



# CAMELFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Strategic & Economic Development Committee Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### 1. To note Councillors present

Cllr Rotchell opened the meeting at 10am with 4 other Councillors present: Cllrs Burgis, Coombes, Hewlett, Shaw. Clerk: Esther Greig. SED23/044

### 2. To receive Apologies for absence with reasons

Cllr Hewlett – None received SED23/045

### 3. To receive Declarations of Interest & Approve Dispensations

It was **resolved** to approve dispensation to speak from Cllr Shaw regarding Clease car park.

**Proposed: Cllr Coombes      Seconded: Cllr Burgis      unan      SED23/046**

### 4. Public question time (15 minutes allowed for this)

3 members of the public attended. Cllrs Elford and Bond attended. SED23/047

### 5. The Minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were received

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes

**Proposed: Cllr Coombes      Seconded: Cllr Burgis      unan      SED23/048**

### 6. To receive Clerk's report

Shared prosperity fund bids – CLUP; had meeting with CC Officer. Need to tweak the application to fit but essentially nearly there. Need to update some quotes and make sure installation costs are covered within the bid. Accelerator fund - £12k ish as top up to previous vitality town funding. Having spoken to CC Officers and the to the architects; best use of funding would be to progress Hall project to RIBA stage 3/planning permission obtained. Architect will look at costs and confirm. Advisory board will work on the application. SED23/049

### 7. Agenda Items

a. 13 items of feedback from Clease CP consultations were **considered** in full. Clerk read out each. Summary of Suggestions/Comments (in no particular order): Residents of Clease Meadows don't get permits as they can park by their houses, one permit per household is not enough, interchangeable permits between Clease and Churchfield, 3 hours free parking rather than 2, increased number of disabled bays, free passes for volunteers, permits won't work as CP very over crowded and would cause more congestion, guaranteed spaces for permits, acquire more land for additional car parking - Co-Op or the disused garage, allow continuous parking (remove 23hr no return), already have inconsiderate and dangerous parking – will make things worse, lack of parking has reduced bookings at the Hall, extended proposed pay and display window into the evening, separate pay and display and permit sections, operate same as Churchfield for continuity, support pay and display, extend geographical area for those allowed to buy a permit for Clease, separate renewal dates for the two car parks for budgeting purposes, parking enforcement for surrounding roads, floating permits between vehicles,

Items to raise with Cornwall Council:

Additional parking for Clease Meadow residents on grass area by garages and on-street parking for residents in High Street. Residents only on-street parking in Clease Meadows. Additional double yellow lines along Clease Meadows and Clease Road. No parking area outside nursery – box junction.

Committee worked through the positive and negatives of all suggestions and comments. Committee noted that the strategy is to reduce the number of cars in Clease by encouraging use of Churchfield. Balance the needs of residents with those of the Hall users. Noted there isn't enough space for everybody and CTC will not be able

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to please everyone. Permit is an annual pre-pay ticket and doesn't guarantee a space. System will be reviewed 6 months after implementation to tweak issues – particularly if there is scope to allow purchase of 2<sup>nd</sup> permit, changing times when tickets are required, interchangeability of car park permits, extending geographical area etc.

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b. It was **resolved** to **recommend** final scheme to Full Council. Car parking order same as Churchfield tickets or permits to be displayed required 9-5pm Mon-Sat. 1 permit per business or residence in specified geographical area (limit halfway between Clease and Churchfield).

**Proposed: Cllr Coombes**

**Seconded: Cllr Rotchell**

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**SED23/051**

### **8. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.**

It was **resolved** that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable that the press and public be excluded and instructed to withdraw during the discussions for the following items: Budget.

**Proposed: Cllr Coombes**

**Seconded: Cllr Burgis**

**unan**

**SED23/052**

a. The budget figures were reviewed. Committee noted that in both 2022-23 and 2023-24 CTC has posted below inflationary rises in the last 2 budgets (22-23 4% vs RPI 11.2%, 23-24 8.85% vs RPI 11.4%). Due to budgeting process being 4 months ahead. Clerk noted that utilities would affect CTC this year as coming out of fixed price contract period for electricity. Budget discussion so far had reduced proposed increase to 13.5%. Committee discussed remain 3 options (events/staffing/match funding) and decided to reduce staffing budget by £5k and to take out match funding for projects entirely. CTC would have to use reserves if opportunities for grant funding requiring match are to be considered. CTC also assuming the number of Band D residences will not increase this year.

It was resolved to recommend 8.63% to Full Council.

**Proposed: Cllr Shaw**

**Seconded: Cllr Coombes**

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### **9. Items, time and date for next meeting.**

26<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 10am Town Hall.

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