



Truro Civic Society

Charity No. 204788



Minutes of a Meeting held by the Truro Civic Society
on Wednesday 23 October 2013 at 7pm in the Municipal Buildings

PRESENT

Bert Biscoe - Honorary Chairman
Caroline Jones - Honorary Treasurer
Colin Elliott
Councillor Armored Carlyon
Councillor Reg Bowyer
Daphne Worraker
Edwina Elbers - Honorary Secretary
John Tamblyn (until 8pm)
Mike Burgess
Neil Scott
Robin Holdaway
Sandra Trehwela

APOLOGIES

Di Russell
Helen Blake
June Bowry
Luci Scholes
Margaret Sellwood
Peter Blake
Robin Sellwood
Roger Shuttlewood
Simon Trehane
Tony Herring

2) Approval of Minutes from the Meeting held 4 September 2013

Daphne pointed out that in the first paragraph of item 7 it should read Tregurra not Tolgarrick. The minutes were approved.

3) Matters arising

Daphne reported that the gentleman operating the Fal River buses is taking people from Malpas to Truro. Daphne felt this was a wonderful example of community spirit. The chairman will write to thank the gentleman. He will also write to Mark Howard from Western Greyhound buses to congratulate him on the service he is providing. The chairman advised that anyone who holds a bus pass but wishes to support the bus network can choose not to use their bus pass and pay the fare instead, whenever they can afford it.

The chairman reported that Totally Truro, the town council and Cornwall Council have been working together well with South West Water and Balfour Beatty to manage the works in the town centre. Daphne has spoken to one of the Wales & West workers and was told that they are careful not to break the setts in Boscawen Street - they are keeping them safe to put back once the works are finished. However, the chairman noted that some of the setts outside H Samuel that have already been replaced have not been put back in the correct place. Neil will look into this.

Reg advised that the footpath at Infirmary Hill has now been opened but that it has been left in a mess and he feels is dangerous to use.

The chairman promised to speak to Eric Berry and John Stengelhofen before Christmas with a view to organising the discussion in the New Year.

The chairman reported that Cornwall Council are now considering enforcement action to reinstate the public right of way at Carvedras that has been obstructed by a fence. Colin Elliott will draft a paragraph on this for the chairman.

The chairman announced that the museum now has a new director called Ian Walls. The chairman feels Mr Walls could be a "lucky find". He will raise the Christine Oates exhibition with Mr Walls once he's settled in.

The chairman is yet to invite Colin Parker from Park Farm and Moresk Forest. He suggested organising and outing to the forest in the spring.

4) Reports

a) Chairman's Report

The chairman handed out his report. Please contact the secretary if you require a copy.

The proposed bus shelter outside BHS was discussed. It was felt that Boscawen Street is one of the most important aspects of the city and that the structure of a bus shelter, set off the pavement outside BHS, would have a detrimental impact not only aesthetically but also on the run of traffic. The chairman and Neil will take this forward

The members supported the chairman's suggestion of campaigning for an appropriate ship to replace the Compton Castle.

Further to his report, the chairman advised that the outcome of the programme monitoring the decision to grant European development funding to the P&R is being awaited.

The judicial review against the development at Langarth has failed.

John left the meeting.

The chairman was pleased to say that Peter Marsh (head of Cornwall Council's Environment department) has promised to look into renewing Millpool Bridge.

b) Treasurer's Report

The society currently has funds amounting to £2,363. The treasurer reminded members that the membership fee for 2013 is due for those who have not yet paid.

c) Conservation Committee's Report

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

The committee objected to the proposal for extension of the Daniell Arms. The committee also objected to the proposal to create additional parking at Strangways Villas by demolishing some of the railings. However, no objections were raised to the proposed extension at Strangways Villas. No objections were raised to the sign for Burton in Boscawen Street nor the proposed window to fill the gap to Superdrug. The committee objected to the proposed offices at the football club.

The old TSB building is to be developed into a restaurant. Daphne raised concerns about the suitability of the proposed fire escape, as the fire escape would come into the space enclosed by iron gates at the back. The gates are locked at night and thus no escape would be possible in the event of a fire. Also, she was concerned that people visiting the restaurant would smoke outside and disturb residents. Daphne will write to the fire brigade and Cornwall Council's licensing department. Neil will also look into this.

Neil noted how well looked after the private houses in Lemon Street up to Falmouth Street are. The chairman will write to Mr Hendra of 1 Falmouth Road to congratulate him on the tasteful restoration of his property which is now setting a standard in the area.

5) Neil Scott and Totally Truro

Please find Neil's report attached.

Further, Neil reported that Cormac will vacate Trafalgar roundabout from the beginning of November and South West Water/Wales & West the town centre from mid November. They will return in the New Year. The chairman thanked Neil for his ongoing efforts to liaise with the construction companies and the city council.

6) Any other Business

Caroline announced that the society is now a member of the Cornish Buildings Group and has been invited to several outings. Also, an invitation for Christmas lunch with the Falmouth Civic Society has been received.

Reg questioned what was happening at Newham Road. Neil suggested he speak to Alison Elvey the new BID (Business Improvement District) manager in Newham. Neil is looking to invite Alison to a society meeting early next year.

Ian Hibberd, who looks after the society's website, has suggested creating an online gallery of past/present/future Truro. If you have any photos you would like to see in the gallery please contact Ian wanderlustian@gmail.com or 07807 010691. Paper or electronic photos are welcome.

Armored mentioned that a new book has been published by Bernard Deacon.

Armored, Colin and Robin volunteered to read through Mike's paper on green spaces in time for the next meeting and feed back.

7) Date and Time of the next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Municipal Buildings on Tuesday 3 December at 7pm.

The chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 9pm.