

NEWQUAY TOWN COUNCIL**MINUTE
REF:**

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 03 November 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, N Morris, D Cheney, J Kenny, A Goudge, D Creek, J Bell, F Williamson, A Rayner and J Brook.

Also attending

Mrs L Hughes (Corporate Service Manager), Mrs L Spark (PA to Chief Executive & Management Support) and 2 members of the public.

166/21**Apologies**

Apologies were received by Cllrs T Bradshaw, A Hannan, M Johns, M Formosa, D Terry, K Larsen, O Monk, K Towill, Cornwall Councillor J Fitter & Inspector Blackford. No apologies were received by Cllr A Rayner.

167/21**Interests**

None.

168/21**Minutes****168/21
(A)**

A. 06 October 2021

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

**168/21
(A)(1)**

RESOLVED unanimously that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 06 October 2021 are a true reflection of the meeting and had been adopted.

It was proposed by Cllr J Kenny, seconded by Cllr S Hick and

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(A)(2)**

RESOLVED unanimously that the Confidential Addendum of the Full Council meeting held on 06 October 2021 is a true reflection of the meeting and had been adopted.

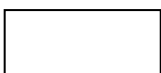
169/21**Matters Arising**

156/21 – Cllr A Goudge thanked the Mayor for looking into the old Restormal signs throughout the town. The Mayor informed members that the signs will be replaced. The Coast of Dreams signage will be referred to the Committee & Tourism Committee to see if they would like to rebrand.

163/21 – Cllr D Creek asked if names can be written in the minutes for the way members voted for the Carbon Tax motion. The Mayor informed members that it needed to be requested as a named vote before the vote took place, unfortunately this was not done.

170/21**Community Safety Reports**

**C&T
Committee**



Inspector Blackford was not present, members were provided with a written report within their packs. Questions will be asked via email.

Q1. Cllr S Hick asked if sexual offences could not be classed as historic as they still have a victim attached to them and would also like Inspector Blackford to explain the increases for sexual offences, shoplifting and public order offences and any other that have seen an increase since last year.

Q2. Cllr F Williamson has been made aware that a convicted paedophile has been reintroduced back into the community, living behind one of the school and has been playing basketball on the school premises at school end time. Does the school know about this and what are the Police going to do about that activity?

Q3. Cllr F Williamson asked how can we all work together to stop drink spiking from happening within our Town?

The Mayor informed members that he has met with Inspector Blackford this week and they are taking the drink spiking very seriously. There has been some suspected spiking that has been reported, however after testing has been confirmed to only be alcohol and not any other controlled substance. Testing kits are now available to be supplied to any establishment.

Q4. Cllr F Williamson asked if the stalking and rape offences that have been reported are interconnected or are the events separate?

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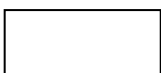
Open Session for Electors of Newquay – Verbal/Written Questions (15 minutes)

No written or verbal questions were submitted.

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Open Session for Cornwall Councillors verbal, written or tabled reports

Cornwall Councillor L Gardner provided members with an update that the Covid testing centre is now located in Mount Wise car park with a slight decrease of opening times, closing at 6pm. Cornwall still has walk in vaccination sites at Royal Cornwall showground, Western Showground and one in Camborne. Newquay will host another pop up vaccination site on the 15th and 18th November, the age range that NHS would like to target is 40-49. Cllr L Gardner informed members that a Jet ski meeting was held last week with those attending - Cornwall Council, Newquay Harbour Master, Maritime Manager, Crantock Parish Council, Pentire Residents Association, Crantock residents, the Police, NTC Town Clerk and Cllr A Hannan as Chair of the Environment & Facilities Committee. In the new year Cornwall Council will be putting forward a proposal to roll out a permit system across the County not just Newquay, meaning if you subscribe to the permit system you would have had to have received a qualification from the RYA and sign up to a code of conduct, in return the person will have permission to launch a small powered water craft from Cornwall Council land and any other organisations that choose to sign up. Newquay Town Council could look to sign up to the permit system. The three main entrances that people are using to launch small watercrafts are the two slipways on the Gannel and the Harbour. A successful trial has been undertaken in Penzance. Cllr L Gardner will be proposing a formation of a bylaw to introduce a speed limit on the Gannel which can be done under public protection. Central Government are currently undertaking a public consultation to introduce the classification of vessel to craft under 6 meters long.



What this means is that any powered craft irrespective of size would have to be registered, insured, and driven by someone who is deemed to be a competent operator.

Cllr S Hick thought that everyone was going to be invited to the Jet Ski meeting, Cllr L Gardner informed members that the Maritime Manager asked for the meeting to be kept to under 12 people. The Newquay Town Council representatives were Cllr A Hannan as the Chair of the Environment & Facilities Committee and the Town Clerk.

Cllr J Brook asked how would access gates be policed and if sailing dinghies that are not powered vessels would be allowed. Cllr J Brook asked if minutes were made at the meeting and if these can be made available. Cllr L Gardner informed members that minutes were taken and they will be made available, Sailing vessels are not classed as a small, powered watercraft so would not be covered by this bylaw. Cllr J Brook asked if the sailing dinghies would be restricted because of access gates. Cllr L Gardner informed members that they would be submitted to the same permit system, but they wouldn't need the RYA powered qualification on that to get a permit. Should Cornwall Council and Newquay Town Council go for this proposal there would be some form of access gate or lifting post on the slip way.

Cllr J Kenny is concerned about the access gates as the Gannel has so many entrances. Cllr J Kenny would like to see the Gannel under the management of the Harbour like Truro, due to the Gannel currently having multiple ownerships and feels a management structure or Committee will be needed. Cllr L Gardner informed members that it is a one step at a time approach, this year we have had a lot of evidence and complaints about users of the Gannel, currently there is no mechanism to extend the Harbour limits beyond what they are at the moment. The Bylaw proposal will be hopefully submitted to Full Council in January or February next year.

Cllr A Goudge does not see how we can dictate who or what can be launched at the Gannel.

173/21

Correspondence

None.

174/21

Mayor's Announcements

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

175/21

Financial Statements

It was proposed by Cllr M North, Seconded by Cllr J Kenny and

175/21
(1)

**RESOLVED unanimously to authorise the payments list totalling
£143,105.91**

**Note to
RFO**

176/21

Committee Minutes and Reports

176/21
(A)

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

It was proposed by Cllr M North, seconded by Cllr S Hick and



176/21 (A)(1) RESOLVED to note the minutes of the Governance and Resources Committee held on 27 October 2021

Cllrs D Creek & F Williamson abstained

176/21 (B) B. Minutes of the Community and Tourism (C&T) Committee held on 12 October 2021

It was proposed by Cllr D Cheney, seconded by Cllr M North and

176/21 (B)(1) RESOLVED to note the minutes of the Community and Tourism (C&T) Committee held on 12 October 2021

Cllrs D Creek, A Goudge & F Williamson abstained

176/21 (C) C. Minutes of the Planning & Licensing Committee held on 29 September

P656/21 Cllr Morris asked to be placed on the Newquay Neighbourhood Plan Working Party, but this is not reflected in the minutes. Cllr J Kenny asked for this to be referred to the Planning & Licensing Committee.

REFER to P&L

It was proposed by Cllr S Hick, seconded by Cllr J Kenny and

176/21 (C)(1) RESOLVED to note the minutes of the Planning & Licensing Committee held on 29 September 2021

Cllrs F Williamson & D Creek abstained

177/21 Business Continuity Update

Members discussed.

The Mayor would like the out of office message that says the Business continuity plan is in place removed from Officers email signatures.

Corporate Service Manager

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

177/21 (1) RESOLVED to keep the emergency powers in and review next month at the Full Council Meeting.

TC&CE

Cllr Morris abstained

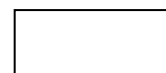
178/21 Newquay Town Council Issues

A. Cllr Hick – A kinder, less harmful discourse

178/21 (A) Cllr S Hick provided members with an overview of his motion.

Members discussed.

Cllr S Hick amended his motion in order to refer it to the Governance & Resources Committee wishing to adapt our current communications policy and standing orders to adopt a kinder and less harmful discourse in our work and communication with each other, with those we represent and in our individual and collective dealings with everyone we come into contact with in our professional capacity as members of this council.



Members continued to discuss.

It was proposed by Cllr S Hick, seconded by Cllr A Goudge,

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(A)(1)

RESOLVED unanimously to refer this item to the Governance & Resources Committee with a view to adapt the Communications Policy and Standing Orders to enable us to foster a kinder and less harmful discourse in our work and communication with each other, with those we represent and in our individual and collective dealings with everyone we come into contact with in our professional capacity as members of this council

**REFER to
G&R**

Cllr D Creek asked for an update on the Skatepark. The Mayor informed members that the Skatepark is now open, the Town Council's overall Estate insurance was up for renewal on the 1st November and the new insurance company was able to subsume the skatepark within the Estates insurance. What is important moving forward is that the mistakes that were made from either side of the discourse is not made again. Efforts are being made by the Skatepark Working Party to reform the skatepark users' group. The part that was sealed is still sealed but over time that will wear off and the surface will return to normal.

Cllr J Kenny is happy to read that new signage will be erected to say users use at their own risk.

Cllr A Goudge is concerned that why this new insurance company would insure the park but our old one wouldn't and wondered if they are aware that there has been a sealant applied. The Mayor informed members that the insurance company has been made aware, it is very obvious which part of the park has had the sealant applied and a full new ROSPA report has been undertaken.

Cllr S Hick asked about the Queens Jubilee and if anything had been planned, the Mayor informed members that the Community & Tourism Committee have this on their radar and have already started discussions.

Cllr J Brook wished to refer back to the Skatepark and asked if the Mayor is able to make a comment to the residents on terms of what the main lessons learnt are and would your comment include an apology for the costs due to the closure. The Mayor informed members that he is not a member of the Skatepark Working Party, but he was involved in the decision to close the Skatepark, it had to close. This is now a legal matter, and it is in the hands of the Police for criminal damage. We have resolved to take this forward as it is unfair for the taxpayer to fit that burden when an individual decided to do something without permission on land they do not own.

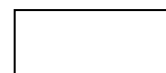
Lessons to be learnt would be communication between management and users of the skatepark and the Council have already taken steps to ensure that communication is rebuilt. Cllr A Goudge informed Cllr J Brook that we didn't want to close the Skatepark at all, but it had to be to cover liability on both sides. The Mayor informed Cllr J Brook that we were legally obliged to shut the Skatepark and we would not apologise for something that we legally had to do.

Cllr F Williamson asked about the date for the Nansledan Project meeting, Cllr S Hick provided members with the date. Cllr F Williamson asked Cllr S Hick to report back to members who are not able to attend.

Cllr S Hick

Cllr D Creek asked if there was an update on the Christmas lighting being extending along Fore Street. Cllr D Cheney informed members that the lighting will be going across the street all the way up to the car park.

Cllr J Bell asked about the Christmas Event, the Mayor informed members that the location has changed to the Killacourt this year and will be held on 26 – 28 November.



Cllr A Goudge informed members as the BID representative that there has been no vote on the funds that Newquay Town Council have requested as of yet.

The Mayor informed members that the Remembrance day events starts on Thursday 11 November with the main event being next Sunday 14th November and all Cllrs are invited to attend, members to let the Office know if they would like to attend the church service.

Mrs L Hughes asked for all members to review the Town Clerks budget report as soon as it becomes available to enable any questions to be asked as soon as possible. Cllr S Hick asked for the text to be large enough to read.

TC&CE

179/21 Chairman's Other Business

None.

180/21 Date and time of the next meeting

The next Full Council meeting will take place on 01 December 2021 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Marcus Hill.

In addition to the above, the Annual Budget Setting Full Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 15 December 2021 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Marcus Hill, Newquay.

The Chairman thanked those attending and the meeting closed at 20.43 pm

Signed..... The Mayor Cllr L Gardner

Date.....

