



**MINUTES OF THE MARAZION TOWN COUNCIL 23rd of February 2021, 7.00PM.
MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY (ZOOM).**

MEETING NUMBER 26/20

Present: Cllr D Laity Chairman, Cllr W Collins Deputy Chairman, Cllr Mrs G Reynolds, Cllr P Hoskings, Cllr S Trudgen, Cllr D Walsh, Cllr P Read, Cllr Nicholas.

In attendance:

Mrs T Unstead Town Clerk

441 Apologies

Cllr R Clayton

Cllr M Britten

442 Public Participation

There was none.

443 Declarations of Interest

Cllr P Read agenda item 20 (a)(i)

444 Dispensations

There were none.

445 Folly Field Car Park operations 2021

The Chief Executive Officer of St Aubyn Estates was invited to answer questions posed by councilors on behalf of members of the electorate. The Chief Executive Officer keenly expressed that any changes being made are intended to improve the area and traffic management.

Key points: -

a) Permits

St Aubyn Estates have always offered permits to business and residents. However, on reviewing the existing parking permits it was found that 70% of the permits being claimed as residential were businesses (holiday lets). The new permits will be residential only, which will be better monitored, and it has freed up a lot more spaces for local people. There is a waiting list but a finite number of permits available. Businesses will still be able to purchase a weekly pass at a reduced cost. Resident and business permit holders will move to a new designated area in the Folly Field. Residents of St Michaels Mount will have their own dedicated parking area in the existing residential parking area.

- b) Trading Beachbox**
St Aubyn Estate will consider extending the trading hours of the 'Beachbox' as is encouraged under the lease agreement. No immediate plans to open all year round (car park will be open all year round) but consideration is being given to extending the opening hours and trading longer in the summer months.
- c) Charging schedule – tickets.**
Weekly tickets available to purchase and the clock starts ticking on the day and time that a vehicle first enters the car park. Access and re-entering as many times as possible during that period.
Two weekly tickets can be purchased.
Overstays can be paid for prior to leaving the car park, thus avoiding a penalty notice. For example, an overstay by one hour can be paid for upon returning to a vehicle prior to leaving the car park.
All tickets can be purchased online, via an app, cash, or card.
Tickets can be purchased in advance, activated upon entry to the car park.
- d) Safety**
St Aubyn Estate are very aware of the movement of traffic onto main roads and possible conflicts with pedestrians.
Accessing and egressing of car parks will be monitored and will continue to be reviewed.
Similarly, pedestrian crossings and accesses.
- e) Car park layout plans.**
These have been shared with the council.
- f) Disabled car parking**
Provision made for seven in the Goldolphin car park and twenty in the Folly Field plus unmarked in the overflow.
- g) Toilet opening.**
To be kept under review with the car park being open all year round. Further discussions to be had with partners as and when needed.
- h) Aesthetics**
No intention whatsoever to tarmac the car park. St Aubyn Estate very keen to improve the aesthetics of the car park – signage, floral displays Incremental improvements.
- i) Coaches**
An issue raised with coach parties visiting the Mount. Could coaches to be directed to access the car park from the west and not via the east end of the town (reduce congestion).
Coach parties must be booked in advance online and upon booking, access to the car park via the west will now be made a prerequisite of the booking. Intention to limit the number of coaches per day and out of peak times. A member of staff will be on site seven days a week to assist with the parking of coaches.
There will be coaches that do not book and those will be directed into the car park to turnaround.
- j) Educational Visits.**

St Aubyn Estate keen to encourage educational visits, the booking of and parking of coaches will be the same as for commercial companies.

The Chief Executive Officer has offered to 'walk' councilors around the site (within Covid rules).

The Chief Executive Officer apologised for not consulting with the council before the letter of changes to the car park was submitted. A sequence of events overtook the opportunity to speak to the council in advance.

446 Mayors Report – Matters of Urgency

- a) Updated the council about the Cornwall Mayors meeting held on Thursday 18th of February 2021.
In attendance, the High Sherriff of Cornwall, and the Chairman of Cornwall Council.
Legal service for Cornwall held at Truro Cathedral will be online this year.
HMS Tamar is keen to strengthen links with Cornish towns.
Concern about the holding of elections and face to face meetings. Cornwall Council being asked to put pressure upon central government to postpone the forthcoming elections and review the requirement for face-to-face meetings.
AGREED – the Town Clerk to write to the MP.
Discussed need for social media policies considering the recent trolling of a local Mayor.
- b) Planning application Trenow Lane (on the border with Perranuthnoe). Meeting to be arranged with Perranuthnoe Parish Council to discuss.
- c) North Street planning application is going before the Cornwall Council Planning Committee on the 8th of March 2021. The Chairman will be speaking on behalf of Marazion Town Council.
- d) Former Clerk sends his best wishes to councillors.

447 Clerks Report

- i Advised councillors that the next agenda is to be sent to all councillors using *.gov.uk* e-mail addresses.
- ii Operation London Bridge procedures will be circulated to all councillors for information.
- iii Marazion Town Council website. Work will commence in the next week. Aim to have a town council website by Easter 2021. Cllr Clayton has offered to take drone footage for the website and a local photographer has kindly offered to provide photographs.
- iii CALC election timetable and interactive map with the boundary changes. Town Clerk to circulate.
- iv Online payments. The Town Clerk reported that the council will now be using online banking. Authentication payment cards have been issued to two

signatories and the Town Clerk will be speaking to other signatories.

448 Correspondence Received

- i Letter received from Derek Thomas MP about the Camborne to Penzance A30 Action Group.
- ii Letter from Devon and Cornwall Police – graffiti at the Dollan crimed.
- iii E-mail from local resident about overhanging trees their property.
- iv Letter received about a scaffold lorry obstructing the highway in North Street.

449 Councillor Reports

- a) Cllr Reynolds reported that they had been spoken to at length by a local resident about the obstruction of North Street by a scaffold lorry.
AGREED – the Town Clerk to write to the property owner and scaffold company about the need to apply to Cornwall Council for a formal road closure.
- b) Cllr Collins reported that he was very pleased to see that someone had planted up the border running along the hedge (roadside) at the Folly Field.
Cllr Collins had spoken to one of the council's contractors who advised that it was not them. Another of the town councils' contractors had been working in the area.
AGREED – the Town Clerk to contact speak to the contractor and ask if they can continue to complete the whole stretch of hedge/borders in the Folly Field.
- c) Cllr Walsh reported some graffiti in the Folly Field bus shelter (small amount).
- d) Cllr Nicholas reported that the Folly Filed bus shelter roof needs to be repaired as a matter of urgency.
AGREED – the Town Clerk to meet with Cllr Nicholas on Thursday 25th

450 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th February 2021.

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th February 2021.
RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th February 2021 be approved and signed as a correct and accurate record.

451 Annual Parish Meeting

RESOLVED - the Chairman of the Council to decide and confirm the date at the next meeting on the 9th of March 2021.

452 Annual Council Meeting

RESOLVED – the annual council meeting shall take place on Tuesday 11th May 2021.
The Marazion Town Trust to be advised.

453 Dog Fouling Task and Finish Group.

Cllr Reynolds presented the report on behalf of the task and finish group.

- a) **RESOLVED** – a budget of £3,500 is made available as per the

recommendation in the report presented.

- b) **RESOLVED** – Marazion School to be contacted asking for local school children to design anti -dog fouling posters and stickers.
- c) **RESOLVED** – to approve the use of stickers on litter/dog waste bins (permissions may be required from Cornwall Council).
- d) **RESOLVED** – to engage with Cornwall Council’s ‘Were Watching You’ campaign.
- e) **RESOLVED** – to approve the use of non-toxic, luminous paint to highlight dog fouls.

454 Cornwall Council Cycle Rack Grant application.

RESOLVED – to note the application for submission.

455 Police Liaison Meeting 18th of February 2021.

Cllr Walsh gave a brief to the council. A very informative meeting had. Key points:-

- Community engagement and the G7 summit.
- Local issues being faced by other town and parish councils in the West Penwith area.
- Raised concerns about the safety of the access and egress to the ‘residents’ car park in Marazion (West End/Kings Road).

456 Marazion Station re-opening.

Cllr Collins presented a report to councillors.

The report outlined the rationale behind the reasoning for an application being made for a feasibility study into the re-opening of the Marazion train station.

The application has been prepared by Cllr Munday of Ludgvan Parish Council.

A debate was had with a few councillors questioning the need for a re-opening of the Marazion train station with Penzance train station being so close.

There were no guarantees that the application would be successful and it could be withdrawn at any stage of the process.

If Marazion Town Council made a commitment of funding to the project this could also be withdrawn at any stage.

RESOLVED – to approve to commit in principle £6,250 towards the feasibility study into the re-opening of the Marazion train station as being prepared by Ludgvan Parish Council.

457 Purdah

The Town Clerk advised councillors about the up-and-coming Purdah period, date to be confirmed.

458 Matters Arising from previous Minutes.

a. Minute 094 of 7/20 (Footpath 14)

The Town Clerk has contacted Cornwall Council for an update. Awaiting a response.

b. Minute 184 of 15/20 (Flooding Green Lane)

Meeting yet to be arranged (a virtual meeting was suggested).

c. Minute 333 of 21/20 (misuse of the grass verge Gwallon Lane)

The Town Clerk has contacted Cornwall Council for an update. Awaiting a response

- d. **Minute 351 of 22/20 (erosion of seawall steps Leys Lane).**
Cornwall Council deciding as to who has responsibly to affect the repair.

- e. **Minute 379 of 23/20 (review of play areas closure).**
Play areas to remain closed until the next meeting (9.3.2021). Consider re-opening at the end of March 2021. To be raised at the Covid forum on Wednesday 24th of February 2021.

- i **Minute 381 of 23/20 (Footpath number 8)**
The Town Clerk is yet to contact Cornwall Council.

- j. **Minute 400 of 24/20 (Warspite memorial stone).**
The Warspite Association has been contacted, just awaiting to a response. Cllr Walsh again offered to clean the stone.

459 Finance

- a) **Statement of Accounts**
RESOLVED – to note the bank statements 18th February 2021.

- b) **Accounts for Payment**
RESOLVED – to approve the accounts for payment.

- c) **Pre-payments**
RESOLVED – to approve pre-payments.

- d) **Receipts**
RESOLVED – to note the receipts presented.

- e) **Direct Debits**
RESOLVED – to approve the direct debits presented.

460 Planning

a) Applications for Planning Permission

- i **PA21/00936**
Replacement of wall and associated works
Marazion East Car Park Kings Road West End Marazion
St Aubyn Estates

RESOLVED – no objection.

461 Applications Granted/Refused

Noted.

462 Correspondence

Further e-mail received from the applicant PA20/11072.

463 The Freedom of Information Act 2000

Deems that all information held by this Council should be freely available to the public unless it falls under one of 23 exemptions.

464 Data Protection Act 2018

Precludes this authority from publishing the names, addresses or other private information of individuals unless written permission is given by the individual for such details to be made public.

Therefore, where necessary, personal details have been removed from the papers attached to ensure that information held is available, but individuals are protected.

**465 Part II
(Private)**

Items which may be taken in the absence of the public and press on grounds that Exempt information may be disclosed as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 and Public Bodies (admissions) Act 1960.

To move that in the view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted viz; information where public disclosure at this time may be prejudicial to the good business of the Council, it is in the public interest that they be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw in accordance with Standing Order 3d

RESOLVED- to move into Part II.

466 Letter received from the Land Registry – East End.

Cllr Laity advised councillors of a letter received from the Land Registry and emails from solicitors engaged by the persons challenging the land registry title.

A discussion took place about the use of public monies to engage solicitors again to resolve this land/boundary dispute.

The council does have significant evidence to demonstrate the council's ownership of land.

RESOLVED – to engage Stephen Scowns solicitors to provide legal advice to the town council.

467 Marazion Town Council Leases – Folly Field car park.

a) Right of Access – sailing pen with the new arrangements for the car park.

The council did discuss.

b) Folly Field car park lease.

The council did discuss.

Meeting ended at 21.26

Signed

Cllr Derek Laity
Town Mayor