

## **SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a Meeting of Saltash Town Council held in The Guildhall on Thursday 18th December 2008 at 7.00 pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors D Holley (Chairman), R Austin, R Bickford, N Challen, P Clements, M Gee, Mrs S Hooper MBE, Mrs Merryn Killeya, Mrs F Knight, B Reid, P Stephens ISM, D Yates

**ALSO PRESENT** Mr B Carter (Saltash Gateway Community Interest Company (CIC))  
Reverend N Slateford (Mayor's Chaplain)  
Mrs M Small (Town Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors G Ellison (illness), A Killeya (illness), C Oakes (illness), C Riches (representing Town Council at meeting)

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### **PRAYERS**

Prayers were offered by the Mayor's Chaplain.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Councillor Holley reported that he had had a very busy month and some of the events which he had attended were the Churchtown Farm meeting, the Town quiz, a visit to the Scouts Headquarters, the Guides, Age Concern Christmas party, Newells Christmas competition, many of the Primary Schools Christmas events, presentation of GCSE certificates at Saltash.net Community School, and the Residential Homes. Together with the Town Clerk, he had attended the Legal Service at Truro. He also thanked everyone connected with the Christmas event for making it such a wonderful evening.

Councillor Mrs Hooper reported that she had been to Burraton and Bishop Cornish Primary Schools and the senior citizens party at Saltash.net Community School.

Mrs N Cox read a letter thanking the Town Council for all the hard work they had put in regarding the planning applications by Sainsburys and asked if it was possible for Kimberly Stadium to be transferred to Saltash Town Council. Councillor Holley stated that he will have the letter put on the One Cornwall Agenda meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> January for discussion.

### **POLICE REPORT**

There was no report.

### **SALTASH GATEWAY COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY (CIC)**

Mr Brian Carter presented the report for December. Consultations on the Fore Street regeneration study were held during the Cornwall College open evening and the Christmas event and the results are now being collated. A consultation exercise with local businesses will be undertaken in January. DFES has amended the criteria for the National Building Schools for the future which has put the re-build of Saltash.net Community School at a very much lower priority compared to the present. Mr Carter reported that a meeting is planned for the New Year with Colin Cresswell from the District Council and Colin Breed MP to progress the project further. The finance report was noted and Mr Carter reported a letter sent to the Council requesting the payment of £10,000 towards the employment of Officers

for CIC and the £10,000 for projects. The Town Clerk advised that this had been submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee and a breakdown of costs incurred is required and she will respond directly to Mr Williams.

The Health Strategy Group met recently and a bid for additional Government Funding has been submitted. It is suggested that the Town Council might wish a representative to join the Group. It was noted that Councillors Mrs Hooper and Mrs Knight had been nominated earlier to join any future group. Councillor Holley asked if a copy of the full Health Strategy report could be sent to the Clerk so that all Councillors to receive a copy.

In answer to a question Mr Carter confirmed that parcels of land have been sold off at Broadmoor Farm.

### **COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

Councillor Holley reported that County Councillor Preston was unable to be present but had stated that he personally favours Option one for review of the boundaries for Community Networks, i.e.4 Community Networks of Liskeard, Looe and Torpoint, Saltash and Callington. He also reported that some of the new signage to prevent lorries going to Trehan and Trematon have been erected.

### **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

It was noted that Malcolm Brown had attended the Parish and Town Councils meeting regarding the options for review of the boundaries and it looks like Option 1 is not going to be possible. It was noted that the Planning application for a wind farm at Pensilva had been rejected.

Councillor Stephens reported that there is a review of the Management Plan for the Tamar Valley AONB taking place and this is expected to last six months and then there will be a revised plan in operation.

It was reported that the Audit Committee is now looking to make sure that all preparations are made for the transfer to the County Council and that the accounts are all satisfactory before being passed over.

**(Councillor Mrs Merryn Killeya arrived)**

Councillor Austin stated that he had seen Mr Masters regarding the possibility of some money coming from Caradon to put in the services for the new extension to the cemetery. Mr Masters had suggested that the Town Council write to the Cabinet to ask if they could put anything towards this as if the Town Council do not undertake the provision of the extension, this it would fall on the District Council.

### **QUESTIONS**

- (a) Mrs Keith enquired if the Council could ask the bus company if the 33, instead of going around on the same route, is it possible it could go down the Babis Farm area. This will be raised at the Industry, Commerce, Transportation and Tourism committee.
- (b) Mrs Syass asked what has happened to the application for Town Green status for Warfelton. Enquiries will be made with Mr Foster at the District Council.

**185/08/09      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Bickford and Austin declared a prejudicial interest in any financial matters relating to the Gateway Community Interest Company as they are Directors and will leave the meeting if raised.

**186/08/09      MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meetings held on 20<sup>th</sup> November and 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008, be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the deletion of the name of P Stephens ISM in the list of those present at the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December..

**187/08/09      MATTERS ARISING**

146/08/09(d) The item regarding the unlock democracy letter will be raised again when Councillor Riches is at a future meeting.

154/08/09 The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to Highways regarding the width of the road opposite the Police Station and a reply was awaited.

173/08/09(e) Councillor Yates reported that he had reviewed the multi agency response plan for the A38 Saltash Tunnel and the Town Council should bear in mind that the Guildhall is a survivor reception center. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) the Council follow up the system for requesting the Guildhall to be open and what resources they would wish to have.
- (b) JCouncillor Yates represents the Town Council at future silver tactical meetings
- (c) enquiries are made to query the review of the plan with the demise of Caradon District Council

**188/08/09      SALTASH GATEWAY COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY (CIC)**

Councillor Austin stated that he has reservations regarding the Fore Street Regeneration Report as he feels that the company do not have a vision for the re-generation of Fore Street and together with Councillor Gee, he will keep an eye on this issue.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillors Mrs Hooper and Mrs Knight represent the Town Council on the Health Strategy Group.

**189/08/09      FINANCE**

(a) The following receipts in November 2008, were confirmed.

	£
Guildhall Hire	215.40
Burial Board	225.00

(b) The following payments in November 2008, were noted.

	£ p	£ p	
	Gross	Excl VAT	Remarks
H3G	16.00	13.62	Mobile phone
Caradon DC	635.00		Guildhall rates
Speedy Hire	147.85	125.83	Barriers Dec 2007
CALC	1679.52	1536.61	Subscription
D Holley	2018.40		Mayor's allowance (pt)
The Brunel	400.00		Toilet scheme
The Railway Hotel	400.00		Toilet scheme
Caradon DC	11141.37	10265.50	CCTV
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saltash Scout Group	400.00		Messenger delivery September
K Abraham	285.00		Internal audit
C Richings	26.40		Travel to First Aid Course
Eclipse Internet	23.95	20.38	Broadband
Simon Shaw	65.00		Repair Gents Toilet
Grantham Piano Ltd	94.00		Tune pianos
P Brooks	28.80		Travel to First Aid Course
Alan Packer	50.00		Council photograph
M Bailey	40.00		Window cleaner
Daniel King	140.00		Bagpipes Remembrance
Elaine Davies Jazz Band	250.00 (cash)		Christmas event
R Elford	200.00		Jester
E L Stroud	200.00		Wurlitzer
JWMP	850.00		Flava
Cornwall CC	39.19		Superannuation 07/08
Staff salaries	6876.47		Staff salaries
Petty cash	250.00		Petty cash

## 190/08/09 PLANNING

(a) It was noted that District Councillors voted upon the information before them at this meeting but in the light of subsequent information received at the District Council, Councillors may vote differently at that meeting.

(b) Applications for consideration:

Date received	Application no.	Details of application
04.12.2008	08/02062/FUL	Mr G House - <b>27 St Georges Road</b> - installation of dormer window to front elevation. <b>It was unanimously RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL subject to no neighbour objection.</b>

(c) The Town Clerk reported that there were no decisions taken by the District Council which were contrary to the recommendations made by the Town Council.

- (a) A letter was reported from the District Council concerning a review of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Shoreline Management Plan. Councillor Gee stated that the plans should be looked at carefully as it could affect the price of properties in certain areas.

Councillor Austin stated that the Saltash Environmental Action Group (SEA) is looking at climate change and maybe they ought to consider a pilot scheme to see what this would mean to Saltash.

Councillor Mrs Merryn Killea asked if the Ashtorre Centre/pier are lower than the houses along the Waterside. Councillor Holley pointed out that estimates for tidal rise vary considerably and is unknown. Councillor Mrs Hooper asked if Forder should be considered in the plan.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Gee reviews the information on line and reports back at the next meeting. Following the review by Councillor Gee, other concerns may be raised.

- (b) A dvd was supplied by the County Council giving a Christmas Fire Safety message. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council accept the offer of Mrs Mary Keith to view the dvd and report back to the Town Council.
- (c) The consultation on the Newquay Airport had been passed to the Clerk by County Councillor Preston. Councillor Mrs Hooper asked if the cost of transporting commuters in view of the delay of the opening of the airport, is being passed to the council tax payers and if so how much. Councillor Reid stated that a report in the media stated that it would be passed on to taxpayers and it was also noted that the airport would be open from tomorrow the 19<sup>th</sup> December. It was **RESOLVED** that if Councillors wish to respond to the consultation they do so individually.
- (d) A consultation was received from the County Council on the provision of disabled parking bays at Berry Park. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council support the proposal.
- (e) An e-mail was reported from Councillor Ellison as Chairman of the Saltash Regatta Committee stating that although there are few records for the Regatta, the one for 1909 was reported as Saltash Royal Regatta. There are references to it being a Royal Regatta in 1938 and 1948 but it is not known when or how the title of Royal was lost. He has applied to the Queen to re-instate the title of a Royal Regatta and this is under active consideration by the Ministry of Justice. It would help the case if there was a letter of support from the Town Council and it was also noted that the Duchy of Cornwall has agreed to become a major sponsor of the 2009 Regatta.

It was **RESOLVED** that a letter is sent to the Ministry of Justice giving support to the re-instatement of Royal and also pointing out that the Town Council holds the Prince of Wales Cup.

(Councillor Bickford declared a personal interest as a member of the Regatta Committee)

**192/08/09      DIGITAL UK**

The monthly briefing from Digital UK was reported and it was noted that the switchover from Caradon Hill for parts of Plymouth, Devon and East Cornwall will be on 12<sup>th</sup> August to 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009. It was **RESOLVED** that Digital UK is asked to explain alternatives available as in some parts of Saltash, residents cannot get Freeview because they cannot see Plympton or the Caradon transmitters.

**193/08/09      INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

Councillor Reid reported that the Green Dragon mosaic will be put up in the alleyway next to the Co-op within the next two weeks.

Councillor Holley reported that he had spoken to Mr Elson regarding Davey's former shop. He has been advised that a second Nationwide chain who wish to use the shop have pulled out and Councillor Holley therefore asked if the shop could be tidied.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Industry, Commerce, Transportation and Tourism Committee held on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the addition of "and turn" in Minute No. 114/08/09(a) in the first sentence after the words 'down there', and that the recommendations contained therein be endorsed.

**194/08/09      CIVIC AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

With reference to Minute No. 156/08/09 regarding the Christmas event, Councillor Mrs Hooper stated that Mr Jacobs would welcome a letter inviting the children to take part in the Christmas event in 2009.

With reference to Minute No. 157/08/09 regarding CCTV, the Clerk reported that Liskeard Town Council had asked if they could proceed with the ordering of the CCTV equipment.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) the Civic Amenities committee consider inviting the children to take part in the Christmas event in 2009.
- (b) Councillor Yates attends a meeting with Liskeard Town Council and delegated authority is given to the Civic Amenities Committee to agree an option for Saltash provided it does not go over the amount of the grant or spending on the Civic Amenities budget for CCTV.
- (c) subject to the foregoing, the Minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to changing the date of the next meeting in Minute No.

177/08/09 to 7<sup>th</sup> January and that the recommendations contained therein be endorsed.

**(Councillors Mrs Hooper and Stephens declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 159/08/09 regarding Festival Funding and left the meeting during discussion of this item. Councillor Austin declared a personal interest in the application by Saltash Music, Speech and Drama Festival, as he is the Administrator at the Wesley Church which is the base for the Festival. Councillors Mrs Merryn Killea, Clements, Bickford and Mrs Knight declared a personal interest in the application by Saltash Fair as they are members of the Committee)**

**195/08/09      BURIAL BOARD**

With reference to Minute No. 20/08/09, the Clerk reported that she had today received a letter from Mr Cressey of Anthony Estates giving details for the purchase of the land.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Burial Board held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**196/08/09      POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

With reference to Minute No. 160(a)/08/09 regarding the budget for land at Babis Farm, Councillor Holley stated that he had further financial information concerning this item

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to move into Confidential Part II to receive financial information regarding land at Babis Farm and that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to move back into Part I open meeting and it was **FURTHER RESOLVED** that:-

- (a) the land in question at Babis Farm is taken on 125 year lease.
- (b) £15,000 is retained in the Precept to upgrade the land and provide fencing suitable for the public to use the land.
- (c) The Precept for 2007/2008 is confirmed at £225,038.
- (d) the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10th December 2008, be confirmed and signed as a correct record and that the recommendations contained therein are endorsed, subject to the foregoing paragraphs.

**(With reference to Minute No. 147/08/09, Councillors present declared the same interests as at the Policy and Resources meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December and in addition Councillor Mrs S Hooper declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the application by Saltash Ladies Choir and left the meeting during consideration of this item.)**

**197/08/09      APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs Merryn Killea be appointed to the Industry, Commerce, Transportation, Tourism and Policy and Resources Committees.

**198/08/09      POLICE**

In the absence of the Police, items were taken from Councillors to refer to Sergeant Dunstan as follows:

- (a) Councillor Stephens reported that this morning four Sealand vehicles were travelling from Carkeel roundabout to the tunnel at about 07:15. They were travelling together and several people witnessed them racing down the highway. It was **RESOLVED** that Sergeant Dunstan is asked to have a word with Sealand.
- (b) Councillor Gee reported motorcycles racing down Albert Road, going under the bridge and along Old Ferry Road and then going around in a circle again from about 10pm to 4.30am. It was **RESOLVED** that Sergeant Dunstan is asked to monitor the situation.

**199/08/09      CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Councillor Holley expressed thanks to Councillor Reid and Mr David Wilde for their efforts to inspect the lights on a daily basis and keep them working throughout the Christmas period.

**200/08/09      ONE CORNWALL**

Following the meeting which the Town Clerk attended with other Towns regarding One Cornwall, a draft letter was considered, which will be sent on behalf of all the Towns to Mr Whalley the Leader of the County Council.

Consideration was also given to a document giving 3 Options regarding the Community Networks and South East Cornwall boundaries.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED:-**

- (a) to support the letter to Mr Whalley
- (b) to support Option 1, to have four Community Networks of Liskeard, Looe and Torpoint, Saltash and Callington.

**201/08/09      MEET THE PEOPLE**

Councillor Holley stated that he would be in Fore Street to meet people this Saturday from 10am to 12pm and asked for Councillors support. It was **RESOLVED** that a spreadsheet is prepared of questions asked for future reference and that feedback is given via the newsletter.

**202/08/09      PRESS RELEASES**

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Gee issues a press release regarding the Precept and Councillor Mrs Knight issues a press release regarding the Christmas Fire safety message by the Fire Service and these are forwarded to the Town Clerk for onward transmission.

**203/08/09      COMMON SEAL**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to all Deeds and Documents necessary to give effect to the foregoing Acts and Proceedings.

Signed: .....  
Chairman

Dated: .....