

## SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting of Saltash Town Council held in The Guildhall on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 7.30 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs S Hooper MBE (Chairman), R Austin, R Bickford, P Clements, G Ellison, M Gee, D Holley, A Killeya, Mrs Merryn Killeya, C Oakes, W Phillips (for part of meeting) C Riches and D Yates

**ALSO PRESENT** Mrs M Small (Clerk to the Town Council)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors B Reid, P Stephens ISM  
Cornwall Councillor B Preston

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**17/10/11      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were declared.

**18/10/11      CO-OPTION OF A TOWN COUNCILLOR**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that following the co-option process prior to the meeting, Mr William Phillips is co-opted to the Burraton Ward of Saltash Town Council.

**(Councillor Phillips arrived, having signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office)**

**19/10/11      UNITARY AUTHORITY**

(a) Councillor A Killeya stated that he had spoken to Mr S Swale following the last Town Council meeting to talk about the Community Network Area but they did not agree on everything. Mr Swale does not see it as a major problem in not having a voice. Mr Swale will try and set up a computer forum blog.

Councillor Holley stated that there is still some disquiet about the Community Network Area and the direction in which it is going at the moment and it has not been ratified officially yet.

(b) It was noted that the Manager of the One Stop Shop has been taken off to do work elsewhere and therefore there is a temporary agency person in charge at the moment. The Library staff is no longer working for the One Stop Shop and staffing could be reduced at times.

(c) Consideration was given to how Cornwall Council has performed in its first year. Several areas were highlighted as performing well whilst there were some areas which were weak or not performing as well. It was **AGREED** that Councillor A Killeya drafts a letter to the Chief Executive outlining the issues and inviting a Senior Officer to a full Town Council meeting to discuss.

- (d) With reference to the booklet of Cornwall Council internal telephone numbers given to Clerks, it was **AGREED** that a copy of the booklet is forwarded to Councillors.
- (e) Following Mr Besford-Foster's discussion at Council stating that they are looking for expressions of interest to take on services by Parish and Town Councils, Councillors looked at various services in which they would be interested. Councillor Gee stated that money must follow function and services must be fully costed. Councillor Ellison stated his opposition to taking on road sweeping and Councillor Holley stated that the grass cutting in the Town is currently contracted out.

It was **RESOLVED** by 12 in favour and 1 abstention (Councillor Riches) that the Town Council would be interested in the joint awarding of contracts and review, with a view to getting more information and possibly taking on of services in the future relating to grass cutting, influencing library opening hours, weed spraying, street sweeping/cleaning, including taking over the garage in Longstone Park in which to keep the equipment.

- (f) It was **RESOLVED** to move into Confidential Part II to discuss whether the Town Council would consider to take on further land and buildings from Cornwall Council and that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting.

It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** to move back into open meeting to report that the Council would consider taking on more land and buildings but there would have to be a strong business plan for so doing and the income to support it.

- (g) The Council then considered the list of land and property owned by Cornwall Council and it was **RESOLVED** to write seeking further information on those identified

**20/10/11**

**CONFIDENTIAL PART II**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to move into Confidential Part II to receive a report on Quality Status from Councillor Gee.

Following this, it was **RESOLVED** to move back into open meeting to discuss Quality Town Status.

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**QUALITY TOWN STATUS**

It was **RESOLVED** by 12 in favour and 1 abstention (Councillor Phillips) that the Internal Audit Policy, the Community Engagement Strategy and the Training Development Policies are confirmed and adopted and that these are reviewed in due course by the Staffing Committee.

**22/10/11**      **CONFIDENTIAL PART II**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to move into Confidential Part II to receive a report on the station building. Having received the report, it was **FURTHER RESOLVED** to move back into open meeting.

**23/10/11**      **STATION BUILDING**

It was **RESOLVED** that this is discussed further with Saltash Gateway Community Interest Company at its meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

**24/10/11**      **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.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Dated:      13<sup>th</sup> May 2010