



CAMELFORD PARISH – NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday 29th April 2025

The meeting will commence at 7.30pm

1. Introduction and Welcome by the Mayor, Cllr Rob Rotchell

Cllr Rotchell welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting, and shared a summary of this Council's achievements over the 4 year administration. The council established the OCM Café and installed town maps at Clease Road and Market Place. CTC created vision documents and planted over 250 trees. The lease for the skate park was renegotiated, and essential River Bank repairs were carried out. The council consistently lobbied for the bypass and hosted centenary celebrations for Enfield Park. A 20mph speed limit was implemented in the town, Clease Road car park was acquired and resurfaced. A youth outreach worker was employed, and reusable plastic beakers were introduced. The NDP was completed, and annual clearing of the pond and leat was established. Four budgets and precepts were delivered, each year in balance, with slight underspending. Defibrillators in the town were maintained, and EV chargers were installed. Events for the Queen and King Charles were hosted. The council continued to work with the medical centre, appointed a new clerk and deputy, introduced car park permits, and worked with Tesco on a supermarket proposal, with the planning application now received by Cornwall Council. Over 120 planning applications were dealt with. Cllr Rotchell thanked Cllr Shaw for his dedication to planning and expressed gratitude to the staff and council for delivering a quality council over the last four years.

2. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th March 2024

Proposed to approve: Cllr Coombs, Seconded: Cllr Grigg
Signing deferred due to printer issue.

3. Annual Reports from CTC Committee Chairs, Cllr Hewlett – Estates and Properties, Cllr Ginger – Finance & Staffing, Cllr Bond- Events, Cllr Thomson- Strategic.

Cllr Hewlett, Chair of The Estates and Properties Committee, expressed gratitude to committee members and volunteer gardeners for their hard work, noting that the area looks lovely. The bridge is nearly complete. The play area has an ongoing maintenance program, with a rower installed and awaiting ROSPA sign-off following last week's inspection. Camelford Towers is next on the list for replacement, but this will be expensive and depends on available funds. Grass maintenance continues, and the orchard is looking great with lots of blossom and newly planted cider apple trees. All allotments are taken, with a waiting list, and are regularly inspected and maintained. The Skate Park and OCM have grown from 12 to 120 members, thanks to significant effort. Cllr Hewlett, in her final duty as councillor, advised the council to remember they are a team, working for the good of Camelford, even if they don't always agree. Cllr Rotchell thanked Cllr Hewlett for her 12 years of service and her role as deputy mayor.

Cllr Ginger, Chair of the Finance and Staffing Committee, thanked those who worked with her. She noted that the administration has left the council in a strong financial position, having received numerous grants over the past four years. These grants have supported over 100 families, funded a skate coach, and installed new lights. The council will continue to apply for grants. The staffing team is strong with nine members, although they have said goodbye to some staff due to retirement or new opportunities. They welcomed a new clerk and deputy. The grounds team, consisting of Neil, Dave, and Rob, is doing a great job. The library, staffed by Bronwen, Jay, and Imogen, has changed its opening hours and is the only library in Camelford offering late-night hours. Bronwen also presented at a library conference. Funding has supported the start-up of various groups, including Knit and Natter, a gardening club, and book clubs. Cllr Ginger expressed her gratitude to the staff. The new administration has made a strong and positive start financially.

Cllr Bond, Chair of the Events Committee, reported another busy year of events. He thanked the staff and fellow councillors for their efforts. The Easter Extravaganza was a success, with special thanks to Bronwen for organising it. The annual four days of fun were well attended. The D-Day event was a big success, with thanks to Kirsty and the WI ladies for the teas and coffees, and Callum Flew for performing. The July music on the bandstand events are increasingly popular. Other events included Camelford in Bloom, the winter festival, and Bronwen's log slice workshops, where the public paints slices of the previous year's tree to decorate the new tree. The November winter festival was a fantastic evening, and Cllr Bond gave huge thanks to the Camelford Lights Committee, noting that their lights display are the envy of everyone in Cornwall. A busy year of events is planned, with posters going out soon.

Cllr Thomson, Chair of the Strategic and Economic Development Committee, expressed gratitude to previous and current clerks and deputy clerks. Cllr Thomson explained SED creates strategic plans to encourage economic regeneration, consider tourism, and market Camelford as a destination. Post-COVID, Camelford has shown many positive qualities, including efforts to push for a bypass and improve air quality. The air quality

report indicated that the area has moved out of the danger zone, despite initial high levels of impurities. A30 closures have highlighted the pressure on Camelford. Findings in 2022 noting the need for a supermarket, dentist, and other amenities. Despite being trapped by a road that benefits everyone but the town itself, there has been progress, such as the development of a supermarket and further upgrades to the OCM skatepark, thanks to grants. The Party in the Park event was successfully passed back to the football club, and other events have been organised. New signage has been installed in the park, and a fish run has been created to allow salmon and trout to move up the weir. A welcome tree with brass and copper leaves has been added to the park, reflecting community efforts. St Piran's Day flags are flown every year. The allotments are successful, and the council has taken on Clease Road car park, installing EV chargers in both car parks. Speed radar signs have been installed/being installed. The council continues to support the Camelford Show and has developed the community orchard, planting more trees through councillors and community planting days.

Reports were received from organisations that have been in receipt of Town Council grants: PCC Lanteglos Church, Camelford and District Bowls Club, 1st Camelford Guide and Ranger Unit, and the Christmas Lights Committee.

4. To invite the public to raise any matters of interest. Note: Those who have written in with prior notice that they would like to speak will be heard first.

Cllr Barry Jordan noted he has seven oak trees he is donating to Camelford. He expressed his honour in working with Camelford Town Council and the Mayor, noting the town's growth over the last 4 years. Cllr Jordan attended approximately 100 town and parish meetings and 40 county council meetings during this administration. He highlighted some challenges, including the closure of the A39, a Geothermal Power Plant application at Tregath, a Solar Farm at Canworthy Water, and the repowering of the windfarm at Laneast. There have been issues with South West Water and the closure of Victoria Road. Camelford continues to face waste problems, with residents still putting out black bags.

Cllr Jordan was elected chair of CAP meetings and funding panels. He mentioned various projects, including the old bank, leisure centre, Nourish Kernow, and the town council. Camelford received over £450,000 in grants, with more money coming into this division than any other due to timely applications. Cllr Rotchell thanked Cllr Jordan for his support over the last four years.

Cllr Rotchell thanked everyone again, and closed the meeting at 20.05.

The Parish Meeting is an opportunity for the parishioners on the Electoral Roll for Camelford to raise any matters of concern to them that relates to their local community. It would be helpful to have written notice of any matters to be raised but it is not essential. Matters can be raised at the meeting without prior notice. For any queries, please contact the Deputy Town Clerk, Jordan Burnard – telephone 01840 212880 or email admin@camelford-tc.gov.uk.

Please note that the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th March 2024 are available to view on the Camelford Town Council website.