

## **SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a Meeting of Saltash Town Council held in The Guildhall on Thursday 17th January 2008 at 7.00 pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors R Austin (Chairman), R Bickford, N Challen, P Clements, G Ellison, M Gee, D Holley, Mrs S Hooper MBE, Mrs F Knight, Mrs S. Lennox-Boyd, B Reid, C Riches, D Yates

**ALSO PRESENT** County Councillor Mrs J Mepstead  
PC S Fletcher,  
Mrs M Small (Town Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: A Killea (Caradon DC Meeting), C Oakes (Holiday), P Stephens (Caradon DC Meeting), Rev.I Souter (Mayor's Chaplain), County Councillors: Mrs B McTaggart, B Preston,

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### **PRAYERS**

Prayers were offered by Councillor Holley

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Councillor Austin reported that he had attended the Carol Service at the Dockyard, he had visited the Tamar Bridge Office and he was advised that there is a 30% increase in traffic going into Cornwall in the morning period. He had also attended the opening of Salt Mill and with other Councillors had visited the shops in Fore Street, to discuss improvements to the Civic Carol Service. Councillor Austin also mentioned that in 2009 the Town Council will be hosting the Cornish Gorsedd. Interviews had been held for new receptionist and he asked to bring forward an item on this later in the meeting.

### **POLICE REPORT**

PC S Fletcher reported that there had been 66 reported crimes since the last meeting as compared 115 for the same period as last year. There had been 26 vehicle thefts or criminal damage to vehicles. The onside football is to recommence for age group 11 upwards and is free with coaches coming from Plymouth Argyle. The dancing at Ashtorre commences on the 29<sup>th</sup> January and is again free to those aged 11 upwards.

Councillor Reid reported that once again there are problems with vehicles parking on both sides of Coombe Road. PC Fletcher stated that the Police are aware of the problems and have had discussions with the County Council. Officially the Police cannot do anything about the parking but will review the situation as there is an element of public safety.

Councillor Holley reported that at the Road Safety meeting it had been noticed that there is an increase in the number of cyclists riding their bikes without lights and asked the Police if there had been any prosecutions. PC Fletcher stated there had been one fixed penalty fine given and Police do look at this carefully as if young people are prosecuted they then have a criminalised record. The Police will confiscate bikes if considered appropriate and are undertaking an educational programme via schools. Councillor Holley enquired where the data gathered from the 30mph flashing speed signs goes. County Councillor Mrs Mepstead stated that she receives this information from the County Council.

Councillor Riches referred to Latchbrook roundabout and the speed of traffic coming down Liskeard Road to the A38 junction. He asked if police could monitor the speed in this area and also in Yellow Tor Road.

Residents in Taylor Road have had concerns about the amount of parking and also the road being used as a rat run. PC Fletcher stated that unless there is access restriction there is nothing to stop traffic going through the road.

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

There was no report.

### **CORNWALL COUNTY COUNCIL**

County Councillor Mrs Mepsted reported that there had been a Panel looking at community advertising for businesses. It had been concluded, that whilst the County Council has no responsibility for this, it may well be a role within the new Community Area Networks of the Unitary Authority to work in partnership to improve signage, street scene and information.

The executive has approved the trial of a pilot scheme for the Fire Brigade in three towns, which are yet to be announced. The Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership will be developing a strategic framework on climate change.

Councillor Reid referred to parking problems in Coombe Road and County Councillor Mrs Mepsted replied that action is being taken regarding yellow lining.

Councillor Ellison referred to parking under the bridges, stating that Councillor Preston had said that expenditure had been approved. County Councillor Mrs Mepsted replied that they are still pressing for this to be done before the summer and the work has been given to Cormac to go into their works programme next month but it will be done in the current financial year.

Councillor Ellison referred to the response by the County Council regarding the Waste Incinerator Plant at Ernesettle. Councillor Mrs Mepsted stated that a response had been sent but Councillor Ellison said that this was an Officer response not a Councillor response.

Councillor Mrs Hooper referred to the Convergence Fund for the PL12 area and enquired if any money would be coming this way. County Councillor Mrs Mepsted stated that plans had already been worked up for some schemes.

With reference to questions asked at the last meeting of County Councillor Mrs McTaggart County, Councillor Mrs Mepsted will follow up and ask her to report back to The Town Clerk.

### **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

Councillor Riches reported that the Planning Committee had approved luxury holiday homes development at St. Mellion Golf and Country Club. Therefore, the England Open Tournament may be held at St. Mellion over the next five years.

## **QUESTIONS**

A question was asked whether the new playground equipment being installed at Longstone Park will be monitored by the Police. Councillor Ellison reported that there is an element of anti-vandalism built into the equipment but that the Police will try and concentrate on the area.

### **170/07/08      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Lennox-Boyd declared a personal interest Planning Application No. 07/01808/OUT regarding Sainsbury Supermarket as she is President of Saltash United Football Club which meets at Kimberley Stadium.

Councillor Mrs Hooper declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No. 106/07/08 of the Civic Amenities Minutes as she is Chariman of the Sue Hooper Charitable Trust which has made application to the Festival Fund and will leave the meeting during discussion of the item.

Councillor Clements declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No. 115a/07/08 as he has made application to modify Footpath 17.

### **171/07/08      MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meetings held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**(Councillor Holley abstained from voting on the Minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> December as he had not been present at the meeting)**

### **172/07/08      MATTERS ARISING**

CIC    The Clerk reported that the expression of interest regarding Local Action Groups was sent to Mr Hinks and the RDA.

### **173/07/08      FINANCE**

(a)    The following receipts in December 2007 were noted.

	£
Guildhall Hire	429.00
Burial Board	225.00

(b)    The following payments in December 2007 were noted.

	£	p	£	p	Remarks
	Gross		Excl VAT		
Caradon District Council	611.00				Rates
H3G	15.00		12.77		Mobile phone
Caradon District Council	41.12				Garage rent
Elaine Davies (Cash)	200.00				Jazz Band
Hine Brothers	120.00				Hedges – War Memorial
Valuation Office Agency	299.63		255.00		Re Cemetery extension
SECTA	23.00				Subscription
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saltash Scout Group	400.00				Messenger delivery
Brunel Harmony Chorus	50.00				Christmas event
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JB Roissetter	150.00		Hi Jack (Christmas event)
A Brinton	40.00		Window cleaner
SW Media Group Ltd	193.88	165.00	Advert – Receptionist
Inland Revenue	1850.13		Tax & NI
Cornwall Cty Council	1023.74		Superannuation
Staff salaries	5939.70		Staff salaries

## 174/07/08 **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**

03.01.200	7/01779/FUL	Jameson Homes Ltd - <b>Saltash Sewage Treatment Works, Babis Lane</b> - construction of six dwellings and new site access. <b>It was RESOLVED by 9 in favour and 2 against to RECOMMEND APPROVAL subject to:(a) design of houses being in accordance with other houses around</b> <b>(b) riverside trees to be maintained in their present form to reduce visibility of the development across the river</b> <b>(c) colour of houses on the east elevations should be black/white/grey</b> <b>(d) private access road should not be blocked to pedestrians in order that they can access the public right of way</b> <b>(e) dedicate the private access as a public footpath to ensure continuity of pedestrian access to public footpath</b>
11.01.2008	07/01808/OUT	Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd – <b>Kimberley Stadium, Callington Road</b> -outline application for the construction of A1 food store including customer parking and petrol filling station and other associated works. <b>It was unanimously RESOLVED to defer consideration of the application as the District Council had advised that a revised description is to be submitted and there will be a further 21 days for consideration.</b>
11.01.2008	07/01810/ADV	Waitrose Ltd - <b>Waitrose, Tamar View Industrial Estate</b> – advertisement consent for the display of various

illuminated and non illuminated signs.  
**There was no seconder for a proposal to refuse the application as there is no safe way for pedestrians to cross the A38. It was RESOLVED by 10 in favour and 1 against to RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

- (c) 07/01761/TRECON – Mrs M Smith – **land adjacent to the Undercliff, Forder** – application for tree work on trees in a conservation area. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to RECOMMEND A SITE MEETING so that all issues in the letters of objection may be addressed. The Town Council wish the Forder Community Association to be invited to all future negotiations.**
- (d) A letter was reported from the District Council regarding aerial photograph requests for specific planning applications. It was **RESOLVED** that the District Council is asked to supply a copy for all applications.
- (e) The Town Clerk stated that there were no decisions taken by Caradon District Council where the decisions reached were contrary to the recommendations made at the Town Council meeting.

**175/07/08**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was reported from Caradon District Council stating that the Council should liaise with Environmental Health and the Police regarding any specific problematic licensed premises. If the Town Council receives complaints from local residents about specific premises, they can submit an application to request the review of a premises licence and this would allow individual residents to remain anonymous. It is also possible to introduce a Designated Public Places Order to help combat anti-social behaviour. It was **RESOLVED** that the information is noted.

**176/07/08**

#### **CIVIC AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

**(Councillor Mrs Hooper left the meeting during consideration of this item, having declared a prejudicial interest at the start of the meeting)**

With reference to Minute No. 106/07/08 regarding Festival Funding for a Festival of Arts & Music by the Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation, issues raised at the committee meeting had been answered on behalf of the Foundation. It was noted that accessibility to the site is suitable for people with disabilities. The venue has car parking spaces for over 500 cars and staff will be available to assist vehicles. The venue has been used for many large events in the past and it is within walking distance of the residents of Trematon village and surrounding areas and is 10 minutes drive from the centre of Saltash. Entry will be by ticket at a cost of £3 adults and £1.50 for children under 16 years and a family ticket can be purchased for 2 adults and 2 children at a cost of £7.50 with each child over that, at £1.50. Trematon Hall is licensed to hold 499 people and the organisers will not go over that limit as entry will be by ticket only. The organisers would like to hold an Arts/Trematon History workshop in the Town if funding permits. They would consider taking the

workshops to the Saltash Schools. Saltash businesses and organisations will have the opportunity to have stalls at the event.

It was **RESOLVED** that:-

- (a) a grant of £5000 is made to the Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation, subject to
  - (i) some form of free transport being considered to the event
  - (ii) consideration is given to putting on linked events in the Town
  - (iii) any profit is ring fenced for the perpetuation of this Festival or should it not continue, would be returned to the Town Council
- (b) subject to the foregoing, the Minutes of the meeting of the Civic Amenities Committee held on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**177/07/08**

**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

With reference to Minute No. 99/07/08 it was noted that there had been two good applicants identified during the interviews for the receptionist post. Councillor Austin therefore suggested, that in view of the additional work needed for the One Cornwall process, that one of the applicants is recruited to help with the additional work involved.

With reference to Minute No. 101/07/08 Councillor Bickford expressed his concern that the Town Council is supporting Option Three which would mean some of the street lights would be switched off from 12:30am until 5:30am and that the Town Council should not be a part of the trial.

It was **RESOLVED** that:-

- (a) an additional receptionist is recruited for afternoons to undertake 20 hours per week.
- (a) subject to the foregoing, it was **unanimously RESOLVED** that Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record and that the recommendations contained therein be endorsed.

**(Councillor Bickford voted against Minute No. 101/07/08)**

**178/07/08**

**TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF SILVER STREET GARDENS/ELLWELL LANE WOODS**

Councillor Ellison reported back that he had spoken with the District Council regarding transferring ownership of the Silver Street Gardens to the Town Council. Ellwell Lane will be referred to the Asset Management Team for consideration. It was **RESOLVED** that further discussion is held at the Civic Amenities Committee.

**179/07/08      YOUTH COUNCIL**

Councillor Austin stated that he would like to look at the possibility of forming a Youth Council in Saltash. It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Austin should look at other areas to identify the issues for and against a Youth Council and report back in due course.

**180/07/08      PRESS RELEASES**

It was **RESOLVED** that Press Releases are issued regarding the Warfelton Green application for Town status and the meeting regarding Sainsbury's application.

**181/07/08      COMMON SEAL**

It was **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.