

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Saltash Town Council held in The Guildhall on Thursday 2nd December 2010 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors C Oakes (Chair), R Austin, R Bickford, P Clements, Mrs H Frank, D Holley, Mrs S Hooper MBE (Vice-Chair), M Killeya, W Phillips, B Reid, C Riches, P Stephens ISM, D Yates.

ALSO PRESENT: Sergeant A Dunstan – Community Police
Mr Les Williams – C.I.C.
1 Member of the public
2 Members of the press
Mr B Stoyel – Rotary (part)
Mr R Lane (Town Clerk).

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman requested members and all those present to observe a minute's silence in memory of the passing of Richard Smith and Kevin Branton.

APOLOGIES: Councillors A Killeya, G Ellison, M Gee.
Mr Liam Brady – C.I.C.

PRAYERS

In the absence of the Mayor's Chaplain, prayers were led by Councillor Holley.

Prior to the next item:

- i) Councillor Mrs S Hooper MBE was elected to act as Vice Chairman.
- ii) The Chairman congratulated Councillor Mrs H Frank on her recent election to the council and welcomed her to the meeting.
- iii) Mr B Stoyel, immediate past President of the Rotary, made a presentation to the Council of a plaque to celebrate 50 years of the Rotary serving the community in Saltash. The Chairman thanked the Rotary for the plaque and all that they have contributed to the community of Saltash over the last 50 years and continue to do.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that he and Marilyn had attended the St Barnabas Hospital League of Friends AGM and the St Luke's Hospice Light Up A Life service at the Wesley Church in Saltash.

Outside of Saltash both Marilyn and I attended the Law Society Civic Service in Truro with the Town Clerk.

The Chairman then read a report on behalf of the Mayor:

“During November, Merryn and I attended the re-opening of Elliot's Store following a very successful refurbishment, Saltash Town Council's Remembrance Service, the Greenwich Place Remembrance Service, the Saltash Sailing Club annual dinner, the Saltash Waterside Resident's Association AGM, the Brunel Ladies' Harmony Chorus

concert raising money for Teenage Cancer, the Saltash Air Cadets Open Evening, the Saltash Christmas Event and the first meeting of the Mayor's Panel of Youth.

The Christmas Event was a great success this year, and congratulations are particularly due to the Deputy Mayor, Colin Oakes, and to the Town Clerk and staff for the work they put in. The cadet organisations and others were also, as ever, very helpful.

Outside of Saltash, we attended the Mayor of Penryn's Poppy Ball in Falmouth and I addressed the AGM of the Cornish Constitutional Convention in Truro, to let them know about the importance to Saltash of being respected as part of Cornwall.

I was also fortunate enough to attend the Royal British Legion two minutes' silence in Fore St on 11th November, and it was very impressive and moving to see how many turned out to support this and remember those who gave their lives for our freedom. I have also continued to campaign on Keep Cornwall Whole (full report later in agenda).

In addition, the Mayoress represented the Council at the funeral of Albert 'Richie' Richardson and I represented the Council at the joint funeral of Richard Smith and Kevin Branton."

POLICE REPORT

Sergeant Dunstan gave a verbal report and updated members on crime statistics for the previous month:

46 offences in total, as against 70 for the same period last year.

Three dwelling offences.

Two thefts from motor vehicles.

Six cases of damage to motor vehicles.

He also reported that Bonfire Night had been quiet, as had the Christmas Lights Switch On Event, and that recent police activity had included the issue of ten non-payment of fines warrants.

In response to matters arising, he reported that there had been no reports of any anti-social behaviour since May at Badgers Walk.

Councillor Stephens requested a letter from the police outlining their policy for policing of events. Sergeant Dunstan informed members that a risk assessment is conducted for each event request and policed appropriately, however traffic issues are not considered as these are now the responsibility of the highways authority.

Councillor Austin enquired if the police could stop the traffic in the high street for the period of silence on Remembrance Sunday. Sergeant Dunstan informed members that the police had never performed this duty before but would upon request in future.

The Chairman reported that concern had been expressed by the Youth Council members that a recent incident at Tincombe had resulted in youths being worried about visiting the area. Sgt Dunstan responded that officers would visit schools to reassure youths.

Councillor M Killeya requested increased police visits to Saltmill, due to concerns expressed by Youth Council members with regard to anti-social behaviour at the site. Councillor Holley reported that he was investigating additional lighting for the facility, in response to a request from users, and Sergeant Dunstan reported that PCSO's make regular visits to the site.

Councillor Bickford enquired about the possible future closure of Saltash Police Station in view of budget cuts. Sergeant Dunstan responded that he had no information at this stage.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Dunstan for his report.

It was **RESOLVED** the report be noted.

SALTASH GATEWAY COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY (CIC)

Members received the following report from Mr Les Williams:

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Report from Saltash Gateway CIC

Finance:

Balances:	Current account at 24.11.10	£ 7,771.81
	Business account at 24.11.10	<u>£ 4,493.55</u>
	TOTAL	<u>£12,265.36</u>

Cheques yet to cash: LK Solutions Ltd October	£ 631.89
NET BALANCE	£11,633.56

Expenditure since October Board Meeting;

Payroll / LW /Revenue	£ 1,196.36
Space Design Sportsfield study	£ 1,151.80
Space Design Regen printing etc	£ 1,177.94 **
Observer re questionnaire dist.	<u>£ 250.00 **</u>
TOTAL	<u>£ 2,776.10</u>

Invoices awaiting payment :

Cornish Times - advert for Consultation	£ 196.35 **
Bright Solicitors – advice to STC	£ 400.00 **

NB: ** Refunds will be requested for consultation costs above from 106 agreed balance and legal costs from STC CIC funds.

Invoices outstanding payment to CIC: NIL

Other matters:

1. £15K project funding rolling forward with STC. Requested allocation of some of this fund towards the development of a community network for Health matters. Date to progress discussion still to be set.
2. A further agreed budget of some £1,800 of 106 funds is available for the Public Consultation events / materials / publicity. It is likely that an additional sum will be needed to recover the full costs of survey analysis.

Business Development:

A CIC bid has been submitted to SEIF for £300K for the acquisition of a property in Fore Street, its renovation and commissioning as a centre for Health and Social Care community activity, together with associated voluntary agencies. The bid has been acknowledged as compliant and an outcome is promised no later than January 2011. A key issue for Board consideration is how best to plan to move forward next year, with Kara Ord on maternity leave for 9 months from February and LW resigning from end June.

Project Work:

The past month has been largely taken up with Town Centre regeneration work preparing for public consultation and this will continue through to Christmas as the results of the questionnaire are processed and consultation continues. At time of writing, 377 questionnaires have been received back. *78 Traders in Fore Street were invited to a meeting last night to receive feedback on Trader questionnaires and generally discuss the priorities for Traders and the best way forward to ensure their involvement in developing projects. The meeting was attended by 18 Traders, Chair and Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Councillors David Yates and Hilary Frank, Liam Bradley and myself and proved very worthwhile. More priority on immediate issues such as parking in Fore Street, signage and access were amongst the issues discussed and the CIC has a number of actions and ideas to bring back to the Steering Group. Monthly meetings were requested and this will be arranged with the Chamber.*

The TESCO planning application has been further delayed until February 2011. A final draft 106 proposal is with the 106 committee members for agreement at the 7th December meeting, subject to which it will then be forwarded by Simon Swale to the Planning Officer concerned.

The patient and public meeting on Health issues “Changing Healthcare in East Cornwall” arranged for 6th December, 6.30pm, at the Guildhall needs an excellent turn out and all are welcome. This event is intended to be a catalyst for the development of the community network in demonstrating the both interest and need. GP’s and service managers will attend to explain new developments in prospect for the delivery of Health services and answer questions from the public.

A draft proposal for collaboration with Cornwall College Saltash has now gone for comment to the College’s advising consultant “more” and a proposal has just been received by the College. Some £10K of funding is required to progress the project further engaging “more”. (no financial commitment made by the CIC to date). Further discussions will be held with Peter Castell, Head of Innovation and Partnership, to search for a way forward at a meeting on 8th December.

The “Sportsfields” project presented at the last meeting is progressing with Ken Martin now leading for the CIC in support of Councillor Austin.

Following the last Heritage meeting, the position of Brunel House has been clarified (ground floor being let to Coral). A letter has been sent from the CIC to Enterprise Inns enquiring as to the possibility of a freehold sale of the Railway Inn though clearly it has re opened.

Councillor Reid expressed concern from the local retailers that there was a lack of consultation with regard to the proposal for a town square and the need for the immediate regeneration of Fore Street.

Mr Williams reported that improved consultation methods with Fore Street retailers were being worked up to supplement the existing consultation process with the Chamber of Commerce.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be received.

REPORT BY CORNWALL COUNCIL

Members received the following report from Councillor Riches:

“The major thing that is exercising people's minds at the moment is the Cornwall Emergency Budget & Business Plan. The government want us to cut £110,000,000 from the Council's budget. Whichever way you look at it, all services provided by Cornwall will be affected. Some 2,000 people are set to lose their jobs which will necessarily have consequences on our frontline services. Add into that the calculation that for each job in local government another four are reliant on those so employed, the real cuts in jobs throughout Cornwall will be about 10,000 (2,000 + 8,000). We were to have debated this on Tuesday, but Truro being engulfed in a blizzard meant that the meeting has been postponed until tomorrow, Friday. (I have suggested that Saltash become the administrative centre for Cornwall as we seem to have less disruption caused by adverse weather conditions.) Cornwall want to address the imposed cuts all at once - a short sharp shock so to speak - but I feel that the impact on an already poor, under-funded low spending authority/society could be dreadful. Services in the firing line are learning support for disabled/disadvantaged people, libraries (though Saltash Library seems relatively safe, but the degree of staffing may be reduced of course), leisure centres, tourist information, bus services, concessionary fares, children's services, affordable housing (Cornwall has just had a massive PFI grant withdrawn) & waste collection is being 'rationalised'.

Other than that the Draft Cornwall Core Strategy 2010 – 2030, entitled Future Cornwall 2010 – 2030, is being put before the Council for discussion & will be going out for consultation. It is a public document & can be found on the Cornwall Council web site & is in the current agenda for tomorrow's meeting - I have my agenda with me & if any councillor would like a quick look at it please see me afterwards. The strategy as laid down is a 24 page document & touches on all aspects of life as you'd imagine & is quite aspirational, with five year priorities such as: improved resilience & self-sufficiency of communities; improving health & radical redesign of health & social care services; bringing Cornwall out of recession focussing on the low carbon economy; minimising waste, increasing local generation of sustainable & affordable energy & reducing consumption; achieving a balanced housing market that meets local needs. In line with current government policy there is a section on Big Cornwall, though for my part I think Cornwall is largely run by volunteers in many aspects of life & could already act as an exemplar to the rest of the UK. (Perhaps Mr Cameron got his Big Society idea from his Cornish holiday.)

Parking is still a hot debating point & other town councils in South East Cornwall have started kicking up a fuss about the portfolio holder's attitude to differential fees through the county. Councillor Holley is your expert on this & represents us on the car parking panel.

The moves to make the police more answerable to the communities is also going forward apace & Councillor Preston has suggested that he can give the Town Council his Cornwall Council progress report at the December meeting if you are interested.

It was **RESOLVED** the report be noted.

Prior to receiving questions from members of the public, the Chairman invited Councillor P Clements to inform members on the content of a letter he had received from the NHS regarding an apology for the delay in opening the dentist's surgery, which is due to a change in use of the premises.

It was **RESOLVED** the report be noted.

QUESTIONS

Mrs Audrey Miller enquired that, despite a Town Council policy against fly posting, it was evident fly posting was occurring in town.

It was **AGREED** to investigate the problem.

229/10/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors R Austin & R Bickford declared personal and prejudicial interests, as appropriate, to any items relating to the CIC, as CIC directors.

Councillors P Clements, Mrs H Frank, M Killeya and D Yates declared personal interests, as appropriate, to any items relating to the CIC, as CIC members.

Councillors R Austin, R Bickford and M Killeya declared a personal interest as appropriate to any items relating to Rail Travel as members of SRUG.

Councillor P Clements declared a personal interest, as appropriate, to any items relating to Elwell Woods, as a working group member.

Councillor P Stephens declared a personal and prejudicial interest, as appropriate, to any items relating to the Festival Fund as the Chairman of the Mayfair Committee.

230/10/11 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meetings held on 4th November and 22nd November 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

231/10/11 MATTERS ARISING

(a) (i) The Chairman read a report from the Mayor on the Keep Cornwall Whole Campaign:

“The boundaries bill is now in the House of Lords and we have been continuing to lobby vigorously to get a Cornwall friendly amendment. There were a few encouraging noises during the second reading debate, but our chances are still no better than 50/50. We have had several thousand postcards printed – KCW logo on the front and blank on the back and I would encourage you all to send some in, and encourage others to, to:

Rt. Hon. David Cameron MP, Prime Minister, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg, Deputy Prime Minister, House of Commons,
London, SW1A 0AA
Lord Strathclyde, Leader of the House of Lords, House of Lords,
London, SW1A 0AA
Lord McNally, Deputy Leader of the House of Lords, House of Lords,
London, SW1A 0AA
Lord Wallace, Attorney General for Scotland, House of Lords,
London, SW1A 0AA

These addresses, and some suggestions for points to make, are on our website, the address of which is on the front of the postcard.
Please all distribute and send.

(ii) Suggestion for display of St Piran's flags in Fore Street.

Members considered the introduction of St Piran's flags on the flag holders in Fore Street.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

1. The St Piran flag be flown from the Guildhall with immediate effect.
2. The cost of providing flag poles and flags to be reported for consideration to the next meeting.

232/10/11 SALTASH GATEWAY COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY (CIC)

Councillor Yates gave a report to members following a recent meeting with traders at which they had expressed their views on short and long term issues.

Councillor M Killeya referred to the need for improved road signage to the town centre.

Councillor Mrs H Frank referred to the long term objectives of the CIC which were in conflict with the short term needs of the town's retailers.

It was **AGREED** that the Chairman liaise with the Mayor to consider a meeting with the town's retailers to identify the short term needs of the traders.

233/10/11 ISSUES ARISING FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL REPORT

Councillor Mrs S Hooper enquired if CNA and Localism were to be retained. Councillor Riches stated that there were no proposals to scrap or to leave it as they are component parts of the unitary structure.

Councillor Holley expressed alternative concerns and views following a debate on the issue it was **AGREED** that a letter be sent to the Assistant Chief Executive at Cornwall Council and the Community Network Manager expressing the Council's concern over any possible departure, the temporary nature of the CNA Manager's post and the possibility that Saltash may have to share a CNA Manager with Looe and Liskeard. In addition, to seek confirmation from Torpoint that they also require their own CNA Manager.

234/10/11

FINANCE(a) The following receipts in October/November 2010 were **NOTED**:

	£	p	
Guildhall Hire	231.07		Guildhall hire
Burial Board	1935.00		Burial fees
Mrs S Hooper	5.00		Photocopying
Common War Graves Commission	72.00		Maintenance payment

(b) The following payments in October/November 2010 were **NOTED**:

	£	p	£	p	Remarks
	<u>Gross</u>		<u>Excl VAT</u>		
D Bartlett	103	.00			Work clothes
Oaklands Community Centre	65	.00			Light
Saltash Air Cadets	500	.00			Community Chest Grant
Mrs J Howden	32	.47			Refreshments -Civic Service
M Hodge	50	.00			Organist – Civic Service
IRQ Systems Ltd	116	.33	99	.00	IT Support
WH Bond & Sons Ltd	82523	.73	70232	.96	Churchtown Cemetery
The Consortium	41	.08	34	.96	Stationery/cleaning materials
Nicholls & Sainsbury	689	.75	570	.00	Legal fees – Toc H
Eclipse Internet	23	.44	19	.95	Broadband
SECTA	28	.00			Membership fees
D Parry	50	.00			Piper – Civic Service
The Consortium	183	.29	155	.99	Office furniture – chair
The Consortium	21	.11	17	.97	Stationery
The Consortium	7	.04	5	.99	Stationery
S Dalley	45	.00			Window cleaning–Guildhall
Viking Direct	82	.96	70	.60	Ink cartridges
Hine Brothers	1000	.00			Grounds maintenance Oct.
Northcliffe Media Ltd	262	.85	223	.70	Advertisement – Finance officer
J&M Garden Machinery	50	.89	43	.31	Strimmer line & oil
Grantham Piano Services	52	.00	44	.26	Piano tuning
TV Licensing	145	.50			TV License
Silvanus Services	117	.50	100	.00	Tree work – cemetery
Audit Commission	1280	.75	1090	.00	Audit fee
Tamar Consulting	1076	.89	916	.50	Reptile Survey – Elwell
Simon Thomas	2000	.00			2 nd Instalment Artist fee – Elwell re Celtic Cross
David Wilson Partnership	587	.50	500	.00	Project management services – September – Elwell
Petty cash	250	.00			Petty cash
HMRC	2238	.71			Tax & NI month 7
Cornwall Council	771	.26			Superannuation month 7
Staff salaries	9101	.84			Staff salaries

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- (c) No report.

It was **RESOLVED** that the reports be noted.

235/10/11 **PLANNING**

- (a) It was noted that Cornwall Councillors voted upon the information before them at this meeting, but in the light of subsequent information received at Cornwall Council, Councillors may vote differently at that meeting. Councillor C Oakes did not vote on planning issues.

- (b) Applications for consideration:

Date received	Application no.	Details of application
15.11.2010	PA10/07319	Mrs E Buckthought - 9 Smithfield Drive, Latchbrook - construction of conservatory on rear elevation. It was RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL subject to obscure glazing to be installed to the western end of the development.
15.11.2010	PA10/07340	Mr and Mrs Horlock- 5 Middlefield Close, Latchbrook - construction of boundary wall with associated works. It was RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL.
17.11.2010	PA10/07393	Mr K Suffling – Manor Cottage, Trematon - construction of first floor extension with balcony over existing garage. It was RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

- (c) Woodacre Parkway Industrial Estate – confirmation of Tree Preservation Order.

It was RESOLVED TO NOTE.

- (d) Decisions taken by Cornwall Council where the decisions reached were contrary to the recommendations made at the Town Council meeting:

PA10/05378 – 136 Callington Road

21st September 2010 – the Town Council recommended approval.

23rd September 2010 – E-mail received from the Planning Officer asking for further comments from Saltash Town Councillors.

11th October 2010 – Comments supplied to Planning Officer.

22nd October 2010 – Cornwall Council refused permission for the following reasons:

“The proposed roof extension along with the two large dormers would, as a result of their size, scale, massing, design and positioning, give rise to an incongruous addition to the host property, destroying its simple composition and would have a harmful effect on the street scene. The proposals are thereby contrary to Saved Policy EV9 of the Caradon Local Plan 1999, Saved Policy 2 of the Cornwall Structure Plan 2004, Caradon Design Guide 2000, Cornwall Design Guide for Domestic Extensions 2010, and Planning Policy Statement 1 Delivering Sustainable Development “The Planning System General Principles”.”

PA10/05643 – 49 Meadow Drive

7th October 2010 – the Town Council recommended refusal for the following reason: The development will result in the property overlooking the neighbour to the immediate rear due to the slope.

22 October 2010 – E-mail received from the Planning Officer asking for further comments from Saltash Town Councillors.

26th October 2010 – Comments supplied to Planning Officer.

22nd October 2010 – Cornwall Council granted conditional permission for the following reasons:

“Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states that planning applications should be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. This application has been determined in accordance with approved Development Plan Saved Policy EV9 of the Caradon Local Plan 1999, Policy ALT2 of the Caradon Local Plan First Alteration 2007, and Saved Policy 2 of the Cornwall Structure Plan 2004, along with the Cornwall and Caradon Design Guides. The proposal accords with the said policies and there are no other overriding material considerations which justify refusing planning permission.”

It was **RESOLVED** to note the reports.

236/10/11 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service – Community Safety Service Plan Consultation

Councillor Yates reported that it was up to individual members to respond to the questionnaire and not as a collective council response.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

1. A letter be sent to the Fire Service requesting they fill the gap left by the removal of Hazard Alley, which was a low cost home and community service

2. A letter be sent to Cornwall Council requesting no cuts be made to road safety education as it performs such a valuable service.
3. An agenda item be put on the next meeting for a report back by Councillor Austin on carbon monoxide poisoning.

(b) Cornwall Council Licensing Team – Sex Establishment Consultation report

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

(c) Cornwall Council – Public Consultation on Future of Recycling and Waste Collections in Cornwall

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillors submit responses to the Town Clerk by 10th December for collation and a submission on behalf to the Council.

(d) Cornwall Council, Planning and Regeneration – Revision of the Local Validation List

The Chairman read out the written submission of the Mayor:

“Minute 214/10/11 e) at the last meeting I was asked to research and report back on the Cornwall Council, Planning and Regeneration – Revision of the Local Validation List to a future meeting.

The consultation closes the day after the meeting (3rd Dec).

This updates the list of documents required for a planning application to be valid, listing what supporting document is needed in which circumstances.

Nothing leaps out at me and I suggest sending a reply that the document appears reasonable to us. I do also suggest that councillors might like to have a look at the document (which is on Cornwall’s website) as it is quite interesting in terms of what is needed (e.g. when an application needs to list any PROWs involved).”

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk respond accordingly.

(e) Plymouth’s Third Local Transport Plan Consultation

Councillor Bickford reported that he was still working on the document and will respond more fully to the next meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

(f) Rural Housing Alliance – Affordable Rural Housing

The Chairman requested a volunteer be appointed to read the document and report back to committee.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Riches be appointed.

Prior to the next agenda item, Councillor P Stephens declared a personal and prejudicial interest in minute 134/10/11 and left the meeting.

237/10/11 CIVIC AMENITIES COMMITTEES 10th NOVEMBER 2010 AND 22nd NOVEMBER 2010

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee held on 10th November and 22nd November 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record and the recommendations therein be endorsed.

Councillor P Stephens was invited and returned to the meeting.

238/10/11 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE 16th NOVEMBER 2010

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 16th November 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record and the recommendations therein be endorsed.

239/10/11 INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE 22nd NOVEMBER 2010

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Industry, Commerce, Transportation and Tourism Committee held on 22nd November 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record and the recommendations therein be endorsed.

240/10/11 STAFFING COMMITTEE 23rd NOVEMBER 2010

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 23rd November 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record and the recommendations therein be endorsed and:

- i) The recruitment policy be approved.
- ii) The leave policy be approved.

241/10/11 CHRISTMAS PARKING

The Chairman read out a report from the Mayor:

“Caradon DC used to give each Town Council five days of free Christmas parking, to encourage town centre trade at this crucial time of year for traders. Cornwall Council will not be continuing this, but has stated that we can ‘buy’ free parking days by paying for the lost revenues – at approximately £170 per day. This is obviously very disappointing, though is not double taxation as it is the same everywhere. We have three main options:

- i) Choose not to purchase days – have no free Christmas Parking.
- ii) Choose to purchase days as a Town Council.
- iii) Ask the Section 106 Group (meeting 6/12) to consider purchasing free days, as a Town Centre Regeneration issue (with a reserve position of i) or ii) for if this is not allowable).

We can of course also ask Cornwall for evidence to back up the cost, but will need to make a decision now, and I gather Derek has pushed them a bit already on this without further movement.

I have asked Les Williams & Liam Bradley (CIC) and Bill Cotton (Chamber) for their input. Liam has replied in favour of iii). Bill was also supportive of this as a one off.”

Members considered the Mayor’s options in detail and debated further options.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

1. Five days free parking be approved from 9.30 am – 6pm daily from 20th December to 24th December 2010, at an approximate cost of £170 per day.
2. The Chamber of Commerce be invited to support the scheme by funding two days cost.
3. The Chamber of Commerce be requested to promote the scheme to the business community and traders.
4. That a banner be procured to promote the scheme or two subject to the availability of the Victoria Gardens site.

242/10/11 INITIAL IDEAS TO MARK THE ROYAL WEDDING

The Chairman reported that the Mayor was looking for initial ideas for how the community could mark this event and that he had contacted Councillor Stephens as Chairman of the Mayfair Committee.

Councillor Stephens reported that any activities planned would need to be cognisant of the day’s itinerary and that he would progress ideas with the Mayfair Committee.

The Chairman requested any members with ideas should refer them to the Town Clerk, who will refer them to the Civic Amenities Committee for consideration prior to Full Council.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

243/10/11 MEET THE PEOPLE

Councillor Yates reported that the only item raised had been regarding seats in Fore Street.

Representatives at the next meeting are to be Councillors Yates, Phillips, Frank and Oakes.

The Chairman reported that the Mayor had received a letter from Lidl’s declining his request to hold a Meet the People, to which he was to request a reason.

It was **RESOLVED** that the reports be noted.

244/10/11 **URGENT NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman read out a letter from Mr Hooton of Saltash Wesley Church thanking the Council for displaying a craft fair poster.

It was **RESOLVED** that a response be sent to Mr Hooton thanking him for his letter.

248/10/11 **PRESS RELEASES AND FUTURE ARTICLES**

It was **RESOLVED** that a press release be issued by the Deputy Mayor regarding:

- i) Free car parking for Christmas.
- ii) Guildhall opening times for Christmas.
- iii) Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service – Community Safety Service Plan Consultation.

249/10/11 **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.

Rising at 9.31pm

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: 6th January 2011