

TRURO CITY COUNCIL



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MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD 19 DECEMBER 2024 AT 1900

PRESENT: Councillors Pascoe (Chairman), Wetherill (Vice-Chairman), Swain (Mayor), Mrs Carlyon, Nolan, Mrs Nolan, and Webb.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor La Borde and David Rodda (Town Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Griffiths, Green, Unwin, and Rabey. [Personal]

- 1 COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES** P/24/954
The apologies were **noted**.
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** P/24/955
None.
- 3 MINUTES** P/24/956
- a** The minutes of the Planning & Licensing Committee meeting held on 28th November 2024 were considered for accuracy. It was proposed by Councillor Swain, seconded by Councillor Wetherill, and **RESOLVED** that they were considered a true and correct record.
- b** The minutes of the Truro Conservation Area Advisory Committee meeting held on 07th December 2024 were received and **noted**. P/24/957
- 4 PLANNING CONSULTATION** P/24/958
- a Schedule 1A;** P/24/959
- i. The Old Vicarage Kenwyn Close Truro Cornwall TR1 3DX (PA24/08516)
 - ii. 34 Chirgwin Road Truro Cornwall TR1 1TT (PA24/09092)
 - iii. 6 The Avenue Truro Cornwall TR1 1HT (PA24/08812)
- It was proposed by Councillor Swain, seconded by Councillor Wetherill, and **RESOLVED** that Truro City Council support the applications within schedule 1A.
- b Schedule 1B;** P/24/960
- i. Bosallen 2 Union Place Truro Cornwall TR1 1EP (PA24/08857)
 - ii. Bosallen 2 Union Place Truro Cornwall TR1 1EP (PA24/08858)
 - iii. First & Second Floor Offices 9 River Street Truro Cornwall TR1 2SQ (PA24/09204)
 - iv. First & Second Floor Offices 9 River Street Truro Cornwall TR1 2SQ (PA24/09205)
 - v. Cornwall Council County Hall Treyew Road Truro Cornwall TR1 3AY (PA24/09182)

It was proposed by Councillor Swain, seconded by Councillor Pascoe, and **RESOLVED** that Truro City Council support the applications within schedule 1B with the exception of i. PA24/08857 & ii. PA24/08858 having been moved to schedule 2 for discussion.

c Schedule 2

P/24/961

i Land at Boscawen Park Malpas Road Truro Cornwall TR1 1SG (PA24/08479)

P/24/962

A Councillor started discussion commenting on the unclear identification of cycle storage in the plans, assuming that it would be covered, it was suggested that the provision should be increased to 20 spaces and a bay for e-bikes hire. Members felt that despite the references to sustainable transport in the application not enough had been done to support this.

It was raised that due to the way this project is funded the plans were more malleable than other applications.

The committee had concerns of the current bus connections but recognising this as a wider Truro issue and by recommendation from the Town Clerk, chose to discuss this at the Truro Transport Strategy Working Group.

Members turned the discussion toward the storage provision, suggesting that it be revisited accounting for the differing requirements from the potential uses. The fenestration specification was also requested to be that of high resistance to breaking caused by ball games.

Members were pleased overall with the application, having demanded a lot from a tight budget.

It was proposed by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Swain, and **RESOLVED** that Truro City Council support the application requesting that:

1. Space be made for a covered cycle store with capacity for at least twenty cycles and that has provision for future expansion if necessary.
2. Space be created for an ebike hire bay so that the facility can be connected to the ebike hire network in Truro.
3. On the ground floor windows of the sports hall facing the park adequate shielding is included in the design (e.g. blinds, curtains or alternate technology) to prevent low evening sunlight from distracting those playing sports in the main hall.
4. On the ground floor windows of the sports hall facing the park the specification for the glass used to be a highly resistant glazing in order to prevent damage from impact from projectile sports equipment and ball games.
5. The external lighting is appropriately designed for the amenity area and use as it needs to be sufficient for the safety of users of the site whilst also having minimal negative impact on the insects and fauna present at Boscawen Park.

ii 14 Broad Street Truro Cornwall TR1 1JD (PA24/08944)

P/24/963

It was briefly questioned why a crown reduction could not be used to achieve the desired outcome at which point members highlighted the comments of the forestry officer agreeing that the tree should be felled.

It was proposed by Councillor Swain, seconded by Councillor Mrs Carlyon, and **RESOLVED** that Truro City Council support the application subject to the planting of a suitable replacement.

iii The Flat 15 Frances Street Truro Cornwall TR1 3DN (PA24/09383) P/24/964

It was proposed by Councillor Swain, seconded by Councillor Webb, and **RESOLVED** that Truro City Council support the application adding that the lease referenced to in the application was not available.

iv Truro School Trennick Lane Truro Cornwall TR1 1TH (PA24/09378) P/24/965

It was proposed by Councillor Pascoe, seconded by Councillor Swain, and **RESOLVED** that Truro City Council support the application.

v 6 Trennick Row Malpas Road Truro Cornwall TR1 1LQ (PA24/08877) P/24/966

Members considered the proposal appropriate noting that others in the parade have had similar works.

It was proposed by Councillor Swain, seconded by Councillor Mrs Carlyon, and **RESOLVED** that Truro City Council support the application.

b.i Bosallen 2 Union Place Truro Cornwall TR1 1EP (PA24/08857 & PA24/08858) P/24/967

& ii The committee accepted the step to raise, a good precaution against flooding but thought that the modern design was jarring in one of the oldest parts of Truro. The visibility from the riverside walk was also considered. Ultimately it was highlighted that the applicant had good reason for this design change to what was previously granted otherwise this would not be being heard.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Nolan, seconded by Councillor Swain, and **RESOLVED** that Truro City Council support the application.

[Councillor Mrs Carlyon requested that her vote against this motion be recorded.]

5 LICENSING P/24/968

None.

6 URGENT APPLICATIONS P/24/969

5-Day Protocol - 8 Cathedral Lane Truro (PA23/07796) Application for Consent to Display an Advertisement, namely the siting of two fascia signs and three hanging signs above the shop.

Members were satisfied with the case officer's negotiation with the applicant to change material from UPVC to wood.

It was proposed by Councillor Webb, seconded by Councillor Swain, and **RESOLVED** that Truro City Council reply agreeing with the officer's recommendation (option 1).

7 CORRESPONDENCE P/24/970

A letter was received after publication of the agenda from Marazion Town Council, the chairman gave a parse of the letter, that the members of the Town Council had voted a motion of no confidence in Cornwall Councils Planning and Licensing department notably for their view that there is a lack

of enforcement. The committee wished for this to be put on the agenda for discussion at the next Planning and Licensing Committee Meeting and Full Council Meeting.

8 DELEGATION OF POWER

P/24/971

It was **noted** that the decisions made using Standing Order 17. b Matters of Urgency were as follows:

- a. PA24/09099 Hollynbank 1 Pendrea Wood Truro Cornwall TR1 3RG
Object
- b. PA24/01424/PREAPP 25 Copes Gardens Truro Cornwall TR1 3SN
Support
- c. PA24/01425/PREAPP Land North East Of 9 Copes Gardens Truro Cornwall
Support
- d. PA24/07151 and PA24/07152 Royal Cornwall Museum 25 River Street Truro
Cornwall TR1 2SJ
Support

9 DECISIONS

P/24/972

The decisions by Cornwall Council since the last meeting of the planning committee were **noted**.

10 CONSULTATION ON CORNWALL COUNCIL'S MALPAS TRANSPORT SCHEME

P/24/973

The Town Clerk introduced the scheme for members making it clear that this was to be done under Cornwall Councils permitted development. He reported that Cornwall Council thought Truro City Council would take on the maintenance of the previously so called 'pocket park'; the Town Clerk suggested that the position of the Council should be that without a commuted sum for 25 years no maintenance responsibility should be accepted.

Members then moved into discussion primarily focusing on

1. The pointlessness of the park especially given its cost and the ways the sum could have been spent on more beneficial projects for the town.
2. The schemes goal of creating a space that is not traffic dominated.
3. Concern that the park will become a nuisance hangout area.

It was reinforced that resurfacing works of the road and pavement would have been a better spend rather than the poorly planted 'pocket park' that should have more low shrubbery as a report found Truro is lacking in compared to the cut grass that is boring.

It was proposed by Councillor Pascoe, seconded by Councillor Mrs Carlyon and **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk draft and send a letter in response to the consultation, once the Chairman has given his approval.

11 TRURO TRANSPORT STRATEGY WORKING GROUP

P/24/974

The Town Clerk confirmed that his report was still to be completed, but with a new manager in post progress should be made in 2025. He reported upon the importance to establish TCC's position before Cornwall Council start their work and a study that had been commissioned into the real economy of Truro.

12 TERMS OF REFERENCE

P/24/975

The Chairman gave the committee a brief reminder of the reasons for the trial of a three weekly meeting schedule each councillor then gave their thoughts, the key points raised were; attendance, members felt that this had dropped and that it was difficult for some to make every meeting due to being volunteers and having other commitments; the additional work that was required of planning committee members over those of other committees; popularity of the committee.

Members noted that the changes in national planning policy would mean more applications, with Cornwall alone having to deliver an additional 1500 houses a year as well as evidence a 5-year housing supply.

The Town Clerk agreed to talk with other town and parish councils to establish how they plan on operating their Planning Committees.

It was proposed by Councillor Swain, seconded by Councillor Webb and **RESOLVED** that the Planning and Licensing Committee continue to meet every three weeks and make recommendation to the next council.

13 CHAIRMANS REPORT

P/24/976

The chairman thanked the Committee Clerk for his dedication to the job and seeming years of experience in role despite starting in April. He then wished all in attendance a good Christmas.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

P/24/977

The date of the next meeting is 9th January 2025.

The meeting closed at 2031.

Chairman