

Notes from the recording made at the CTC meeting held on 20th May 2008.

Present: B Lush (BL), J Pearce (JP), D Elliott (DE), P Clark (PC), P Lessels (PL), A Shaw (AS),
E McCormick (EM), B Ireland (BI), M Baber (MB), R Rotchell (RR).

Minutes: R Hart (RH) Temp Town Clerk.

BL welcomed EM as a new Councillor and then made a presentation to RH for his services over the last few months. This was warmly applauded by those present.

Public Participation – None.

1 – To appoint Mayor/Chairman – BL had already been nominated and PC proposed that JP stand. JP politely declined therefore BL remains as Mayor for 2008/9.

2 – To appoint Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chairman – There were two nominations (JP & BI) and a ballot took place. JP was duly elected as Deputy.

BL read a statement of acceptance and intent.

3 – Apologies – A Hearnden (ill).

4 – Declarations of interest – BL (14b, 19b, personal), MB, (19b, pers), BI (19b, pers), JP (18k, pers), PC (11b, 18h, pers), EM (19b, 24 (CAR), pers).

5 – To adopt Standards Board Code of Conduct – BL proposed acceptance, seconded by PL, 9 in favour, 1 against (PC).

6 – To adopt Financial Regulations of the Council – BL proposed adoption, sec by BI, all in favour.

7 – To adopt current Standing Orders – Due to amendments made previously it was proposed by BL that this be deferred to the next meeting of full Council, sec by BI, 9 in favour, 1 against (PC).

8 – Members for sub-committees 2008/9 –

(a) Finance Committee – AS, DE, BI, PC & EM. BI requested that a meeting be held as soon as possible (date to be decided in consultation with members).

(b) Car Park Committee – PL proposed that this committee be incorporated in the Amenities Committee, sec by MB, all in favour.

(c) Amenities Committee – Following a vote, members will be MB, JP, RR, PC & PL.

(d) Employment Committee – MB, DE & BI.

(e) Publicity Committee – MB, BI & EM.

(f) Planning Committee – AS & RR.

(g) Christmas Lighting Committee – BI & EM.

9 – Members of outside bodies 2008/9 –

(a) Town Forum – MB & PC.

(b) CALC Local – BL.

(c) Camelford Hall – none (left open).

(d) CCC Local – none (left open).

(e) Police Liaison – BL.

(f) Youth Club – PL.

- (g) C.A.B. – JP.
- (h) Age Concern mini-bus – JP.
- (i) North Cornwall publicity – none (left open).
- (j) East Cornwall Rural transport – PC.
- (k) Camelford Foyer Steering Committee – PL.
- (l) C.A.R. – MB.
- (m) Chamber of Commerce – PL.

10 – Minutes of 1st May meeting – RH reported that he had received several communications relating to the inaccuracy of the printed minutes. EM proposed that the minutes be rejected due to errors and omissions, sec by JP, 5 in favour, 1 against (AS), 4 abstained (DE, MB, RR, PL).

11 – Items carried forward –

(a) 750th Anniversary of signing of Camelford Charter – an invitation has been sent to Joanne Raymond-Barker so that she may make a presentation to CTC at the next meeting.

(b) Co-op re-siting – RH reported that Brian Groves (Town Clerk) with the help of MB had contacted Co-op yet again but without receiving a reply. PL prop that a letter go direct to the CEO of the Co-op, AS believes their HQ is in Taunton. The proposal was sec by MB, 9 in favour, 1 abst (PC).

(c) Rights of way (opeways) – RH gave a brief update. BL prop that this continue to be progressed, sec by MB, a.i.f.

(d) CCC sign-cleaning partnership – no new update. JP prop that CTC write to CEO of County Council, sec by MB, a.i.f.

(e) Reply reference CTC suggestions to Sgt. Jones of Devon & Cornwall Police – RH reported that there was no written reply but that JP & MB had accompanied the local PCSO (Sam Smith) on a tour of duty. This was seen as a positive step forward and a full report will follow.

(f) Possible installation of waste bin at ‘Flames’ kebab shop – no written reply but the owner has indicated a willingness to purchase and install a bin which the owner will be responsible for emptying on a daily basis – the Clerk to liaise and advise on appropriate style.

(g) Disabled toilet at the Park – RH reported no reply from maintenance team. MB stated that the problems previously reported appear to be continuing. RH will again contact the maintenance department.

12 – Answers to Public Participation of 1st May meeting – None.

13 – To answer questions from Councillors – None.

14 – Items requiring a decision –

(a) 750th Anniversary of the original Charter – (see above 11a) – carried forward.

(b) Joyce Whitehouse Christmas Party – letter of thanks received for last year’s grant along with a request for this year. RR prop that the amount of £60 be granted, sec by BI, a.i.f.

(c) Finger post signs for Camelford – contribution to cost and installation – This was previously agreed as £1,000 but the estimate has been revised and should now be around £500. RR prop acceptance, sec by MB, a.i.f.

(d) Devon & Cornwall Police – appointment of 3 independent members for liaison for a period of 4 years – left on table.

(e) Dog bin at Valley Truckle opposite new estate – RH reminded members that 1 bin has previously been authorised for replacement opposite the police station. RR prop that another be purchased for the area near Fenteroon Road, sec by MB, a.i.f.

(f) Allianz Insurance re bus shelter claim – AS asked if the person responsible had been identified and pursued by Allianz. RH replied that the individual had received a police reprimand and

it was unlikely that a claim against them would be successful for recovery of the cost. MB prop that a replacement shelter (on a 'like for like' basis) be sought, sec by BI, a.i.f.

(g) SWEP – cost of membership (£293.75 for next year) – RR prop that this membership be allowed to lapse, sec by BI, 7 in favour, 2 against (BL & MB), AS abst.

(MB apologised and left the meeting at 8.10pm)

15 – Items for Information –

(a) Standards Board decision on complaint brought by B Jordan (former Town Clerk) against BL – BL has been cleared of any breach and the matter is now closed.

(b) Changes to Standards Board for England – complaints received after 8th May 2008 will in future be dealt with locally.

16 – Approval of Payments – copy available in Clerk's office – RR prop acceptance, sec by PL, a.i.f.

17 – Resolutions or recommendations from Councillors – None.

18 – Correspondence –

(a) From Cornwall Minerals Development Framework – reply requested but deemed not relevant to this Council.

(b) From Highways Dept. – Road works & diversion at Romany to Fernleigh, Helstone for 1 week from 27/07/08 for water works.

(c) From Cornwall Strategic Partnership re Sustainable Community Strategy for Cornwall – consultation – PC is already aware (under the 'TRAC' proposals) and will remain appraised.

(d) From Moira Hart – card of thanks for bouquet.

(e) From Bodmin Town Council – request for support/letter to sitting MP, DCLG (Dist. Commissioner for Local Govt.) & One Cornwall for next local elections to be held in 2011 not 2009. PL prop writing in support, sec by BI, 7 in favour, DE & EM against.

(f) Re Code of Conduct training sessions – JP & EM to attend on 10th June at Wadebridge, RR to attend on 3rd June at Bodmin.

(g) From Penny Burnett – thanks to CTC for meeting the shortfall in the cost of the Christmas Lights.

(h) From Wendy Clark – Mrs Clark is disappointed at the timing and method of cutting the grass/spring flowers at the far end of the park which she felt had impacted very poorly on the flora and insect life at this time of year. She suggests that the Spring cut should take place in late May or early June with a follow-up cut in September. PL stated in reply that P Solomon had not received specific instruction as to when to cut this year and a misunderstanding had arisen. PC stated that an email had been sent to the Clerk a week before the cut was made but no acknowledgement had been received. This matter to go to Amenities Committee.

(i) From Arthur Marshall re discretionary bypass for the summer months – RH reminded members that CTC had previously been approached by Mr Marshall and had sought the discretionary bypass although this had not been taken up by Highways Dept. BL prop that CTC write to Mr Marshall explaining that after discussions with NCDC a footpath is due for installation but Highways Dept has made no decision on the discretionary route which is outside the remit of Town Council. This was seconded by JP, a.i.f.

(j) From Westcountry Rivers Trust – they suggest that grass cuttings could be left in the park but away from the river course and above the flood plain. JP & John Gilbert attended today to investigate and JP has spoken to someone at the Environment Agency and Westcountry Rivers Trust. BI suggested that cuttings could go to the bend of Broadwood Path but recommended that a written

confirmation be sought from James Burke of the Environment Agency, AS agreed that this was the proper course of action. This matter to go to Amenities Committee.

(k) Welfare mini-bus – request for grant/donation – BL advised that this is not in CTC’s remit so must be refused. PL to attend the AGM at the ‘Pop Inn’.

(l) From Mr Attwater re abuse of car parking between the Darlington and Library, also outside the ‘Pop Inn’ and Liberal Club. JP prop, sec by PL that CTC write to Mr Attwater stating that CTC will attempt to police the areas more vigorously, Councillors may issue warning notices but only the Clerk is licensed to issue fixed penalty notices, all in favour. RH alerted members to the difficulties previously experienced when trying to recover fixed penalty fines. PL prop, sec by RR that this go to Amenities Committee to define guidelines for enforcement, a.i.f.

19 – Planning applications –

(a) 00806 – Fenterwanson Cottage, AS prop no objection, sec by RR, a.i.f.

(b) 00935 – Lib Club – AS prop no obj, sec by RR, 8 in favour, PC abst.

(c) 00841 – Tregoodwell House – AS prop obj on grounds of over-development and poor & dangerous access, sec by BL, 8 in favour, PC against.

(d) 00638 – Deli wind farm, Delabole – AS reminded the meeting that this item was discussed at the previous CTC meeting.

20 – Planning approvals –

(a) 10 Sportsmans (b) 20 Victoria Road (c) Sir James Smith School (pitches) (d) Skateboard Park/Youth Club until 2013.

21 – Planning refusals –

(a) 11 Dawes Meadow (removal of ash trees) (b) Sign at physiotherapists (Fore Street).

22 – Planning applications withdrawn – Tregoodwell House (see above).

23 – Committee reports – None.

24 – Reports from outside bodies –

(a) Town Forum – meeting tomorrow night (21st May).

(b) CDCDT – AS reported that a meeting had taken place last week re MCTi (Market & Coastal Towns Initiative and One Unitary – further information to follow. BI requested that representatives be invited to inform Council of future plans for the Community Network model (details of which he had picked up from the CDCDT website). PC stated that CDCDT meeting dates and agenda are out of date on the website and this presents a difficulty should Councillors wish to attend. This to go on CTC’s next agenda.

(c) Youth Club – no report.

(d) C.A.R. –BL advised that the meeting arranged for 30th May was now to be held on 3rd June.

(e) Chamber of Commerce – no report.

(f) Mayor’s report – BL reported on the hole in the Children’s play area which may have caused £3,000 of damage, CCTV records are being studied to discover the culprit(s). PL believes part of the problem is due to the structure of the sponge safety matting. RH stated that a report has gone to CTC’s insurers. BL asked that this item go to Amenities Committee.

(g) Other reports:- (i) BL & PL had attended the Chestnut Foyer project in Bodmin in readiness for the opening of the Camelford Foyer in late 2008 or early 2009. PL’s report included photographs and is available from the Clerk’s office. (ii) Broadwood Path – BI reported that he has handed over the final bill, to be negotiated at CDCDT, and that money from NCDC was handed to CDCDT last week - for payment to the contractor. AS will verify and report back.

(h) Clerk's report – NCALC meeting to be held at NCDC offices in College Road on 28th May at 7.30pm to be attended by Parliamentary candidate Sian Flynn.

25 – Newsletters and Circulars – (i) NCDC Hotline & Core Brief 2008. (ii) Recycling event at Sir James Smith on 31st May between 10am & 3pm.

26 – Items for the agenda of 5th June meeting –

- (a) From PL – Affordable Housing
- (b) From BL – Additional affordable housing for local people (Poltair Homes).
- (c) From BI – Amendments to CTC website.
- (d) From BI – Request for information from CDCDT.

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