

ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at the Penwartha Hall on Tuesday, 13th December 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: D Ekinsmyth (Chairman), T. Wilkins , (Vice Chairman), R. L. Benney, R.J. Bentley, Ms V.R. Cadby, J.V. Mayne, S Richardson, S.R.S. Szoka, I. Yates

ALSO PRESENT: Ms Sarah Willsher, Locum Clerk; Mr Brian White; Accountant; 3 members of the public

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

FC11/12/1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

Apologies were received from Councillor Davies and Ford, Mrs J Robinson and PC Trewen.

FC11/12/2 MEMBERS TO DECLARE PERSONAL AD PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS (INCLUDING THE DETAILS THEREOF) IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no interests declared.

FC11/12/3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public congratulated the organisers of the lights switch on events. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the event.

FC11/12/4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reinforced the public comments. He thanked Cllr Wilkins and the Christmas Lights team for all of their hard work.

FC11/12/5 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2011 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

Page 52 – Minute FC11/11/18 – should read Cloud 9 are donating a raffle prize.

In response to a question the Locum Clerk explained the system for receiving and signing committee minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr Wilkins, seconded by Cllr Benney and

FC11/11/5.2 Resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 16th November 2011 are received and

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approved with the above amendments and signed by the Chairman.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FC11/12/6 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON THE PAYMENTS, RECEIPTS AND BANK RECONCILIATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2011

It was proposed by Cllr Wilkins, seconded by Cllr Mayne and

FC11/11/6.2 *Resolved that the payments, receipts and bank reconciliations for the month of November 2011 are received.*

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FC11/12/7 TO AUTHORISE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2011

It was proposed by Cllr Mayne, seconded by Cllr Bentley and

FC11/11/7.2 *Resolved that accounts totaling £6,020.68 are authorised for payment.*

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FC11/12/8 TO SET THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013

Members discussed in depth the following three budget options:

- Rent an office
- Parish Office/Hub/Village Hall Project
- Acquire a suitable existing building in the area and convert into an office

In response to a question Mr White said that most of the earmarked reserves were not ring-fenced. They were protection against exceptional unexpected expenditure. The auditors would look at the level of reserves and test them against the accepted parameters.

Cllr Ekinsmyth felt that with Cornwall Council reducing services this Council must ensure that they had sufficient funds to take on those services the public want.

The previous years precepts, number of houses in the parish and the current economic climate were discussed.

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The budget and precept could remain the same if office accommodation was rented.

Cllr Ekinsmyth highlighted the resolution of the Council for the Parish Office/Hub/Village Hall Project. The ownership of the hall was being confirmed and the relevant paperwork would be put in place shortly. The advantages and disadvantages of the project were discussed. It was hoped that the Village Hall Committee would achieve some grant funding towards the project.

It was proposed by Cllr Bentley, seconded by Cllr Szoka and

FC11/11/8.2 Resolved to set a budget of £138,500 for the fiscal year 2012/2013.

On a vote being taken on the matter there were 5 votes FOR, 3 votes AGAINST and 1 ABSTENTION. Members requested a recorded vote.

Cllrs Bentley, Ms Cadby, Ekinsmyth, Richardson and Szoka voted FOR the resolution.

Cllrs Benney, Mayne and Yates voted AGAINST the resolution.

Cllr Wilkins ABSTAINED from the vote.

FC11/12/9 TO SET A PRECEPT TO CORNWALL COUNCIL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013

It was proposed by Cllr Ekinsmyth, seconded by Cllr Szoka and

FC11/11/9.2 Resolved to set a precept to Cornwall Council for the fiscal year 2012/2013 of £136,950.

On a vote being taken on the matter there were 5 votes FOR, 3 votes AGAINST and 1 ABSTENTION. Members requested a recorded vote.

Cllrs Bentley, Ms Cadby, Ekinsmyth, Richardson and Szoka voted FOR the resolution.

Cllrs Benney, Mayne and Yates voted AGAINST the resolution.

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Cllr Wilkins ABSTAINED from the vote.

FC11/12/10 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE FUTURE OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND AGREE A RESPONSE

It was agreed to go with the recommendations from CALC.

FC11/12/11 TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE TO THE DATE OF THE MEETING AND RECOMMEND ACTION

There was no correspondence.

FC11/12/12 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE:

Police

There was no report.

Green Ripple

There was no report.

Representatives to outside organisations

There was no report.

Cornwall Councillors

Cllr Wilkins felt that the lights switch on went okay. He had a few ideas to improve the events for 2012. He thanked Cllrs Benney, Bentley Mrs Wilkins, Mrs Benney and Paul and Martin from the Co-Op for all of their help organising the events. The raffle raised £470 for Mencap.

The Locum Clerk spoke to an email received from Cllr Mrs Robinson. She said that the Green Ripple team was continuing work in Tolvaddon and had been testing houses for draughts and leaks. They had a bit of a setback as the reduction in Feed In Tariffs could make it more difficult to find householders willing to take part and would make harder to create a legacy fund. The steering group was in the process of forming a community group with the Tolvaddon Regeneration Group and establishing a constitution to take this forward. She had noticed a lot of weed building up in the lake at Tehidy Country Park and hoped the cuts were not preventing proper maintenance. A plan for Tehidy Country Park was being developed. This really was such a fantastic place for Illogan residents and it must be cherished and protected.

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FC11/12/13 TO CONSIDER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Cllr Benney asked for an item to discuss the condition and responsibilities for maintaining the footpaths in the Parish.

FC11/12/14 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 18th January 2012, 7.00pm at Penwartha Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Signed:

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