduce travel by car. Councillor Rich added that the Pydar development design considered the land around the mainline opposite Pydar stores, so not to exclude the potential future creation of a halt.

Further discussion included on a point raised by Councillor Roden around whether this would allow for the inclusion of the Coosebean cycleway accessing the rear of Truro Station to complete a cycle loop. Councillor Rich commented he would raise this with the representative for the Mid-Cornwall Metro.

### **Briefing from the Bank of England**

Councillor Roby commented he had attended the above, which included discussion around inflation, food costs etc. The report was available to read on their website.

## 22 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 8:35pm

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