



Truro Civic Society

Charity No. 204788



Minutes of a Meeting held by the Truro Civic Society on Wednesday 19 March 2014 at 7.30pm in the Municipal Buildings

PRESENT

Bert Biscoe (Honorary Chairman)
Caroline Jones (Honorary Treasurer)
Colin Elliott (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Reg Bowyer
Daphne Worraker
Edwina Elbers (Honorary Secretary)
June Bowry
Mike Burgess
Neil Scott
Peter Dexter
Robin Holdaway
Roger Shuttlewood

APOLOGIES

John Tamblyn (Mayor of Truro)
Councillor Armorel Carlyon
Diane Russell
Peter Blake
Simon Trehane

2) Approval of Minutes from the Meeting held 12 February 2014

Neil pointed out that the St Piran's Day parade was held on 5 not 3 March this year. The minutes were approved.

3) Matters arising

The chairman has written to the Dark Sky Society and is awaiting a reply. Simon had emailed the secretary to say that the sign at Dunelm Mill is now being switched off in the early evenings. Robin however has seen the sign on at some times during the night.

The chairman has written to Cornwall Council about the fire exit at The Lounge being used as goods entrance. The council confirmed that no consent has been given to use the door under the archway as a goods entrance. A Planning officer will look into this.

Mike attended the Neighbourhood Plan meeting and reported that he sat on the table discussing transport. Mike noted that there seems to be no strategic plan. Caroline sat at the conservation table. Caroline requested to have input on conservation issues across the entire area covered by the Neighbourhood Plan and not just the conservation area. Colin feels that the consultation process has been "odd" and that there seems to be no overall picture. Neil reported that he sat on the leisure, economy and culture table but that he felt disappointed that after 2 years there was still no plan. The chairman voiced his concerns that developers have been working to get their applications in before the Neighbourhood Plan is in place. The chairman felt it was important the society were consulted by Cornwall Council's planning service on applications. The secretary will check with Ian Hibberd if any consultations have been sent electronically.

The chairman announced that the new museum director would be delighted to attend a society meeting and suggested inviting him to the next meeting in April. All were in favour.

The chairman has written to the Market Inn about their missing history board but has not had a reply yet. Reg asked the chairman to contact the Daniell Arms also, as their history board has been removed too.

4) Reports

a) Chairman's Report

Please see minutes from the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

b) Treasurer's Report

Please see minutes from the AGM.

c) Conservation Committee's Report

Minutes of the conservation committee's meetings are also available on www.trurocivicsociety.com.

Signs for the betting shop to move into Evans have been refused. The Swan will keep the plaque. 8 Truro Vean Terrace have new railings. Proposals to demolish garden wall and put down tarmac at James Place were objected to. Amberley House have developed a new proposal for a smaller extension.

5) Neil Scott and Totally Truro

Please find a copy of Neil's report attached.

Neil suggested liaising with CHBN community radio to advertise the society.

Neil pointed out that no national coffee chain has opened in Truro within the last 5 years.

The chairman hoped that the covenant on the old Somerfield retail space could be lifted to make use of this opportunity. The chairman reported that the land behind Wetherspoons is back on the market and that Cornwall Council were considering putting in a bid to use the land to relocate the main bus stop.

Robin asked if any feedback had been received on the new route that had been used for last year's City of Lights. Neil reported that it worked well coming down Lemon Street as it enabled more people to see the parade. However the parade became gridlocked at the bottom of Lemon Street and the parade went on a bit too long for the smaller children to keep up. This year the parade will start at the top of Lemon Street and then the large lanterns will be fed in from City Road. The schools will not be with the parade for the whole length of the route. Robin felt that last year the parked cars in Lemon Street were a problem.

The chairman felt that Neil was doing a "grand" job and providing a calm and objective analysis of happenings in the town, which is important. The meeting added their thanks.

6) Any other Business

Reg advised that a new road scheme for the Eastern District Centre has been drawn up.

The chairman proposed to change the time for future meetings from 7pm to 6.30pm. No objections were raised. The secretary will inform members.

7) Date and Time of the next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Municipal Buildings on Wednesday 23 April 2014 at **6.30pm (instead of 7pm)**.

The chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8.15pm.