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The Minutes of the Full Council meeting 15th October 2024

TO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

1. To note Councillors present

Councillors: R Rotchell (Mayor), C Hewlett (Deputy Mayor), M Coombes, S Bond, , S Elford, M Ginger, , A Scawn, A Shaw,

2. To receive Apologies for absence with reasons

Cllr Grigg, Burgis and Thomson,

Proposed to accept: Cllr Coombes Seconded: Cllr Shaw unan 24/217

3. To receive Declarations of Interest & Approve Dispensations

Cllr Shaw declared an interest on item 11 24/218

4. Public question time (15 minutes allowed for this)

Cllr Ross Yates, of Forrabury & Minster Parish Council, spoke on behalf of the council regarding planning application PA23/10067 – For the development of a Geothermal Power Plant planning application- Cllr Yates stated that whilst the application sits within the Camelford Town Council ward, Forrabury & Minster Parish Council have extensive representation in their council meetings as residents have highlighted it directly affects them in the Forrabury & Minster Parish Council ward. Cllr Yates requested that Camelford Town Council consider their consultee remarks when coming to a decision on the application. David Stark, Forrabury & Minster resident spoke on behalf of the Camel & Slaughterbridge Protection Project (CSPP) – Mr Stark clarified that the CSPP's objection to the application is not an objection to geothermal energy, The CSPP's critical objection is the suitability of the site at Slaughterbridge. Mr Stark noted that the CSPP have commissioned 4 expert technical opinions at their own expense. Mr Stark specified some extracted facts from Cornwall Council & GEL's Groundshaw Report, there are Two SSSI impact risk zone, a bedrock aquifer, groundwater vulnerability, a water framework directive catchment (the river Camel special area of conservation) and a water framework directive ground water body on site. Mr Stark sought reassurance from Cllr Jordan that the 40 new and updated documents uploaded to the planning portal will not affect the fact he has called this application into strategic planning. Mr Stark asked Camelford Town Council to support CSPP in objecting to the application as it stands and call it into full scrutiny starting with an independent Environmental impact assessment. Cllr Rotchell commented that he would respond to this statement in his Mayors report (further down the agenda)

Craig Blackburn- resident from Camelford ward- offered support in opposing the GEL application and voiced disappointment in Camelford Town Council, as he felt there had not been enough scrutiny before previously approving this application. Cllr Rotchell confirmed he can also respond to this in his Mayors Report.

Cllr Jordan, confirmed he has spoken to Tim Warn (Planning Officer), who confirmed there is a lot to do. He is aware Cllr Jordan wants this taking to strategic planning. Cllr Jordan discussed a new document regarding the Air Quality report and how it affects the Bypass Bid which has been passed onto the Clerk to be circulated to Councillors. Cllr Jordan noted that he has received a lot of complaints about the road junctions between Camelford and Boscastle, where there have been multiple issues- Cllr Jordan has been an inspected- and confirmed a lot of white lines have faded, Cllr

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Jordan will take this up with Highways. Cllr Jordan stated that Cllr John Conway has put in a vote of no confidence against Cornwall Council leader – which will go to an extraordinary meeting of the Council on 7th November- which will cost the rate payers of Cornwall about £50,000. Cllr Rotchell changed the order of the Agenda and brought forward his Mayors report in order to answer the questions raised in Public Question time.

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8. Portfolio Reports

a. Mayor's report – Cllr Rotchell attended the Estates and Properties committee meeting on 20th Sep, on 25th Cllr Rotchell facilitated the first men's book club, the next meeting of the men's book club is on 23rd in the Library, on 26th September we held the Macmillan coffee morning in the Library, tomorrow (16th October) the old bank is holding their official reopening at lunch time, Cllr Rotchell encouraged people to pop in if they have time. Cllr Rotchell stated that on 22nd October the Bowls club have an open lunch event. as they have significant proposals to develop the site, Cllr Rotchell encouraged people to attend. Cllr Rotchell moved on to discuss the GEL application. Cllr Rotchell, Coombes and Shaw attended site meeting on 7th October with representatives from the various groups and Forrabury & Minister Parish Council. Cllr Rotchell addressed one of the questions raised in Public Question time, and explained that when the planning application arrived at Camelford Town Council they judged the application and made their decision based on the information Camelford Town Council had received by that point. Cllr Rotchell noted that a substantial amount of information has been received since then, and the representatives at the site meetings acknowledge that the information Camelford Town Council had received was sparse. Cllr Rotchell noted that the Town Councillors are not experts on this matter and can only judge based on the information available to them. In light of the new information available Cllr Rotchell proposed two amendments to Camelford Town Council's position:

1. An independent Environmental Impact Assessment is commissioned by Cornwall Council.
2. The application is decided upon by Cornwall Council's Strategic Planning committee, not by delegated Officer.

Cllr Rotchell noted this supports what Cllr Jordan has suggested and the representatives from Forrabury & Minster.

Cllr Scawn questioned how we can be assured that Cornwall Council will appoint a completely independent Environmental Impact Assessment. Cllr Rotchell clarified that all Camelford Town Council can do regarding this is ask for an independent assessment. Cllr Bond voiced that it needs to be trusted that it will be an independent assessment just as we have to trust the CSPP's reports are independent.

Cllr Rotchell addressed the room and stated that members of the public are free to leave at anytime if they do not wish to sit through the rest of the meeting.

At this point a member of the public wished to highlight an interaction between Tim Warn (The planning officer), MP Ben Maguire and his PA, which resulted in the MP contacting the secretary of state requesting a review of the environmental Impact assessment screening process. The secretary of state has until 21st October to reply.

Mr Stark thanked Cllr Rotchell for his proposal and the majority of public in attendance left the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Rotchell

Seconded: Cllr Bond

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5. To receive and approve the Minutes of: Ordinary meeting 10th Sep 2024

Proposed to accept: Cllr Coombes Seconded; Cllr Elford

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6. To receive Clerk's report

Matters arising from the Minutes. Update on Churchfield car park, the clerk confirmed that the ticket machine is up and running now, although there are still issues surrounding the power supply, this is still under investigation. The clerk noted feedback from residents regarding the parking permits (which is down for review Agenda item 9e) - Enfield Park Bridge- received a response from engineer

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who advised Camelford Town Council to seek an architect to design some plans in order for them to be able to provide an accurate quote. The clerk noted vandalism at Camelford Hall as a result of the Skate:Create youth group- clerk liaising with Hall trustees to get the matter resolved.

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7. Planning

a. To **note** PA24/00922/PRE **Closed** - advice given: Location:- Land To The East Of Trestephen Helstone Camelford Cornwall PL32 9RL Proposal Request for a Tree Preservation Order to protect large Hazel and Sycamore in 8th of an acre next to Trestephen.

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b. To **note** PA24/05242 **APPROVED** Location:- Land East Of Tremarden Hendra Camelford Cornwall PL32 9UT- Proposal: Erection of replacement storage building following demolition of existing storage building.

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c. To **resolve** on Application PA24/06610 Proposal First floor extension and new porch Location 66 Beechwood Drive Camelford Cornwall PL32 9NB- Cllr Shaw noted that he has visited the site and has no concerns.

Proposed to support: Cllr Shaw

Seconded: Cllr Bond

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d. To **resolve** on Application - PA24/07187 Proposal: Conversion of barn into C3 dwellinghouse without complying with condition 2 of decision PA18/02986 dated 18/05/2018 Location The Granary Adjacent Mutley 8 Trevia Lane Camelford PL32 9UX- Cllr Shaw noted that he spent a lot of time investigating this application as it wasn't clear, clarified that the amendments to the application are a slightly smaller footprint and more environmentally friendly materials. Cllr Shaw Proposed no objection.

Proposed: Cllr Shaw

Seconded: Cllr Coombes

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9. Correspondence

a. To **note** thanks from St Julitta Church Flower festival organisers for participation.

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10. Agenda Items

a. **Resolve** to accept Financial Regulations 2024

Proposed: Cllr Bonds Seconded: Coombes

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b. **Resolve** to accept Code of conduct 2024.

Proposed: Cllr Shaw Seconded: Cllr Elford

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c. **Review** and accept Emergency plan- deferred to strategic- deferred to Strategic Committee

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d. **Resolve** to transfer any funds above the precept amount into the high interest savings account.

Proposed: Cllr Shaw

Cllr Scawn

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e. **Review** Churchfield Permit policy and proposed amendments. A discussion took place around the policy for Businesses and that the 1st permit at the cost of £50 is given to the first employee who comes in to purchase a permit. Cllr Hewlett- highlighted that council were under the impression the business would be paying for the permits not the employees- The Clerk clarified that in practice it is mostly the employees purchasing their own permits. Cllr Ginger put forward a suggestion for a separate permit for workers in Camelford- Due to the lengthy discussion needed Council decided to refer to Estates and Properties Committee to put forward a proposal to amend the policy next year.

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f. **Resolve** on quote for Tree Survey Enfield Park.

It was resolved to Check with Cornwall council but go ahead with the tree survey.

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g. To **note** interest rate drop on Barclays savings account (reduced by 0.10%)

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h. To **note**- Surveys required to help secure CLUP funding- 10 per councillor

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11. August Accounts

a. To note Balances at

Current Account	£214361.05
Tracker Account	£100922.29
CCLA Property Fund	£80,000
CCLA Deposit account	£50500.48

b. To resolve to authorise the payments of Accounts Outstanding

August:

Staff	Sep/Oct Wages & expenses	BACS	£9790.09
HMRC	Sep/Oct Tax & NI	BACS	£2684.75
Cornwall Pensions	Sep/Oct Pension contributions	BACS	£3086.48
Barclays	Bank Charges	DD	£5.50
Mileage	Cllr Mileage for Training	BACS	£40.50
OCM	Skate Instructor & Community worker	BACS	£1096.05
Everflow	Water	DD	£36.63
3 for business	CTC mobiles Aug	DD	£12.54
3 for business	CTC mobiles Sep	DD	£12.54
Seadog IT	Website Hosting	DD	£34.95
Voipfone	Office Telephone system	DD	£11.40
Camelford Town Trust	Town Hall Rent	DD	£550.04
Cornwall Council	Rates – Churchfield CP	DD	£513.00
Cornwall Council	Rates – Town Hall/Library	DD	£269.00
Cornwall Council	Rates – Clease CP	DD	£269.00
Cornwall Council	Rates – Enfield Park Store	DD	£51.00
Positive Energy	Town Hall Electricity – Aug- final bill	DD	£52.01
Positive Energy	Town Hall Electricity- Aug- final bill	DD	£69.87
British Gas	Town Hall Electricity sep/oct	DD	£323.26
British Gas	Town hall Electricity Aug/sep	DD	£318.33
British Gas	Electricity – OCM Aug/Sep	DD	£458.65
Octopus	Electricity – Public conveniences Sep	DD	£85.25
Octopus	Electricity –Cleas Road CP Sep	DD	£152.03
Octopus	Electricity- Cleas Road Aug	DD	£155.17
BT	Internet	DD	£41.94
EE	Maintenance Phone	DD	£21.60
Western Supply	Maintenance supplies	BACS	£11.70
R Sleeps	Maintenance Supplies	BACS	£552.33
SW Hygiene	Public toilet bin services	BACS	£134.19
Cornwall council	SLA patrols	BACS	£43.81
Back on nights	Music on the bandstand	BACS	£170.00
Camelot Garage	Fuel for CTC van Aug	BACS	£172.53
Camelot Garage	Fuel for CTC van Sep	BACS	£87.53
Mailchimp	CTC website emailing	DD	£11.92
Big Bertha original	Bean bag chairs -Library	Debit	£124.70
Jag Signs	No Smoking/vaping signs OCM	BACS	£63.54
Viking	Office Heater (replace old)	BACS	£23.39
Viking	Office supplies	BACS	£102.52
Community Grant	Friends of Lanteglos	BACS	£500.00
CSG	Interceptor clearance	BACS	£1470.00

Duplicate payment of £458.65 to British Gas removed as it was on the agenda twice- total updated.

TOTAL £19813.69

c. To note Income

Cornwall Council	September precept	BACS	£172049.50
Danio's Café	Partial rent payment	CC	£75.00
Cash	Cash from library	CC	£274.00
Car Park permits	Churchfield & Cleas	PO	£2080.00
B.Grills	Xmas fayre stall	BACS	£5.00

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Total: £174483.50

Cllr Shaw requested a monthly meter reading of OCM water
Cllr shaw left the room for the vote due to a mileage claim
Proposal to accept accounts: Cllr Coombes

Seconded: Cllr Bond Unan 1 abs
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13. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

To **resolve** that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable that the press and public be excluded and instructed to withdraw during the discussions for the following items:

To note items for 19th Nov 2024 Agenda.

GEL, 22nd October 7pm meeting closed 19.47

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