



## CAMELFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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### Annual Parish Meeting – 7 March 2019

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Town Hall, Market Place, Camelford on 7 March 2019, 7pm.

#### 1. Persons Present/Apologies

In attendance: Cllr Ferguson (Town Mayor), E Greig (Town Clerk), Cllr S Bond, Cllr A Burgis, Cllr M Coombes, Cllr S Elford, Cllr C Hewlett, Cllr L Rathbone, Cllr A Shaw

Also present – Speakers: Andy Gill, Joe Bischler, John Barber Pearce, PCSO Jowan Annear, Bronwen Hockerday

**Apologies:** Cllr E Grigg, Cllr R Rotchell

It was **resolved** to approve the apologies for absence

**Proposed:** Cllr Rathbone                      **Seconded:** Cllr Hewlett                      Unan

13 members of the public and 1 member of the press.

#### 2. To approve the minutes of the APM held on 20 March 2018

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20 March 2018.

**Proposed:** Cllr Shaw                      **Seconded:** Cllr Hewlett                      5-0 (4abs)

#### 3. Introduction and Welcome by the Mayor, Cllr Kirsty Ferguson

Cllr Ferguson highlighted the work achieved by CTC over the past 11 months.

- a) There have been a total of 57 meetings plus training.
- b) Completion of library devolution April 2018. The library has increased its opening hours and as a result there has been a significant rise in footfall from 11096 to 17555 (an increase of 6459) since CTC took over the management of the library.
- c) Drinking fountain installed by toilets which offers refill option, and is another step closer to Plastic Free status for Camelford.
- d) 3 picnic benches and public BBQ area.
- e) Completion of Phase 1 at the Old Cattle Market site - Skate park opened September 2018. This has proved to be an incredibly well used leisure facility and is used as much today as it was during the first week of opening.
- f) Phase 2 of the Old Cattle Market site regeneration underway. Tender process complete and now waiting for grant funding.

- g) Phase 1 of the refurbishment of Enfield Park Play area starts on Monday 11 March.
- h) Broadwood Bridge repairs start on Monday 11 March.
- i) Fish passage installed and EA currently looking at weir and banks/flood defences.
- j) Continued pond clearance, pond hardstanding.
- k) CTC apprentice Lisa Ellison was nominated and received the Top Apprentice Award from Duchy College.
- l) Defibrillator installed at Camelford Hall
- m) Successful Fun Week including Music in the Park. This year activities will be consolidated into Four Days of Fun.
- n) Bandstand roof installed together with night sky art installation lighting.
- o) Market Place resurfacing.
- p) Volunteer gardeners have continued their excellent work around town including the planters on the bandstand and maintenance of the car park entrance.
- q) Speed watch team monitoring speed in the town and will continue.
- r) Attendance at Camelford Show 2018.
- s) Royal visit by HRH Princess Alexandra to open the library and bandstand.
- t) Work on Neighbourhood Development Plan continues. Pre-submission consultation due to start April 2019 with completion December 2019/January 2020.
- u) CTC took part in Lanteglos Flower Festival depicting stained glass window in the library.
- v) Bird hide being installed later this year.
- w) Community Emergency Plan has been agreed in principle by Cornwall Council.
- x) Churchfield Car Park consultations took place: 9 August 2017 – 20 September 2017 and October 2018 – 30 November 2018. Official public consultation regarding the Parking Order open until 13 March 2019. Anyone wishing to respond, please write in book supplied at the meeting.
- y) Council overseen 45 planning applications.
- z) Grants given: Endelienta £500, Camelford Leisure Centre 5k, Camelford Hall £200, Camelford Hall £1200, Walkers are Welcome £100, Cornwall Air Ambulance £500, Lanteglos Church £1,000.  
Grants received: £35k SITA Cornwall Trust Ltd, £1000 FEAST for Fun Week, £1000 FEAST bandstand night sky installation, s106 monies £49,103k for the skatepark, £13,032 Phase 1 Enfield Park.

**4. Receive reports from organisations that have been in receipt of Town Council Grants (Camelford Hall, Lanteglos Church)**

John Barber Pearce spoke on behalf of Camelford Hall and Lanteglos Church. The money received for Camelford Hall has been spent on maintenance and accessibility of the public toilets, ensuring users and the general public have facilities they can use. It is estimated that a fair number are members of the general public. Grant for baby changing unit received but not installed yet. Camelford Hall doing really well with bookings. Increased the usage has meant more money to invest in flooring, blinds and maintaining heating. Concerns with the roof as over 100yrs old. Lanteglos Church received £1,000 (annual amount for grass cutting and general maintenance).

**5. Report from Camelford Police**

PCSO Jowan Annear handed out statistics of crime in the area, which includes Tintagel, Boscastle and neighbouring areas. There has been a 42% increase in recorded crime in last 12 months, which is high compared to Launceston's figure of 12%, and force-wide 4.6%. There were 140 crimes in total reported, compared to

Launceston which had 2,600 recorded crimes. Although jump and percentage shocking, number of crimes relatively low.

Criminal damage offences have seen a 136% increase (19-45 incidents reported). Vehicle crime has seen a 230% increase (3-10 incidents reported).

Explained that incidents recorded statistics relate to call logs. This year Camelford police have seen an increase of 27%. Compared to Launceston 1.8%. Suggested reasons are that the police are dealing with a lot of ongoing issues for the same issue. Realistic reason is lack of police presence in Camelford. There has not been a dedicated police officer since September 2017 and presence of a number of PCSO's has not been effective in tackling crime. Inspector Linden Hughes has seen Camelford's statistics and is ensuring that Camelford getting help. There are 5 police sections in Launceston, and Camelford will get an officer from 2 of those sections based in Camelford for their shift. The response officers still cover from here to Camelford so not dedicated to Camelford. Will be first to respond to any incidents. However, a Neighbourhood Beat Manager will be starting on 1 April full time in Camelford to tackle crime and decrease these disturbing figures.

Questions were invited by PCSO Jowan Annear.

**Cllr Rathbone** – With regards to criminal damage and antisocial behaviour, in particular the recent incidents, what is happening?

**Response**– The group of individuals are known to us and we have evidence they have done it. 3 of the individuals have Anti Social Warnings (similar to ASBO but a longer process – 3 warnings). They are currently on a 2<sup>nd</sup> warning – this is in regard to anti-social behaviour. However, the criminal damage is another matter. Whilst the police have been lenient in the past due to the children being first offenders, the current suspects known to the police are repeat offenders. The police are therefore going down the criminal justice route as best they can.

**Cllr Shaw** – What is the definition of “public safety”.

**Response** - Public safety could be anything (disorder, dangerous driving – very broad). Calls are graded. Any call that requires an immediate response is “public safety”. Antisocial behaviour is classed as routine and so an immediate response is not required.

**Jane Sleeman** – Speeding through the town is an issue. Does this mean that there will be more police around in the evening?

**Response** - PCSOs work until 10pm. Response officers from Launceston will now be working night shifts so likely more of a police presence until 2/3am. When the Neighbourhood Beat Manager is in post from 1 April, that person will do late shifts

**Brian Lush** – Issues in Delabole with kids on bikes without lights. Speeding also an issue.

**Response** –Hopefully the dedicated police officers and NBM will resolve these issues.

The Mayor gave thanks to Jowan for attending and answering questions.

## 6. **Presentation from Joe Bischler, Cornwall Council Resilience & Emergency Management Officer**

Pleased to report that as of today, Camelford now have a Community Emergency Plan (CEP). This is great news. Joe Bischler gave thanks to Bronwen Hockerday and all involved in creating the plan. It is one of the best plans that he has seen.

### **Presentation from Andy Gill British Red Cross, Senior Emergency Response Officer**

Andy Gill explained how the community reserve volunteer scheme works. National Scheme. It was set up in response to major incidents that occurred over the last 2 years. Experience suggested that lots of people wanted to offer assistance when major incidents occurred, but no system was in place in order use people spontaneously. So Red Cross researched other models. People register with the scheme "in time of peace" and undertake simple registration. Once registered, they go onto a database. People registered do not commit to give any fixed amount of time to Red Cross. Details remain on database. If incident happens, the Local Authority will ask Red Cross to mobilise volunteers. Red cross mobilises volunteers and look after them (location, briefed, equipped with basic PPP and anything require for roll – gloves etc).

The Red Cross had an aim to have 10,000 in 2 years. Been going under 18 months and already at 7,000 volunteers. Devon and Cornwall have one of the highest number of volunteers. Information printed out. Go online, watch a video, fill in details and then registered. Will get updates each year. Want to get volunteers to participate in exercises each year, so they get experience. Portreath exercise very successful and used as a model.

**Public questions Qs** – Is any training provided? (John Green) Depending on task involved in, might be training on briefing, but it's a very basic scheme and you will not be working face to face with people affected – more back up stuff (physical – moving equipment, filling sandbags, practical tasks).

**Town Clerk** - CTC would like volunteers for the Community Emergency Plan – please give Bronwen your details to be put on the "telephone tree". Data is secure and will not be used for any other purposes other than the CEP.

### **7. Presentation from Bronwen Hockerday**

CTC is launching the Duke of Cornwall Community Safety Award Scheme. The idea of the scheme to encourage young children and adults to get involved in communities and learn how to cope and help in the event of an emergency. Broken down into 3 age groups 5-10 (home award – grab bag, work out emergency plan on the home) 10-14 (Neighbourhood Award) and 14-18 (Community Award). CTC will be doing this at the library once a month as part of the Saturday Activity Club starting 6 April 10am 1pm. Everyone will get a certificate and badge which the Mayor will be funding. CTC will be contacting youth organisations in the Town (e.g. Youth Café, Brownies, Scouts etc).

**Questions from Public** – (Peggy Ellison). Can it be done as a group?

Bronwen - Badges are individual but can be done as a group. Happy to come to Brownies and work with them.

### **8. Members of the Public invited to raise matters of interest**

Deputy Clerk informed that there have been no prior requests to speak.

(a) John Green – Why can't we do something about limit speeding in the town? The standard signs are not working?

Response: Clerk. Highways are aware of speeding issues at the top of town coming into town. Enforcement of speeding is police responsibility. CTC undertake Speed Watch. As a major road A road, Cornwall Council cannot put traffic calming. John Green – not technically an A road – not a dual carriageway.

The Mayor reported that when Speed Watch monitored Victoria Road, out of 100 cars – 13/14 speeding. Fastest speed was an HGV at 48mph and a car at 45mph. Once over 35mph, number plates taken and emailed to police and then they get issued with a warning letter. PCSO Jowan Annear confirmed that letters are delivered. 2 warning letters are sent. The 3<sup>rd</sup> time, details are passed to Devon and Cornwall and Dorset Speed Alliance – the vehicles are then monitored via automatic number plate recognition. Not sure how much monitoring takes place.

Clerk – Has requested that Camelford be put on the list to have more mobile radar signs. Valley Truckle end planned. However, advice from police and Highways is that there is sufficient signage, in the right place and can be enforced but only by the police. CTC is continuing to put pressure on.

Brian Lush – Are cars that are caught checked to see if they have valid MOT, tax and insurance?

Response - Mayor – yes. During Speed Watch, 2 or 3 cars with no MOT and insurance. Details processed by police. Need more volunteers if anyone wants to take part.

Cllr Shaw shared experience in Cambridge – Speed Watch volunteers put up an electronic board which shows the speed of the car. More of a deterrent.

Steve Stephens – As a resident on the main A39, an issue with HGV speeding early in the morning, which is likely to be Dairy Crest traffic. Could this not be reported to the haulage company?

Response – Mayor - Number plate taken and will be reported to police who would tie the vehicle to the business.

#### **9. Any other Business**

Cllr Ferguson informed the meeting that with effect from today, she has reluctantly and with much consideration, decided to resign as Mayor and a Councillor, due to ill health. Cllr Ferguson said that she has loved being a town councillor; she has lived in the town since birth, but needs to take a step back. Kirsty would still like to be involved in community Speed Watch, Events and the CEP. Kirsty thanked everyone for their support over the past year. As CTC currently have a vacancy, it makes more sense to step down now for the democratic process.

Cllr Shaw spoke on behalf of the Council, thanking Cllr Ferguson for all her hard work, wishing her all the best. She will be missed.

7.52pm Cllr Ferguson closed the meeting.