

**MEETING OF TRURO CITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 24 APRIL 2023 at 7.00 pm  
in the Council Chamber, New County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Webb (Mayor), Honorary Freeman Councillor Wells  
Councillors Ambler, Biscoe, Mrs Carlyon, Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons, Green, Hall,  
La Borde, Nolan, Mrs Nolan, Pascoe, Rabey, Rich, Roby, Roden, Sealy, Mrs  
Stokes, Mrs Swain, Tamblyn, Unwin and Walker-Sunderhauf

Also in attendance: Roger Gazzard, Town Clerk;  
Lionel Knight (Town Crier) and Mrs Carol Knight;  
Paul Richards and Natasha Webb;  
Mr Richard Tinney (Primestock Show)

**APOLOGIES:** An apology of absence was received from Councillor Ms Southcombe

An apology was also received from Councillor David Harris CC and Reverend  
Patrick Gilbert (Mayor's Chaplain)

**PRAYERS**

Prior to the formal business of the Council, as Reverend Gilbert, the Mayor's  
Chaplain, had tendered his apologies, the Town Clerk said prayers.

**426 DISCLOSURES OR DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

**Committee Reports – Meeting of the Planning Committee, Schedule 1B, 3**

**Charles Street:** 06.04.23 (Minute 433, Page 202 below)

Councillor Mrs Swain declared an interest in the above item on the grounds of being  
a trustee of the building.

**427 MINUTES OF COUNCIL**

**Council**

The minutes of the Council held 27 March 2023, along with the associated  
confidential minute, were received by Council. It was proposed by Councillor Pascoe,  
seconded by Councillor Green and

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of Council held 27 March 2023 were  
considered a correct record.

Councillor Tamblyn abstained from voting on the above resolution.

**428 CORNWALL COUNCIL**

**(i) Newham Road**

Councillor Nolan CC commented many of the businesses in Newham did not want the road  
narrowed, and a meeting had taken place with the businesses and the officer from Cornwall  
Council, but this had not yet been resolved. Tesco had refused permission for there to be a  
crossing in front of their building. The bus companies suggested the proposed changes  
would be dangerous. The Portfolio Holder had commissioned a safety report that concluded  
there was no danger, but a separate report commissioned by Totally Truro Ltd (the  
business improvement district company) on behalf of the businesses contradicted this. This  
may result in legal action.

Mr Paul Richards and Natasha Webb left the meeting at 7.05pm

Councillor Biscoe commented that it had been indicated that any legal action that would be  
taken would be made by Totally Truro who manages Truro and Newham Business  
Improvement Districts (BIDs). If this was the case, Councillor Biscoe wondered what impact  
this would have on the respective BIDs and their members. Councillor Nolan CC confirmed

that it was Totally Truro, and they would need backing from their members. Newham businesses seemed keen to proceed but he was unsure about Truro's.

**(ii) Newham Farm**

Councillor Nolan CC informed Members that someone new had purchased the land, and a dual carriageway crossing proposal was expected to be submitted in a planning application in the autumn.

**(iii) Waste Contract**

Councillor Nolan CC explained there was a planned fortnightly black bin collection and a weekly food bin collection as well as an alternative week recycling (as current arrangements), though the date for implementation kept changing. Of all the household waste recycling centres, St Austell was the busiest, and Truro was relatively quiet, with similar numbers to 2022.

**(iv) Mayor of Cornwall**

Councillor Rich was pleased that the proposal of a mayor of Cornwall would not be carried forward as he felt the resources spent on this had been wasted as it was clear it would not have been acceptable to the people of Cornwall and focus should have been elsewhere such as on the housing and care sectors. Councillor Rich CC confirmed he was investigating this further, as the leader of the opposition at Cornwall Council.

Councillor Mrs Carlyon thanked Councillor Rich CC for his efforts and expressed an interest in what the cost was for the works to date on the proposal. Councillor Rich CC confirmed it was around £60,000 but he was unsure if this was to obtain demographics for consultation or for the entire proposal.

**(v) Evening Car Parking Charges**

Councillor Rich CC spoke about the above possible fees and commented he had been in touch with the Old Bakery who was launching a petition as they were concerned about the impact on their business. Free evening parking was also beneficial to people in Truro who did not have parking at their residence. Councillor Rich CC felt that if there needed to be an increase in fees, it should be added on day-time parking as there were other means such as trains and the park and ride to choose from.

Councillor Mrs Stokes commented she was interested in seeing the results of the parking consultation as the general impression she had from the public was they did not wish to see evening fees.

Other discussion included clarification over where revenue from car parking was spent, which Councillor Rich stated formed a large part of Cornwall Council's income. Several Councillors agreed that evening car parking should remain free, as well as a request for feedback on the impact on arts and leisure groups and their ability to continue their clubs or sessions in the City should the evening charges come into force. The Town Clerk informed Members he had not received a response from Cornwall Council regarding the City Council's submission to the parking consultation.

Councillor Wells CC spoke briefly to this item as the car parks were in his division. He had received many comments during the consultation, with the overwhelming majority against the changes. He agreed that registering to reply to the consultation was a difficult process and he hoped the website issues would be resolved for future consultations.

**(vi) Carclew Street Utilities Works**

Councillor Wells CC commented that Wales & West utilities would be working in Carclew Street for around seven weeks. Residents were looking for alternative parking in the meantime and Cornwall Council would be issuing communications in the next couple of days about where this would be.

**429 OPEN SESSION FOR ELECTORS OF TRURO**

There were no questions or comments.

**430 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

**Town Crier & His Wife**

The Mayor extended thanks to the Town Crier and his wife, who were in attendance, for their hard work and dedication to the City, including opening shops, welcoming tourists, and early morning events.

**Truro and Kenwyn Neighbourhood Development Plan (TKNDP)**

The Mayor reminded Members the referendum was taking place on Thursday. The main complaint from the public was they did not know much about it. Leaflets were available in the library and there was a lot of advertising on social media, as well as on the official TKNDP website. The Mayor would be speaking on Radio Cornwall and would also do a live video on his Facebook page. He had also spent some time on Lemon Quay engaging with the public.

Councillors briefly discussed the issue with postal ballots being delivered many days ahead of any information promoting the referendum so many people may have discarded their papers or voted against as they were unsure what was being asked of them.

**Coronation of His Majesty, King Charles.**

The Mayor informed Members the Lord Lieutenant's parade would be taking place on Sunday 7 May, from around 4pm on Lemon Quay, to the Cathedral. All Members had been invited to attend.

**431 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Town Clerk read out a letter from Hayle Town Council requesting other parish councils to consider joining them in supporting Cornwall Council by writing to the Secretary of State, South West Water and the Environment Agency to hold water companies to account for the disposal of sewage in the sea.

Members discussed the letter, including the risk of contamination of the estuary, and concern that people were swimming during the disposal of sewage without being aware of what was happening as representatives of the companies were not in attendance to alert them. Councillor La Borde commented that at a meeting of South West Water that she had attended with Councillor Ms Southcombe, there was information on a website called Water Fit where it was possible to see where the discharges were taking place as they happened.

It was agreed that the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee would request this item be added to the next agenda.

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

There were no written questions.

**433 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Minutes of the meetings of the under-mentioned Committees were received by the Council, with recommendations adopted except where otherwise stated.

**MEETING OF THE PARKS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

3 April 2023

The recommendations of the Parks & Amenities Committee were resolved individually as per the table below:

Item	Min No.	Page No.	Recommendation from Committee	Resolution
Standing items (ii) Committee Work Plan	404	189	that the Parks & Amenities Manager would contact Cornwall Council's legal team to find out what the current position was on the transfer of land at Rosedale.	Proposer: Councillor Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons; Seconder: Councillor Rabey
Boscawen Park (ii) Car Parking at Boscawen Park	409	190 - 191	that the Parks & Amenities Manager would investigate the costs and legal operation obligations of the car parking enforcement and report back to a future meeting of the Parks & Amenities Committee.	Proposer: Councillor Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons; seconder: Councillor Roby
Hendra Skate Park – Graffiti Wall Signage	410	191	that permission be granted for the installation of the graffiti wall.	Proposer: Councillor Rabey; Seconder: Councillor Green
Associated Confidential Minute	407	189	Confidential recommendation	Proposer: Councillor Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons' Seconder: Councillor Rabey

**MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE**

4 April 2023

As there were no recommendations, the minutes were noted.

**MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

6 April 2023

As there were no recommendations, the minutes were noted.

Councillor Rabey left the meeting at 7.37pm

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

17 April 2023

The recommendations were resolved individually as per the table below.

Item	Min No.	Page No.	Recommendation from Committee	Resolution
Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer's Report: Audit Reports - Risk Register Update	423	196	that: 1. That the attached Risk Register is approved. 2. It is reviewed when considering new services and assets 3. That the next general review is carried out at the September 2023 meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee with any significant new risks being notified as they become known.	Proposer: Councillor Roden; Seconder: Councillor Mrs Stokes

Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer's Report: Banking and Investment Strategy	423	197	that the Banking and Investment Strategy be approved.	Councillor Rabey rejoined the meeting at 7.38pm.  Proposer Councillor Roden; Seconded: Councillor Biscoe
Lemon Quay Stakeholder Group	424	197	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the revised application form for medium and large-scale events on Lemon Quay including criteria be approved subject to an amendment on page 5 of the application form to allow marquees to be permitted up until 1<sup>st</sup> December instead of five weeks prior to Christmas.</li> <li>2. the Town Clerk enters urgent and positive discussions with the Primestock Show to find ways and means to ensure the Primestock Show happens annually on Lemon Quay.</li> <li>3. to examine how the Primestock Show and Farmers Market can be catalyst for annual celebration of agriculture in the town centre, to include Cornish Mutual, Lodge &amp; Thomas and others including Young Farmers and NFN.</li> <li>4. to report back to F&amp;GP.</li> <li>5. to consider alternative funding for marquee for Primestock Show.</li> </ol>	<p>Amendment to change the word 'consider' in part 5 to 'investigate.'</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Roden; Seconded: Councillor Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Stokes asked for her name to be recorded as having voted against the above resolution.</p>

**434 COMMITTEE SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The Town Clerk explained that a committee of five members plus the incoming Mayor and Deputy Mayor (ex-officio) would confirm the membership of the three Standing Committees of the Council: Finance & General Purposes, Parks & Amenities, and Planning. The meeting for this would take place on Thursday 18 May at 6.30pm, in the training room, first floor of the Truro Public Library.

In accordance with Procedural Guidance, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons, seconded by Councillor Pascoe and

**RESOLVED** that election by secret ballot take place to elect the five Members of the Council to sit on the Committee Selection Committee and this would feed into the efforts of the working group and the final report.

Following the secret ballot, the meeting proceeded as the Town Clerk counted the votes. The Town Clerk then read out the names of the Councillors elected. It was

therefore proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Honorary Freeman Councillor Wells and

- RESOLVED** that the Committee Selection Committee
- (i) be held at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday 18 May 2023;
  - (ii) comprise Councillors La Borde, Pascoe, Rich, Roden and Webb, with the incoming Mayor and Deputy Mayor;
  - (iii) be given power to act in determining the membership of the Standing Committees of the Council for 2023-2024.

Councillor Tamblyn left the meeting at 7.47pm.

**435 LANGARTH GARDEN VILLAGE – WORKING GROUP**

The Town Clerk read out a letter from Kenwyn Parish Council suggesting both parish Councils form a joint group regarding Langarth Garden Village, in a similar way to the Truro and Kenwyn Neighbourhood Development Plan (TKNDP) steering group, which had five representative Councillors from each Council. Officers from Langarth Garden Village would be invited to attend to answer any questions.

Members generally felt the request was positive and briefly discussed work that Harlow and Gilstone Council had carried out around what a good community would look like, growing a plan from there. It was also suggested South West Water and the Environment Agency could be included in the list of other organisations to invite to a meeting to discuss sewage arrangements and surface water drainage. Members were reminded that Honorary Freeman Councillor Wells was trying to arrange a meeting between Truro City Council and South West Water, to which other parish councils may attend.

Other comments included how good several Councillors felt the working relationship between Kenwyn Parish and Truro City Council was and considered whether Kenwyn Parish Council needed to be involved in cultural and transport strategies too.

The Mayor commented that due to resource issues, Cornwall Council would be asked to carry out the administration for the group, and terms of reference would need to be agreed. The ongoing working relationship between Truro City Council and Kenwyn Parish Council would ensure that the TKNDP was utilised and reinforced.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Webb (Mayor), seconded by Councillor Mrs Swain and

- RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk writes back to Kenwyn Parish Council expressing the City Council's interest in forming a group with them to discuss the Langarth development, and request administrative assistance from Cornwall Council.

**436 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

Further to his previously circulated written report, the Town Clerk mentioned the following:

**Staff Recruitment**

The City Council had employed a new Events Assistant but Mel Fleming who had been working in Events was leaving to work in the events team at St Paul's Cathedral in London. Recruitment would take place to fill the vacancy.

**Leats Toilets – Gentlemen**

The above toilets would be shut for around a week from 1 May 2023 to replace the flooring. Councillor Biscoe asked whether the pipework would be looked at if there

was a possibility it was causing the damp. The Town Clerk replied it was felt it was due to wet feet of people entering the bathroom and condensation issues.

Councillor Pascoe commented that on 27 March the Town Clerk had said it would be around two weeks for the leats to be operational and wondered if he had received costings. The Town Clerk replied he had not but would speak to the Parks & Amenities Manager.

**TKNDP**

Councillor Mrs Carlyon asked who was ultimately responsible for the election. The Town Clerk replied this was Cornwall Council, but added it was agreed the cost to send leaflets to each household had been prohibitive. It was suggested the Town Clerk should consider sending a letter expressing Councillors' disappointment in the advertising for the referendum.

**437 MEETINGS OR CONFERENCES ATTENDED BY MEMBERS**

Councillor Rabey commented he had attended LGBTQ training with NALC.

Councillor Roden had attended a Community Housing event with CALC, where affordable housing was discussed as well as local community land trusts. He would circulate the slides once he had received them.

Brief discussion took place amongst Members over the appropriate use of language in public settings in their roles as Councillors.

**438 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 8.18pm

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MAYOR