

NEWQUAY TOWN COUNCIL**MINUTE
REF:**

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 01 December 2021 at 7pm held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Marcus Hill, Newquay.

ACTION:**Present**

Cllrs M North (Deputy Mayor), S Hick, N Morris, D Cheney, J Kenny, A Goudge, D Creek, J Bell, F Williamson, O Monk, A Rayner, D Terry, M Johns, A Hannan and J Brook.

Also attending

Mr A Curtis (Town Clerk & Chief Executive), Miss K Stevenson (Office, Library & Information Service Assistant), Cornwall Councillor J Fitter and 13 members of the public.

As the Mayor was not Present the Meeting as chaired by the Deputy Mayor.

181/21**Apologies**

Apologies were received by Cllrs L Gardner (The Mayor), K Towill, T Bradshaw, K Larsen, M Formosa and Reverend Kneebone.

182/21**Interests**

None.

183/21**Minutes**

A. 03 November 2021

**183/21
(A)**

It was proposed by Cllr M North, seconded by Cllr M Johns

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(A)(1)**

RESOLVED unanimously that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 03 November 2021 are a true reflection of the meeting and had been adopted.

184/21**Matters Arising**

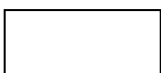
178/21 (A)(1) – Cllr S Hick provided members with an update that the motion did go to the Governance and Resources Committee and it was resolved to form a small group of members and Officers to work towards it and to look at the Communications Policy at the same time.

Cllr S Hick

178/21 (A) - Cllr F Williamson asked for an update on Nansledan Project Meeting. Cllr S Hick provided members with an overview of the meeting and will circulate the report once completed.

185/21**Community Safety Reports**

Inspector Blackford provided members with an overview of his written report.



The Police will be increasing their presence during December on a Friday and Saturday nights throughout the Town, also increasing license premises checks and ensuring all establishments have the drink spiking kits.

Q1. Cllr A Rayner asked what the average waiting time for 101 is?

A1. Inspector Blackford will check what the average is and will email the Office for this to be circulated around to Members. Inspector Blackford informed members that there are many ways of contacting 101 now via email, website or live chat.

Q2. Cllr F Williamson asked about the point that was raised at the last Full Council meeting Including the incident at a local school with the convicted paedophile being able to use the school property after school end.

A2. Inspector Blackford informed members that this goes to our dedicated Officer who deals with their behaviour. Regular visits happen with anyone who has had to sign on the sex offenders register, some have criteria that they have to follow which differs for each individual.

Q3. Cllr F Williamson asked the Inspector if he had anything to share about the Reclaim the Night event that is happening this week?

A3. Inspector Blackford informed members that their will be several police in attendance to support the event, be visible and to speak to people.

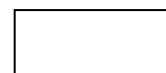
Q4. It is great to see that these are your highest priority areas on your force control strategy, what sort of tactics do you try to prevent these activities from happening?

A4. Inspector Blackford informed members that the Dangerous Drug Networks is national where we use a lot of our intelligence systems so our tactics would be to get as much intelligence as we can. The more intelligence that we get means we can look at different networks and change the way they work and there is lots going on nationally about that as it is a constant battle. Vulnerability Reduction is a lot of work with our partners, especially with children at the moment, this I being discussed at a lot of multi-agency meetings at the moment and how we address that. Violence against Women is developing each week and are putting a lot more of our focus now into domestic abuse and trying to speed the time up and putting more specialist officers into that area so we can give the victims a better service.

Cllr N Morris said that it is great that patrols are being increased on the Killacourt.

Q5. Member of the public 1 wanted to speak about the antisocial behaviour issue on the Killacourt, he called 999 on the 31st October and reported street drinking and aggressive behaviour, I had a good view of the area and bandstand, I waited an hour and eventually Officers drove round Trebarwith Crescent and they never stopped or got out of the vehicle, they just carried on driving up the road and back into Town. 15 minutes later, no one had been along and this was still happening at the Bandstand. I called 999 once again to be told that Officers had been deployed, been over and addressed the situation and it had been resolved. This was not the case and I wanted to make you aware of this.

A5. Inspector Blackford will have a look into the log.



Q6. Owners of the Minerva Guest House informed Inspector Blackford that he is one of two businesses that have bore the brunt of these yobs. Drinking and taking drugs in front of guests, we have had numerous complaints from guests saying that they will not be coming back. Have started a petition which has been circulate to a few Councillors. The surrounding nursing homes have been reporting this to the Police. It isnt just inconvenience, it is affecting their business and all other businesses on the Killacourt. I thought about asking for the benches to be removed by the disabled toilets, but then they will just go over to the bandstand and make life even worse for the shops. Foot patrols are needed with confiscating alcohol not just Police driving by.

A6. Inspector Blackford has spoken to the member of the public during the week and discussed what they are doing about the situation. The Police also need people to report it at the time that it is happening, the more reports they get the more change they could get there and catch them. We are working with the Council on a long term solution.

Q7. Member of the public 2 asked why are vans allowed to stayover night on the Crescent? They are urinating and having parties. Could There be a sign put up saying no overnight camping? I own a guest house and people camp there for months and I have personally been attacked on the Killacourt and afraid to go out of my property and has been threatened that I will be killed and my husband and it's not nice. It's not getting any better.

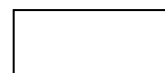
Cllr M North asked if these attacks and threats were reported to the Police? The Member of the public confirmed that they were reported to the Police. Councillor J Kenny asked for confirmation on the road where the overnight parking is happening, is it the Killacourt or The Crescent? The member of the public confirmed The Crescent. Cllr J Kenny suggested reporting this to Cllr L Gardner. Cllr O Monk mentioned that there is a blunt solution that they've used in other areas in Newquay. It is something that they can look at, but these things do take a while to put in place. Cllr O Monk will ask Cllr L Gardner to engage with you.

Q8. Cllr M Johns asked Inspector Blackford if it needed to be a specific number of logs for extra Police provision to be put in a particular area or is this something that can be acted on swiftly. What is the due process?

A8. Inspector Blackford informed members that it doesn't take a certain number of logs, it's about having the number of staff available to be there all the time. Unfortunately, anyone parking in a van isnt an offence that we can deal with, I will take it to Newquay Safe next time as we have the Environmental Officer from Cornwall Council present.

Q9. Cllr D Creek asked about disposing of urine and other bits on the street and in the drains, another hot spot is St Michaels Road, residents have mentioned to me that they have witnessed urinating on the path between St Michaels Road and Ennors Road and you can smell it. Is that a Public Order Offence?

A10. It can be if they are caught doing it at the time, but if it is just pouring it down a drain, that that goes down the environmental route. I will raise this at Newquay Safe.



Q11. Cllr J Bell asked if tax, mot and insurance are checked on these vans? If they do not have them, could they be removed from site?

A11. The officers have checked them this week, as there was one that we were particularly interest in but he has mot and insurance so there is nothing we ca do. If they were illegal, then they would be removed.

Q12. Member of the Public 3 asked if there is a housing issue is this why people are living in vans as a possibility.

A12. Cllr North mentioned that some people choose this as a lifestyle, so it isnt necessarily to do with the housing crisis.

186/21

Open Session for Electors of Newquay – Verbal/Written Questions (15 minutes)

A written question was submitted before the meeting and a response has been sent.

Public Question time was merged with the Community Safety Report and there were no further public questions from the gallery.

Inspector Blackford exited the meeting at 19:35.

187/21

Open Session for Cornwall Councillors verbal, written or tabled reports

Cornwall Councillor O Monk provided members with an update that in yesterday's Cornwall Council meeting, it is apparent that the Saints Trail is coming under a lot of financial pressure to deliver along the original routes, these will be being discussed at next week's cabinet meeting. A consultation will be launched hopefully before Christmas about the Boating Lake and what we intend to do with it. The big lake always silts up as it is part of an estuary. The consultation will give a range of options from Cormac Solutions and the Environment Agency that will be workable solutions.

Cllr O Monk has had a report that a lot of people are going too fast down Trevemper road, so there has been some road speed checks, Highways reported findings from over a month's check and has said that there is not really a problem. Will liaise with Inspector Blackford about the speeding and possibly getting a camera, if this needs funding then Cllr O Monk is happy to use his councillor community chest and possibly some others.

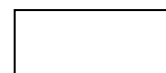
Cllr O Monk attended a refugee meeting at Newquay Orchard over the weekend and listened to the good work that people are doing to help refugees from all over the world and housing.

**Cllr O
Monk**

Cllr S Hick asked if Cllr O Monk knows if the green cross bridge is going in or not and how are we going to maintain any iteration of the Saints trail that is accessible. Cllr O Monk will get some outcomes next week.

**Cllr O
Monk**

Cllr Kenny asked Cllr O Monk if we will we be looking at external grants for the Boating lake? Cllr J Kenny is happy to contribute to the road camera and suggested that it is a lot cheaper for the Ton Council to buy the cameras than Cornwall Council. Cllr O Monk is happy to investigate this and happy to share ideas and check information from Highways.



Cllr Bell asked if it possible to have a sluice gate as it is all destined to go into the Gannel. Cllr O Monk informed members that once you put a sluice gate in front of it, it is classed as a controlled waste. It is removed and then tested for nitrate levels and then a suitable field is sought to dispose of it.

Cllr J Brooke asked where the consultation will be advertised for the public? Will a working party be put together and interested in inviting councillors along to this? Cllr Monk responded will be launched by Cornwall Council and Newquay Town Council and a press release with an attachment to the survey. Will share widely with Councillors. Not sure about a working party just yet. Councillors are welcome to attend any site visits.

Cllr F Williamson commented on the complex solutions. Any proposals need to be transparent and clear. Cllr O Monk agreed and any Cornwall Council project is a net biodiversity gain so anything it takes out it aims to put back 10% or more.

Cllr A Rayner asked Cllr O Monk has any numbers of how many refugees have been allocated to Cornwall and how many in Newquay. Councillor O Monk doesn't have any numbers but will try to find out. Cllr O Monk informed members that Cornwall Council doesn't have any housing to house refugees, but local families are offering places to stay.

**Cllr O
Monk**

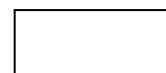
Cornwall Councillor J Fitter asked the leader of the Council and if we were responding to the government's request about helping with Operation Pitten which is the evacuation of the people from Afghanistan who are in danger from the Taliban. Cornwall Council are hoping to engage with the problem. Cornwall Councillor J Fitter read in the Newquay Voice that Newquay Town Council are interested in the roundabout by Morrisons, Cllr J Fitter has been battling with Cormac for 3 months, they will attend to the roundabout as he is concerned by the paving around the roundabout and will try to stop the damage from increasing. Wishes Newquay Town Council the best of luck with taking this over. Cllr J Fitter has been looking into the cycle path between Treviglas & Blue School, Cormac refused to do anything with it. Apparently owned by Treviglas School. Vicky Fraser has instructed Cormac to maintain and cut back the path. A solution has been sought and been done.

Cllr J Fitter has had concerns from residents regarding the Rialton Road Junction, when cars are now coming down from the direction of RAF St Mawgan and turning to St Columb Minor, could there be a reduction speed limit before they get to this turning. Once again, Cormac said it is not possible. Fortunately, the Cabinet Member of transport has taken an interest in this, and he has now instructed a review of this junction to take place in January. Cllr J Fitter has asked the bus companies to review if they can get a limited service to St Columb Minor. This will be looked at in February.

Cllr J Fitter has had persistent complaints who live south of the railway line at Chapel and the cut throughs that are taking place. The main culprits are the builders from Nansledan and parents passing through at 8.30am. Will take this matter up with Councillor K Towill.

Cllr J Fitter concurs with Cllr O Monk with regards to the Saints Trial due to problems with Trevilly Farm. Cllr J Fitter wants to know if Network Rail been consulted about Cornwall Council use of the pedestrian crossing at the top of the Zoo, which incorporates the trial. Cllr Kenny responded with yes, Cllr Brown did raise this issue with Network rail and well-aware. Cllr S Hick asked if he could be kept updated about

**Cllr J
Fitter**



any speed reduction at Rialton will raise the Chapel issue at one of the regular meetings with the Duchy.

Councillor Fitter exited the meeting 20:03pm.

Correspondence

188/21 None.

Town Clerk and Chief Executive's Report

189/21 The Town Clerk gave members an overview of his written report and informed members that there are currently 3 Freedom of information requests being dealt with.

The Budget report is live and has been circulated to members. The deadline is 5pm on Friday 10th December.

Cllr J Brook is looking to take up a seat on a Committee, if you could let Cllr J Brook know if you would like to step down from a Committee and have a conversation ahead of the Budget Full Council Meeting where there is an agenda item relating to this.

Mayor's Announcements

190/21 The Mayor was not present and there was no written report submitted.

Financial Statements

191/21 It was proposed by Cllr M North, Seconded by Cllr D Cheney and

RESOLVED unanimously to authorise the payments list totalling £114,732.93

**191/21
(1)**

Committee Minutes and Reports

192/21 A. Minutes of the Human Resources Sub-Committee held on 17 November 2021

**192/21
(A)** It was proposed by Cllr A Hannan, seconded by D Cheney and

RESOLVED to note the minutes of the Human Resources (HR) Sub-Committee held on 17 November 2021

**192/21
(A)(1)**

2 members abstained

192/21 B. Minutes of the Community and Tourism (C&T) Committee held on 09 November 2021

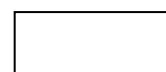
**192/21
(B)** It was proposed by Cllr D Cheney, seconded by Cllr A Goudge and

RESOLVED to note the minutes of the Community and Tourism (C&T) Committee held on 09 November 2021

**192/21
(B)(1)**

2 members abstained

**NOTE to
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- C. Minutes of the Environment and Facilities (E&F) Committee held on 18 November 2021

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(C)

It was proposed by Cllr A Hannan, seconded by Cllr M Johns and

RESOLVED to note the minutes of the Environment and Facilities (E&F) Committee held on 18 November 2021

192/21
(C)(1)

1 member abstained.

- D. Minutes of the Planning & Licensing Committee held on;

193/21
(D)

- i. 13 October 2021
- ii. 27 October 2021

193/21
(D)(i)(ii)

It was proposed by Cllr S Hick, seconded by Cllr N Morris and

RESOLVED to note the minutes of the Planning & Licensing Committee held on 13 & 27 October 2021

192/21
(D)(i)(ii)(1)

2 members abstained

Business Continuity Update

193/21

The Town Clerk informed that no changes have been made and the powers have not been used.

It was proposed by Cllr J Kenny, seconded by Cllr A Hannan and

TC&CE

RESOLVED to keep the emergency powers in and review next month at the Full Council Meeting.

193/21
(1)

*1 member objected
1 member abstained*

Newquay Town Council Issues

194/21

- A. Code of Conduct Complaint - Decision Notice

194/21
(A)

To note the report - no further sanctions or actions have been advised/determined by the Monitoring Officer

Members discussed.

- B. Cllr Hick – Housing Emergency

194/21
(B)

Cllr S Hick provided members with an overview of his motion;

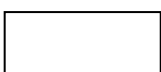
The proposal was seconded by Cllr O Monk.

Members discussed.

It was proposed by Cllr S Hick, seconded by Cllr O Monk and

RESOLVED to recognise that a housing crisis exists in Newquay and Calls upon the government to:

194/21



(B)(1)

1. Finally end the loophole that permits owners of second homes and holiday lets to avoid paying both Council tax and Business rates;
2. Allow Cornwall Council to charge a levy for second homes and holiday lets in Cornwall and ringfence the money for the provision of social/council housing in Cornwall;
3. Change the right to buy and right to acquire to ensure no long term net loss to Council and social housing stock and ensure all homes remain for local use.
4. Change the planning regulations to require a change of use application for properties to be used as second homes and holiday lets rather than residential use
5. Introduce regulation of properties used for holiday lets which permits local authorities to set limits on percentage of properties available for let.
6. Introduce safeguards for renters so they cannot be evicted at only 2 months notice for no good reason and ensure they are offered secure and humane tenancy agreements and encouraging provision of rental accommodation.

And calls upon Cornwall Council to:

Enforce covenants on ex council houses that prohibit the use of the property for anything other than the residential use of local people that they were designed and built for with public money. Change the definition of affordable, so that local people on their local wages can live in security in Cornwall. Prioritise the urgent provision of council housing in Newquay.

1 member objected

C. Cllr Rayner – COVID 19 Vaccines

194/21
(C)

Councillor Rayner provided members with an overview of her motion.

No Councillors seconded this motion, the motion fails and not discussed.

Chairman's Other Business

195/21

Cllr N Morris asked when we have an event on the Killacourt that goes on at the Killacourt until 9pm, why do the toilets close at 8pm. Cllr Hannan informed members that it is the standard time for the toilets to close, whoever is hosting an event at the Killacourt can apply to the Council to have extended opening considered.

Cllr A Rayner exited the meeting at 20:43

Date and time of the next meeting

196/21

The next Full Council meeting (Annual Budget Setting) will take place on 15 December 2021 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Marcus Hill.

The Chairman thanked those attending and the meeting closed at 20:44pm

Signed..... The Deputy Mayor Cllr M North

Date.....

