

NEWQUAY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTE
REF:**

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 06 October 2021 at 7pm held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Marcus Hill, Newquay.

ACTION:

Present

Cllrs L Gardner (Mayor) M North (Deputy Mayor), S Hick, O Monk, N Morris, A Hannan, D Cheney, M Formosa, K Towill, M Johns, J Kenny, A Goudge, K Larsen, D Terry, D Creek, J Bell, F Williamson

Also attending

Mr A Curtis (Town Clerk & Chief Executive), Mrs L Spark (PA to Chief Executive & Management Support), Inspector Blackford and 3 members of the public.

150/21

Apologies

Apologies were received by Cllrs T Bradshaw & Cornwall Councillor J Fitter. Apologies received by Cllr A Rayner after the start of the meeting.

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Interests

None.

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Minutes

**152/21
(A)**

A. 03 September 2021

It was proposed by Cllr L Gardner, seconded by Cllr M Johns and

**152/21
(A)(1)**

RESOLVED unanimously that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 01 September 2021 are a true reflection of the meeting and had been adopted.

Matters Arising

153/21

137/21 – Cllr J Kenny asked about the transfer on Atlantic Road Car Park, the Mayor informed members that this is happening tomorrow, and Cornwall Council are replacing a bench next Tuesday.

140/21 – Cllr O Monk informed members that he is awaiting a quote to redo the shelter and gardeners hut at Trenance Gardens.

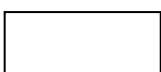
140/21 – Cllr S Hick informed members that there was a lengthy discussion about the correspondence from Treloy campsite.

154/21

Community Safety Reports

Inspector Blackford provided members with a verbal overview of his written report.

Q1. Cllr S Hick asked what should women especially and any vulnerable person do if stopped by one of your officers and they feel unsafe or frightened.



A1. Always ask to see an officer's ID / warrant card if you are unsure of their identity or do not feel safe. An officer will always be willing to show this and fully accept there is likely to be more occurrences where identity is requested in the current climate. If you are still unsure of an officer's ID or authenticity and feel unsafe, then contact 999 where appropriate and proportionate steps can be taken or advice on an officer's identity given.

Q2. What are Devon and Cornwall Police doing to reduce the appalling toll of violence against women and vulnerable people - including domestic violence and the use of "date rape" drugs - another reported incident recently.

A2. We are aware that public confidence in policing has been significantly impacted by events in London. We would reassure the public that the actions of Wayne Couzens have no place in policing and I as an officer are as sickened and outraged as any member of the public would be for his actions. Protecting those most vulnerable in our communities remains absolute paramount for myself and my officers. Fortunately, cases of 'date rape' remain very unusual in Devon & Cornwall, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't be there to ensure that if a woman or any vulnerable person feels unsafe on a night out we take the appropriate action. We continue to work our communities and partners to address the issues of domestic violence. Our specialist officers will always be on hand to deal with those victims subject to domestic abuse – whether they be male or female – and do everything possible to protect victims and bring offenders to justice.

Q4. How will you and your team rebuild their relationship with women in Newquay that may have been fundamentally changed by the circumstances of the murder of Sarah Everard.

A4. We know that confidence in policing from women and children has been affected by the events in London. The actions of Wayne Couzens have no place in our service and we are equally sickened and appalled by his actions as our communities will be. We will do everything possible to ensure those most vulnerable in society remain protected and feel safe. We appreciate this may take time, but we know Devon and Cornwall's communities historically have confidence in local policing. We want to build on that support and would encourage people to talk to us if they do not feel safe so we can do the right thing and take appropriate action.

Q4. Cllr F Williamson asked the Inspector that when he discussed the rape cases, you said that they were historic or domestic violence and I think for the victims of those crimes they are still very relevant and not historic. I think the narrative around the Sarah Everard case should be about stopping another Sarah Everard situation it should be about stopping the crime itself and the perpetrator. I think it has been recognised that the smaller crimes lead up to the bigger instances, so I think the Community would be happy to know that the smaller instances are being resolved and tackled and prosecuted then that would take great steps to reassure residents of Newquay that things are being done.

A4. I think that is totally right, a lot of the smaller cases are domestic violence, and we have a special team based in Newquay who specialise in that area and have a gold strategy on how we are going to address this issue and it is being looked at very carefully. I will keep providing updates as it goes on.



Q5. Cllr N Morris asked about E-scooters and is there anything being done as these are illegal.

A5. You are correct E-scooters are legal unless part of a hire scheme, we have seen an increase and we have sent people to court for using them. If people are happy to report users, then we can attend their house and catch them in the act.

Q6. Cllr K Larsen if a review of Devon and Cornwall Police in light of how the Met in London are having to look at how certain officers have a background in sexual offences and being called rapists on the force.

A6. I will keep you updated, but we do have quite a robust vetting procedure and each time you move roles within the police you are vetted and also vetted periodically as well.

Q7. Cllr A Goudge voiced his concerns under the violence without injury, has it or is it being caused by certain places within the Town and do we have confidence within our bouncers within certain establishments within the town?

A7. There are hotspots, obviously Central Square in Newquay, we have a meeting with one establishment licensee about a rise in incidents. The door staff issue is a national issue with staffing numbers but each establishment have a certain number of door staff on their license. We will be increasing our spot checks.

Inspector Blackford exited the meeting at 19.19

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

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Q1. A Member of the public read out a statement and asked if the Council will back the carbon tax motion?

A1. The Mayor informed the member of the public that this will be debated later in the meeting.

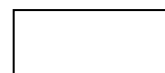
Open Session for Cornwall Councillors verbal, written or tabled reports

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Cornwall Councillor O Monk informed members that work to start the saints trail is starting over the next couple of weeks from the back of Morrison's through to Doorstep Green. There are silting up issues at the Boating Lake and provided members with the four possible solutions. Coastline Housing have announced that they will be building in Quintrell Downs. Cllr O Monk is currently working on two schemes for Newquay which includes 12 single bedroom accommodation units within Newquay, will provide more details as and when he is able to do so.

Cllr M Johns asked if there was a big cost implication if it was a unit for two people instead of one? Cllr O Monk informed members that they would be big enough to house two people, but the demand is for single bed accommodation.

Cllr J Kenny asked if they have looked at silt traps at the Boating Lake by the viaduct. Cllr O Monk informed members that the engineering solutions are being worked on and when they have some details about it there will be a consultation on it.



Cllr F Williamson asked about a timeframe for when the accommodation will be ready. Cllr O Monk would like to think it will be by Easter but cannot say for definite. Cllr J Kenny informed members that these are not planned as a long-term solution. Cllr O Monk informed members that this is a solution to the current housing crisis that we are in and it is a way of providing a shortish term solution.

Cornwall Councillor K Towill spoke about the car park at Porth beach and currently looking at how to make the whole area more efficient. Cllr K Towill will be undertaking a Trenance Valley tour next week to audit the area and look to spruce up some grot spots. Cllr K Towill will be a regular at the Planning meeting this coming month as he has a few ongoing planning issues.

Cllr J Kenny asked for clarification if GLL are looking to close Waterworld. Cllr K Towill informed members that Waterworld had not been mentioned on the list of closures but will keep a close eye on it.

1 member of the public exited the meeting at 19.44.

Cornwall Councillor L Gardner spoke to members about the Jet ski issue and a meeting is being planned for the back end of next week to include the Maritime Manager and Cornwall Council legal, there is a government consultation out to consult with the public on a law change to make small water rafts classified legally as a vessel. The open space at Trevean way has now been cut, they did leave the clippings behind, Cllr L Gardner has reminded them that Newquay is taking part of a trial where the clippings are to be taken away. There are no plans for Newquay to be part of a e-scooter trail, however Cllr L Gardner has volunteered Newquay to be one of 3 trails towns for e-bikes. Wild camping has been discussed with the Community Safety Officer and the antisocial behaviour around this, if you do see wild camping happening, please report it to Cornwall Council via their website or through Cornwall Councillors. There are plans for roadworks on East Street from 22nd January to do major repair works to the surface that run from Hotel Victoria through to the electric bollards on Bank Street to repair potholes, marble flagstones, levelling out a number of areas. The concrete balls are planned to be lifted out and reset, but other ideas are being looked at which include metal bollards or trees like at Beachfield Avenue, this will go to the relevant Committee, Environment & Facilities.

Cllr A Goudge asked about the old Restormal signs throughout the town centre and would like them to be replaced with up-to-date modern signs. Cllr L Gardner agreed and will take that back to Cornwall Council and Newquay BID.

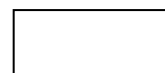
The Mayor

Cllr J Kenny asked if there is any section106 money or CIL funding that could be used to go towards replacing concrete balls. Cllr L Gardner said potentially there is CIL money, this was discussed at Governance and Resources. This will be referred to the Environment & Facilities Committee to start with and if it is CIL money that they would like to spend on it then it will need to go to Governance & Resources.

**E&F
Committee**

Cllr N Morris asked if we are going to get the junction at the bottom of Marcus Hill sorted out. Cllr L Gardner said that this is not in the plans but will keep mentioning this to Cornwall Council Highways.

Cllr O Monk thinks the planting of trees would be great and would improve the street scene.



Cllr S Hick asked for the A Boards to be removed down bank street again.

Cllr D Creek asked for an update on the Newquay Land Train. Cllr L Gardner informed members that it is a private conversation between Cornwall Council Highways and Newquay Land Train which is commercially sensitive so no update can be given.

Cllr A Hannan believes that the costs for the trees can be reduced.

Correspondence

157/21

None.

Town Clerk and Chief Executive's Report

158/21

The Town Clerk gave members a verbal overview of the written report that was included in members packs. Since the report was written, there is now 6 FOI requests and 1 formal complaint.

The Town Clerk informed members that we have still been instructed by our insurers to keep the skatepark closed. Cllr A Hannan asked if a document can be put together with all of the questions that are being asked and for this to be put it in the public realm. The Town Clerk informed members that a report has already been released on our website, some of the FOI's are quite in depth and assessments need to be done, some of the information is commercially sensitive which cannot be released.

Cllr K Larsen asked about electric vehicles in the context of the contingency planning for fuel shortages going forwards, The Town Clerk informed members that the council fleet of vehicles are made up of two diesel vehicles which are needed to be able to tow within one particular service, one petrol hybrid and the rest of the fleet are electric vehicles.

20.04 One member of the public exited the meeting

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Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor gave members an overview of his recent and upcoming engagements.

The Mayor wanted to express his thanks to the Members, Officers, Mayors Chaplin and Oll an Gwella for the Civic Parade event. Cllr D Cheney asked that past Mayors be invited to the Civic Parade.

Cllr F Williamson asked what the intention is behind the Civic Parade. Cllr L Gardner provided the new members with an overview of the Civic Parade.

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Financial Statements

It was proposed by Cllr M North, Seconded by Cllr A Hannan and

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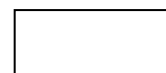
RESOLVED to authorise the payments list totalling £143,961.25

Cllr K Larsen abstained.

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Committee Minutes and Reports

**Note to
RFO**



**161/21
(A)**

A. Minutes of the Human Resources Sub-Committee held on 15 September 2021

It was proposed by Cllr K Towill, seconded by Cllr A Hannan and

**161/21
(A)(1)**

RESOLVED to note the minutes of the Human Resources Sub-Committee held on 15 September 2021

Cllrs D Creek, F Williamson & K Larsen abstained

**161/21
(A)(i)**

i. Recommendation 1 - HR21/17(c)(i)(1) - Communications Officer/Policy

RESOLVED unanimously to RECOMMEND to Full Council suspending the Communications Policy, suspend the recruitment of the Communications Officer until a review of the position had been undertaken and RECOMMEND to all Committees to place 'Communications' as an Agenda item to discuss upcoming outgoing communications

Cllr K Towill gave members the background behind the recommendation. Members discussed.

It was proposed by Cllr K Towill, seconded by Cllr A Hannan and

**161/21
(A)(i)(1)**

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TC&CE

Cllr K Larsen abstained

Cllrs D Creek & F Williamson voted against

Cllr O Monk left the room at 20.29

**161/21
(B)**

B. Minutes of the Governance and Resources (G&R) Committee held on 27 September 2021

It was proposed by Cllr L Gardner, seconded by Cllr A Hannan and

**161/21
(B)(1)**

RESOLVED to note the minutes of the Governance and Resources Committee held on 27 September 2021

Cllrs D Creek, F Williamson & K Larsen abstained

**161/21
(B)(i)**

i. Recommendation 1 - GR29/21(A) - Freedom of the Town Policy, Award and Event

RESOLVED unanimously to refer the Freedom of the Town Policy to Full Council for discussion and potential dates for the parade as well as awarding the honour to RAF St Mawgan.

The Mayor gave members the background to this recommendation. Members discussed.

Cllr O Monk returned to the room at 20.30



It was proposed by Cllr L Gardner, seconded by Cllr A Hannan and

TC&CE

**161/21
(B)(i)(1)**

RESOLVED unanimously to award the Freedom of the Town honour to RAF St Mawgan and hold a parade at a date to be decided in April.

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(B)(ii)**

ii. Recommendation 2 - GR30/21(B)(i) - Councillor Community Fund

RESOLVED unanimously to re-launch the Councillor Community Fund with further guidance to inform members of it's procedures as soon as resources allow.

The Mayor gave members the background to this recommendation. Members discussed.

It was proposed by Cllr L Gardner, seconded by Cllr S Hick and

TC&CE

**161/21
(B)(ii)(1)**

RESOLVED unanimously to re-launch the Councillor Community Fund with further guidance to inform members of it's procedures as soon as resources allow.

**161/21
(C)**

C. Minutes of the Community and Tourism (C&T) Committee held on 14 September 2021

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

**161/21
(C)(1)**

RESOLVED to note the minutes of the Community and Tourism (C&T) Committee held on 14 September 2021

Cllrs K Larsen, D Creek & F Williamson abstained

**161/21
(C)(i)**

i. Recommendation 1 - CT71/21 - TIC EMR Release

RESOLVED unanimously to RECOMMEND to Full Council the release of £8,000 from the TIC EMR towards costs for the Gardner's World Sponsorship

Cllr A Hannan gave members the background to this recommendation. Members discussed.

It was proposed by Cllr L Gardner, seconded by Cllr O Monk and

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(C)(i)(1)**

RESOLVED unanimously to extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

Members continued to discuss.

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

TC&CE

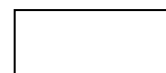
**161/21
(C)(i)(2)**

RESOLVED to release of £8,000 from the TIC EMR towards costs for the Gardner's World Sponsorship

Cllr K Larsen abstained

Cllr D Creek voted against

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- (D) D. Minutes of the Environment and Facilities (E&F) Committee held on 23 September 2021

It was proposed by Cllr A Hannan, seconded by Cllr O Monk and

161/21
(D)(1)

RESOLVED to note the minutes of the Environment and Facilities (E&F) Committee held on 23 September 2021

Cllr F Williamson left the room at 21.01

Cllr A Goudge abstained

161/21
(E)

E. Minutes of the Planning & Licensing Committee held on;

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(E)(i)(ii)(iii)

- i. 31 August 2021
- ii. 15 September 2021
- iii. 22 September 2021

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(E)(i)(ii)(iii)
(1)

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 31 August, 15th & 22nd September 2021

Cllr D Creek abstained

Cllr F Williamson returned to the room at 21.03

162/21

Review of Emergency Powers

Members discussed.

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(1)

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

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

TC&CE

163/21

Newquay Town Council Issues

163/21
(A)

A. Cllr Larsen – Carbon Tax Motion

Cllr K Larsen proposed, seconded by Cllr D Creek to call for fairer comprehensive carbon tax with citizens dividend to drive rapid reduction in polluting emissions and protect the climate we all depend on.

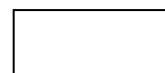
Members discussed and during the debate Cllr J Kenny suggested an amendment to the motion to the add the words 'Along with other carbon pricing policies and initiatives' to the motion wording and adding 'any other energy saving initiatives' to the section that talks about the Newquay Neighbourhood Plan.

The proposer and seconder agreed to the amended wording and withdrew their original motion and proposed the newly worded motion.

Cllr M Johns left the room at 21.14

Cllr M Johns returned to the room at 21.16

Cllr D Cheney left the room at 21.20



Cllr D Cheney returned to the room at 21.23

It was proposed by Cllr L Gardner, seconded by Cllr M North and

**163/21
(A)(1)**

RESOLVED unanimously to extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

Members continued to debate the newly worded motion and decided to take it to the vote.

During the vote, members voted the following way:

6 Support
10 against
1 abstained

In the vote, The Motion failed.

**Cllr A
Hannan**

Cllr S Hick provided members with an update on the Town Team and footfall over the Summer. Cllr O Monk asked Cllr S Hick for the timeframe of any upcoming bids for the Town Team. Cllr S Hick informed members that there is a press release that has just been released, Cllr A Hannan will circulate it to all members.

It was proposed by Cllr L Gardner, seconded by Cllr M North and

**163/21
(A)(2)**

RESOLVED unanimously that under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of except information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

Member of the public exited the meeting at 21.40

Please see confidential addendum Reference: 06.10.2021/FC001

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Chairman's Other Business

None

165/21

Date and time of the next meeting

The next Full Council meeting will take place on 03 November 2021 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Marcus Hill. The Chairman thanked those attending and the meeting closed at 21.52 pm

Signed..... The Mayor Cllr L Gardner

Date.....

