

TRURO CITY COUNCIL



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**MEETING OF TRURO CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2024 at 7.00 pm
in the Large Community Room, Top Floor, Truro Public Library, Union Place, Truro**

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Swain),
Councillors: Mrs Carlyon, Eathorne-Gibbons, Green, Mrs Nolan, Nolan, Pascoe, Rabey,
Rich, Roby, Roden, Sealy, Southcombe, Stokes, Sunderhauf, Unwin, Webb, Wetherill
and Wells.

APOLOGIES: Apologies of absence were received from Councillor Biscoe and
Griffiths, (personal).

ABSENT: Councillors Hall and La Borde.

Also in Attendance: David Rodda MBE, Town Clerk, Esther Greig, Deputy Town Clerk and
Cheryl Simpson, Committee Clerk and three members of the public.

1. **PRAYERS**

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

2. **APOLOGIES**

a. Apologies

Apologies were **noted**.

b. Resignation

It was noted that Councillor John Tamblyn had resigned as a councillor.

c. Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Sunderhauf, seconded by Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons and **RESOLVED** that the vacancy be run until the 2025 election.

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3. **DISCLOSURES OR DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND ANY DISPENSATIONS**

Noted.

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4. **MINUTES OF COUNCIL**

It was proposed by Councillor Pascoe, seconded by Councillor Mrs Carlyon, and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 October 2024 were considered a correct record subject to the amendment of Minute 24/739 page 157 first line deletion of "would be holding" and replacement with "had held", deletion of "on" and replacement with "and works would commence" and deletion of "in relation to the planned works". **24/875**

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5. OPEN SESSION FOR CORNWALL COUNCILLORS

Councillor Wells Cornwall Councillor Moresk and Trehaverne

Councillor Wells reported that he had raised concerns regarding the uneven surface of Boscawen Street at a meeting with the Highways Supervisor and Councillor Webb. It appeared that little more than short term repairs could be done until the completion of the forthcoming Wales and West works. He had also attended a meeting with Cornwall Council Officers together with the BID Manager and Town Clerk about car parking problems in Truro; a number of ideas were taken away for reporting back in the future. Following reinstatement of the pay and display machines in Cornwall Council carparks Councillors were reminded that the 'Just Park' app enabled people to extend their car park stay without having to return to their vehicles. Finally National Grid were treating as a priority the fixing of streetlights in the Moresk Road area.

Councillor Nolan, Cornwall Councillor for Boscawen and Redannick

Councillor Nolan reported that he had received training on pavement licencing and responsibility for their administration had switched from the highways to the licensing department who would also be responsible for enforcement. Applications had to be dealt with within 21 days. He commented that it had taken three years for the Pen an Dre development access roads to be adopted and the roads at the Tolgarrick development were still currently unadopted. Finally, he confirmed that there would be some form of public access to open space on the Dudman Farm development. He agreed to find out (a) if a 20-mph limit would be applied to the Higher Newham Farm development and (b) if the railway bridge would be integrated into the Dudman Farm estate.

Councillor Rich, Cornwall Councillor for Tregolls

Councillor Rich expressed disappointment that he had been contacted as a local member very late in the planning process regarding the potential redevelopment of a former compound close to the Tregurra Park and Ride.

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6. OPEN SESSION FOR ELECTORS OF TRURO

None.

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7. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk circulated plans for the final design and refurbishment of Lemon Quay which had just been received that day. Regarding the New Life for City Buildings project, he confirmed that the creation of properties for use as short term holiday lets and second homes was not eligible for grant support as the priority was for permanent resident accommodation and/or commercial space. In response to a question about whether there was any conditions in place to prevent a residential property created with support from the New Life for City Buildings project being used as a short term holiday let he confirmed that there was nothing in the Grant Funding Agreement to prevent this but as Government was proposing to require a planning application for change of use Truro City Council would have the opportunity to object to any application in the future should it so wish. Report **noted**.

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8. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**
The Mayor's report was taken as read and **noted.** 24/879
9. **VERBAL OR WRITTEN PORTFOLIO REPORTS OF MEETINGS OR CONFERENCES ATTENDED BY MEMBERS**
Councillor Rich reported that almost a million people had used the Maritime line so far that year. Councillor Southcombe reported that she and Councillor Wetherill had recently attended a meeting of Cornwall Community Flood Forum at Wadebridge. 24/880
10. **QUESTION TIME PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO. 6K – WRITTEN QUESTIONS ONLY**
None. 24/881
11. **AGENDA ITEMS**
- a) The Minutes of The Truro Nature Recovery Forum Meeting held 17 October 2024 were **noted.** 24/882
- b) The Minutes of The Furniss Coal Distribution Committee held 4 November 2024 were **noted.** 24/883
- c) The Minutes of The Parks and Amenities Committee held 4 November 2024 were **noted.** 24/884
- d) The Minutes of The Planning and Licensing Committee held 7 November 2024 were **noted.** 24/885
- e) The Minutes of The Truro Nature Recovery Forum Held 11 November 2024 were **noted.** 24/886
- f) The Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Held 11 November 2024 were **noted.** It was noted Minute F/24 850 Committee Meeting Attendance had already been implemented. 24/887
- g) The Minutes of the Staffing Committee Held 18 November 2024 were **noted.** 24/888
Minute S/24/866 Employee handbook review: Dignity at Work Policy
It was proposed by Councillor Roden, seconded by Councillor Roby, and **RESOLVED** that the Dignity at Work Policy be adopted. 24/889
- h) **Confirmation of the Appointment of an Internal Auditor**
It was **noted** that the Internal Auditor had been appointed for a term of three years from 2024 to 2027. The Internal Auditor's report was also **noted.** 24/890
- i) **Budget**
The summary of the budget preparation was **noted.**
It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Roden, and

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RESOLVED that the Responsible Finance Officer provide three potential budget models to the Budget Working Group: (a) 5.6% plus the additional costs because of the budget (i.e. changes to National Insurance and minimum wage thresholds), (b) 5.6% absorbing the additional costs because of the budget (i.e. changes to National Insurance and minimum wage thresholds) and (c) around 2.1%, the cost of the additional costs because of the budget (i.e. changes to National Insurance and minimum wage thresholds).

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j) Application for Grant

It was proposed by Councillor Webb, seconded by Councillor Rabey, and **RESOLVED** that a grant of £650.00 be made to the Truro Old Cornwall Society to support a Cathedral service featuring carols of Padstow. **24/892**

k) Christmas Opening Times

It was **noted** that the office will be officially closed between Christmas and New Year. The library would reopen on 30 December 2024. **24/893**

l) Credit Card for Visitor Information Centre

It was proposed by Councillor Wells, seconded by Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons, and **RESOLVED** to apply for one credit card for the Visitor Information Centre with an initial limit of £500, Deputy Town Clerk/ Responsible Finance Officer to increase to a limit of £1,000 as necessary, to facilitate purchase of stock and postage. **24/894**

m) Parks and Amenities Committee Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Nolan, seconded by Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons, and **RESOLVED** that the vacancy be run on the Parks and Amenities Committee until the 2025 election. **24/895**

n) William Yeoman Bennett Charity for the Poor Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Unwin, and **RESOLVED** that the vacancy be run on the William Yeoman Bennett Charity for the Poor until the 2025 election. **24/896**

o) Furniss Coal Distribution Committee

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons, and **RESOLVED** that the membership of the Furniss Coal Distribution Committee be reviewed in 2025. **24/897**

12. CORRESPONDENCE **24/898**

The following correspondence was received and **noted**:

a. The letter dated 11 November 2024 from Kenwyn Community Association regarding Remembrance Day was **noted**. **24/899**

b. It was **noted** that the Planning Committee would be receiving a presentation on the proposal on 28 November. It was proposed by Councillor Wells,

seconded by Councillor Pascoe, and **RESOLVED** that authority be delegated to the Planning Committee to respond to the consultation. 24/900

- c. The email dated 14 November 2024 from Cornwall Council's Chair Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) cross-party working group was **noted**. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Wells, and **RESOLVED** that Truro City Council support the 16 days of action against gender-based violence campaign. 24/901

- d. Emails dated 14 November and 23 October from Cornwall Council's Emergency Management Manager regarding telecommunications resilience planning were **noted**. It was proposed by Councillor Webb, seconded by Councillor Pascoe, and **RESOLVED** that Cornwall Council be informed that Truro City Council have neither the skills or the resources to undertake telecommunications resilience planning and the relevant body be advised it should undertake that duty. 24/902

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, and **RESOLVED** that in accordance with s1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items by reason of their confidential or special nature: contracts and business planning. 24/903

a. Confidential Minutes of the Parks and Amenities Committee held 4 November 2024

The confidential Minute was **noted**. 24/904

b. Regenco Business Case

A wide-ranging discussion took place.

At 9.26 pm it was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by the Councillor Rabey, and **RESOLVED** that the meeting continue until 22:00 to enable to the item to be concluded. 24/905

It was proposed by Councillor Roden seconded by Councillor Rich, and **RESOLVED** that:

- i. It **noted** the contents of the report.
- ii. It **noted** that it has been agreed with the Town Deal Programme Management Office that the grant rate for the direct purchase and refurbishment element of the New Life for City Buildings Project can be increased to 100% therefore Truro City Council will not have to match fund any of the investments made by Regenco.
- iii. On this basis the outline Regenco Business plan as detailed in the report be approved so that the Regenco Board can progress with the Direct Purchase and refurbishment element of the New Life for City Buildings project without

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further delay subject to (a) any purchase being subject to satisfactory surveys and title searches being received and (b) that the Regenco Board consider the inclusion of a 'local connection' requirement in the rent/sale of the properties as it was felt that this would contribute to helping alleviate local housing issues.

[Councillor Mrs Carlyon requested that her name be recorded as having voted against the motion.] **24/906**

14. READMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, and **RESOLVED** that the press and public be invited back into the meeting. **24/907**

15. ITEMS AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the Precept meeting was scheduled for 27 January 2025. An agenda item Truro City Council Off-Street Car Parking Order 2025 would be considered at a future meeting. **24/908**

16. URGENT BUSINESS

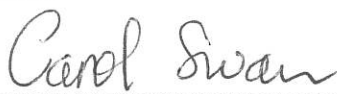
The Deputy Town Clerk reported an issue with the Café front doors at Boscawen Park. To date one quotation of £6,800 had been received to convert the entrance to a sliding door. This was an unbudgeted item.

It was proposed by Councillor Pascoe, seconded by the Mayor, and **RESOLVED** that (a) three quotations be sought for a sliding door and (b) the main opening doors to the Café in the Park building be replaced with a sliding door. **24/909**

17. COMMON SEAL

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, and **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. **24/910**

The meeting closed at 21:50.


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