



**MINUTES OF THE MARAZION TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021 TOWN HALL MARAZION**

**Meeting number 15/21**

Present: Cllr D Laity Chairman, Cllr J Nicholas, Cllr R Stokoe, Cllr P Hoskings, Cllr D Walsh, Cllr J Rawlins, Cllr P Read

**In attendance:**

Mrs T Unstead Town Clerk

Chairman Marazion Chamber of Commerce

**899 Address Canon Reverend Nigel Marns**

Apologies given.

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Cllr G Reynolds

Cllr B Collins

Cllr R Clayton

**901 Public Participation**

Chairman of the Marazion Chamber of Commerce.

**902 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Read agenda item 18 en bloc.

Cllr Hoskins agenda item 18(ii).

**903 Dispensations**

None

**904 Mayors Report – Matters of Urgency**

**The Mayor Cllr Laity reported that:**

- i He had attended the Marazion Christmas Light Switch On event held in The Square on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and ~~paid thanks and well done to~~ congratulated the Greenwood Penney Christmas Tree committee and the Marazion Decorative Light Committee for making the town look so wonderful.
- ii That he had a conversation with Cornwall Councils Community Link Officer – West Penwith who assured him that the monies due to the Marazion Playing Fields Association (£10k) is one signature away from being paid.
- iii The City Status Application has generated a bit of interest and some Councillors may have received some negative feedback about it by some members of the community. And although he didn't vote for it himself, he had and will continue to, defend the democratic decisions made by the council. Social media does not represent everybody's viewpoint and it does sometimes attract a lot of people who wish to criticize rather than contribute constructively to society.  
He thought it is good that people are so passionate about the town, and it is good to know that they will help to keep it a thriving community and support the various organisations and events that are here. In that way we won't lose, as we have in the past organisations such as the youth club, the carnival committee, the football team. He hoped that those people who are so passionate verbally will come forward and give their time and support to keep the town alive. There is more to Marazion than its status as a town.
- iv **Under Matters of Urgency** – there are three items that have arisen and must be discussed under Part II conditions.  
**RESOLVED** – to move into Part II at the end of the main business on the agenda.

**905 Clerks Report**

The Town Clerk reported that:

- i The Marazion Traffic Management Public Consultation has been publicised on the town council's website, town council noticeboard and third-party social media platforms. The public consultation concludes on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and to date, four responses have been received by Cornwall Council.
- ii Office closure for Christmas and New Year will be from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 until Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
- iii Cormac have responded to the report submitted about the works needed to the No Entry sign North Street and faded No Entry road marking North Street. The sign has been repositioned and the faded road markings will be refreshed. Cllr Hoskings reported that a van parks illegally over the No Entry road marking. The Town Clerk asked for photographs so a report can be made to Cornwall Council.



- iv All Christmas cards have been written and many delivered. More to be delivered on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021.
- v 2021 Poppy Appeal – to date £1,429.06 has been raised and there is one more box to be counted.
- vi A DEFRA consultation has been circulated to the Cemetery Working Group. The consultation is about groundwater activities and includes groundwater and cemeteries. The consultation closes on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2021.

**906 Correspondence Received.**

- i E-mail received from Parishioner in response to letter sent about CCTV cameras and that they had sought advice from the Police.  
Cllr Read expressed concern about the cameras and that there continues to be a camera facing onto the public toilets.  
The Town Clerk was tasked to contact the local Police Community Support Officer.
- ii Email received from Parishioner about the Traffic Management Proposals Consultation and Godolphin Estate.
- iii E-mail received from Parishioner asking about the provision of a Christmas Tree which had been forwarded onto the Marazion Chamber of Commerce. Cllr Walsh asked who the request came from as it is the Marazion Decorative Lights Committee who supply the trees. Town Clerk to advise after the meeting.
- iv Cornwall Council Town and Parish Newsletter has been circulated to all Councillors for information.
- v E-mails have received from Parishioners about the BT Box in Trevenner Square making suggestions about possible uses.
- vi E-mail received from the Communications Officer, Office of Derek Thomas MP asking for a comment from the Mayor in support of the A30 Penzance to Camborne Action Group Case for Action which has been prepared for National Highways in relation to upgrading the A30.
- vii E-mail received from Parishioner offering translation skills.

**907 Councillor Reports**

a) County Councillor  
Cllr Sherfield Wong was not in attendance.

b) Town Councillors

**i Cllr Hoskings**

Reported that:

The bench at Wheal An Wens is missing. The Town Clerk is to report to the Police.



When putting up the Christmas Lights, it was reported that the lanterns at the top of the lamp columns in The Square are loose and need attention. Cllr Read suggested a local tradesman who could assess the lanterns. The Town Clerk to follow up.

**ii Cllr Walsh**

Reported that:

A Parishioner had contacted him about the Marazion Traffic Management Proposals and the proposed narrowing of the main road by the main car park coming into Marazion. Cllr Walsh was advised to encourage the Parishioner to respond directly to Cornwall Council.

**iii Cllr Rawlins**

Reported that:

She had attended the arranged training 'Planning for Councillors' and reported that she found it very useful and helpful.

She had attended a meeting of the Plastic Free Marazion working group and had been asked by them to be the Town Councils representative. The working group have requested that the Town Council consider a Plastic Free Charter like the one in Penzance and a Free Fill facility. Both requests to be considered at the next Town Council meeting, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

The queuing outside of the Chemist for Covid 19 vaccinations was causing obstructions on the pavement so wondered if the Community Hall could be used instead? Cllr Laity advised that the Community Hall was being used by Marazion Surgery for the delivery of vaccinations. Those being vaccinated do have to wait 15 minutes before leaving so this could be adding to the problem.

**iv Cllr Richard Stokoe**

Reported that:

Cornwall Council have reported budget cuts which reportedly impact on the number of Planning Officers and Social Services. Cllr Stokoe asked if a letter can be sent to Cornwall Council asking for clarification on the impact of service delivery. The Town Clerk tasked to write to Cornwall Council. The Town Clerk advised that an e-mail had been sent to the Cornwall County Councillor asking for feedback on the budget cuts and impact. A response has yet to be received.

He is giving advance notice of a report that will be brought before the Town Council in January 2022 about a Walking and Talking Tour App for Marazion.

He has taken the opportunity to take up the offer of joining a Cornwall Council Parking Enforcement Officer for a day.

The City Status application has generated enormous interest in Marazion, the publicity received has been extremely positive and in monetary terms would be in the region of £200k if not more. A local store reported that their online sales for this time of year had increased. However, it appears that the Cabinet Office have changed the goalposts and that an application requires the endorsement of the Principal Authority. Cllr Stokoes understanding of the rules had been confirmed upon a conversation with another town (who had also applied). A response must be sent to the Cabinet Office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2021 (deadline).



**v Cllr John Nicholas**

Reported that:

The Square toilets will be open for a two-week period from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

**908 Minutes of the Council Meeting on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021.**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021.

**RESOLVED** – unanimous that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 be approved and signed as a correct and accurate record.

**909 Bus Shelters Marazion**

This item was moved up the agenda from item 12 to item 11.

The Chairman of the Marazion Chamber of Commerce came and spoke about the decorating of the bus shelters engaging with local artists and the school and showed Councillors a picture of a bus shelter in Fowey.

Marazion Chamber of Commerce would pay for the paint and engage with the local artists.

The idea of decorating the bus shelters was met with great enthusiasm and supported. The Chairman of the Marazion Chamber was asked to bring designs to a meeting in January 2022.

**910 Budget and Precept 2022-2023**

- a) **RESOLVED** – unanimous to approve a budget of £123,208 for 2022-2023
- b) **RESOLVED** – unanimous to approve a precept of £58,955.00 for 2022-2023

**911 Vandalised Light Bus Shelter**

Cllr Rawlins is going to find out about vandal proof lights and electric boxes and report at the next meeting of the Council, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**912 Maypole Gardens**

Cllr Read gave a verbal report to the Council about the poor state of repair in the Maypole Gardens. A significant amount of money may need to be spent to bring the gardens up to a standard worthy of its location and use by the public.

A discussion followed and it was agreed that until information is received about the insuring of the seawall that any decision on the way forward is delayed until then.

**913 Matters Arising**

- a **Minute 094 (Footpath 14)**  
In view of Marazion Town Councils and SAE offer of financial assistance, earlier today Cornwall Council Environmental team had a site meeting to re-evaluate the situation to look at other options about access to the beach. Once that has been done they a meeting will be arranged with interested parties.
  
- b **Minute 184 (Flooding Green Lane)**



A productive meeting took place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 with Cornwall Council, Environment Agency, St Aubyn Estates, and the Town Council. It was agreed that there would be a short term plan to deal with any near future flooding, a medium term plan for the next 5-10 years to look at ways to alleviate that flooding and then there is the long term coastal defense strategy to look at the entire bay for the next 100 years. Justin The Environmental Agency coastal lead for Cornwall is looking at how the situation re emergency action and licenses can be achieved.

- c **Minute 381 (Footpath number 8)**  
Note that the Town Clerk due to other priorities has yet to review the process and resources needed.
  - d **Minute 654(a)(i) (Litter Bin sponsorship)**  
The Cornwall Council Officer has been to Marazion to look at the suggested location. The footpath is too narrow. Other than by the fish and chip shop no other locations were forthcoming.
  - e **Minute 694 (Maypole Gardens repair works)**  
Covered under minute 893
  - f **Minute 768 (Seawall Insurance)**  
No update.
  - g **Minute 806(a)(i)(Accessibility Folly Field toilets)**  
The Toilet Working Group are meeting with Activ8 on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021.
  - h **Minute 827(v) (Wallgate repair and letter sent to Wallgate about equipment breakdowns).**  
The Town Clerk reported that they had re-sent the letter chasing a response to the original letter sent in September 2021.
  - i **Minute 831 (Councillor Vacancy)**  
The Town Clerk reported that two applications had been sent out. The deadline is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
  - j **Minute 853 (Emergency Planning Working Group to visit St Michaels Mount)**  
The Town Clerk been in contact again with St Aubyn Estates and a meeting of the Town Council and St Aubyn Estates to be arranged in the New Year.
  - k **Minute 861(Defibrillators)**  
Trevener Stores have been in touch with LiveWest (landlord), awaiting a response. The Methodist Church is to be contacted again.
- 914 Any other matters arising not covered by items above.**
- i **Freehold of The Square Toilets**  
Cllr Read asked about the freehold transfer of the toilets. The Town Clerk to contact the legal department at Cornwall Council.



- ii **Minute 864 (handrail beach access Folly Field).**  
Cllr Laity reported St Aubyn Estates will consider putting one there themselves if Cornwall Council were not forthcoming.

**915 Finance**

- a) **Bank Reconciliations November 2021**

**RESOLVED** – unanimous to note.

- b) **Statement of Accounts**

**RESOLVED** – to note the statements of accounts as of the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2021.

- c) **Accounts for Payment**

**RESOLVED** – unanimous to approve.

- d) **Receipts**

**RESOLVED** – unanimous to note.

- e) **Direct Debits**

**RESOLVED** – unanimous to approve.

- f) **Pre-payments**

**RESOLVED** – unanimous to approve.

**916 Planning**

- a) **Applications for Planning Permission**

- i **Application PA21/10649**

Location 6 Godolphin Terrace Marazion TR17 0EX

Proposal small extensions to the south west elevation (sea view) forming a balcony and balustrading with increased accommodation to the bedrooms and photovoltaic panels embedded into the roof plane, to the north east (rear) elevation a new porch and flat roof extension

**RESOLVED** – unanimous to object on the grounds of overdevelopment.

- ii **Application PA21/10813**

Location Camelot House West End Marazion TR17 0EH

Proposal Construction of two-storey extension to incorporate disabled lift.

**RESOLVED** – unanimous to support



b) **Applications Approved/Refused**

None to be noted.

c) **Correspondence**

Noted.

**917 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.

**918 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.

**919 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

**920 Cornwall County Councillor**

A discussion took place, and it was agreed that Cllr Laity can on behalf of Marazion Town Council sign a letter being submitted by all the parishes affected.

**921 East End Garages.**

Cllr Laity briefed the Council.

**923 Longbarn**

Cllr Laity reported that a very productive meeting had been had and would further update the council after the Playing Fields Association consider the options on its future.



Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Derek Laity', written over a horizontal line.

Cllr Derek Laity  
Town Mayor