



PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 24th July 2024

Present: Councillor Edwards (Chairman)

Councillors Ellis, Fletcher, Robinson, Venables, White & Willey (Vice Chairman)

Also in attendance:

Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

Martin Worth – Cornwall Councillor

Members of the public: **15**

Members of the public were permitted to speak on each Agenda item for a period of 3 minutes. This meeting was advertised as a public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media and members of the public. The public were advised that whilst every effort is taken to ensure that members of the public would not be filmed, it could not be guaranteed.

Minutes 24th July 2024

1409/2024 Chair's Welcome & Announcements

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) welcomed residents to the Public Meeting of the Parish Council and delivered Health and Safety housekeeping rules.

Social distancing and Covid-19 measures were observed, such as ventilation.

No one intended recording the meeting.

1410 Public participation

A resident asked about the proposed Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system intended as an alternative to toll booths on the Tamar Bridge, and any likely cost to the motorist. Cllr Martin Worth explained the press release from SE Cornwall Community Area Partnerships (CAPs) regarding the (ANPR) proposed scheme (see below at item 1415).

Councillors **Resolved** to note.



1411 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given

Cllr Smith (illness).

1412 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Edwards (Chairman) declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Application PA24/03984 (see item 1417).

Councillors **Resolved** that no other Councillors declared pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

Councillors **Resolved** that no Councillors were liable for written Dispensations or Gifts.

1413 Minutes of the Public Meeting 26th June 2024

Draft Minutes 26th June 2024 - Proposed Cllr Fletcher, seconded Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) 6 agreed, 1 abstention.

Councillors **Resolved** to approve the draft Minutes.

1414 Matters arising from the draft Minutes for report purposes only.

None.

1415 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth

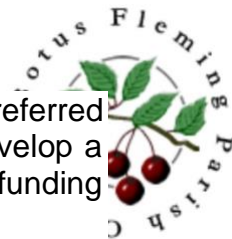
Cllr Worth reported regarding the (CAPs) update –

Members of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee have welcomed the findings of a report into the introduction of Open Road Tolling as a vital next step in their aims of improving traffic flow and reducing journey times on the Bridge and the Ferry.

The investigation into the potential for introducing Open Road Tolling (ORT) at the crossings is part of the Tamar 2050 programme which is looking at new ways of funding and operating the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry.

The report, which was produced by consultants following extensive consultation with key stakeholders, concludes that it would be possible to introduce ORT at both crossings. The use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) rather than the current system of tolls booths would help to reduce queuing and traffic emissions, and improve journey times, as well as bringing economic benefits over the long term.

The report notes that significant highways work would be required where the Bridge joins the A38 Parkway. Designing and implementing these changes, together with other measures needed to support the introduction of the new system, could result in



costs of between £8.7m and £16.2 million depending largely on the preferred highway configuration option. It suggests that further work is required to develop a detailed business case which can then be used to support bids for external funding for the scheme.

Supporting the recommendation to commission a further report which includes an outline business case and funding strategy for ORT, Joint Chairs Martin Worth and Jon Dingle, said **“The Joint Committee is committed to the principle of Open Road Tolling”**.

“During the past few months, we have secured the support of the Peninsula Transport Board which has now formally recognised Open Road Tolling at the crossings as a strategic project. We also continued to lobby the previous Government to provide financial support for the crossings. Following the general election, we are already engaging with the new MPs in Cornwall and Plymouth and will be seeking their support in pressing our case with the new Government.

“In the meantime, however, we need to continue with developing our plans to introduce Open Road Tolling at the crossings so we are in a strong position to bid for funding in the future.”

At its March 2024 meeting, the Joint Committee resolved to meaningfully explore the possibility of toll abolition. Addressing the highways issues associated with introducing Open Road Tolling at the Tamar Bridge would support the technical feasibility of toll abolition, which would require an Open Road without Tolls.

Following the meeting, a Phase 2 Open Road Tolling Study will be commissioned with the costs met from existing budgets. The study will include an outline business case and funding strategy.

Cllr Worth also mentioned separate items concerning the ‘cross-party’ white paper which would be a Cornwall wish list reflecting the new Devolution deal for Cornwall, and the Safe A38 package would be revisited.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

1416 Finance

A Accounts for Payment July 2024

Cllr Robinson proposed, Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) seconded the approval of the Accounts for payment. All agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to approve the accounts for payment.

B Direct bank Payments & Receipts for information

Bank Receipts were reported as **£12,931** Total receipts Account1 2024/2025 **£12,931**.



Bank Receipts were reported as **£0.00** Total receipts Account2 2024/2025 **£0.00**
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C Bank reconciliation and Earmarked Funds (EMF)

The General Account balance was reported as **£13,633** and the Earmarked Funds as **£19,461**. Total Funds **£33,095**

D Monthly budget monitoring balances report

Refer to Finance report at www.botusfleming.org.uk

Councillors **Resolved** to note items 1416 (B) (C) & (D).

E Public Works Loan Board Statement July 2024

Councillors **Resolved** to note the Loan amount outstanding **£53,422.57**

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) left the Meeting. Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) replaced the Chairman position.

1417 Planning <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>

New Planning Applications – One received

Application PA24 / 03984

Proposal Proposed new dwelling set within the private land ownership grounds of Villaton Barton. Intended to allow multi-generational family occupancy, and to remain dependent on and tied to the main host dwelling.

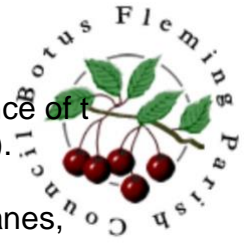
Location Villaton Barton Hatt Saltash PL12 6PP

Grid Ref 239001 / 62285

The Applicant advised Councillors that the current application is a smaller scale sustainable development than the previous submission PA23 / 07736 (refused 12.1.2024) by the Planning Development Officer. There is no intention of the proposed new development being sold outside of the immediate family, and that the Annexe will assist with family social care needs.

The Planning Development Officer advises that a single storey extension Annexe (not separate building) would be acceptable.

Parish Councillors agreed with this comment submitted by the Applicant and would support the revised Application subject to this condition, whilst noting the comments from Planning Development. Cllr Fletcher added that the



proposed multi-generational development would improve the appearance of the area (within existing settlement and not open Country development).

Consideration was given to the disruption of the Villaton Hamlet, and lanes, whilst building works were underway, and whether any future development at Villaton Barton would increase traffic activity.

Cllr Willey (Vice Chair) proposed, Cllr Fletcher seconded support.

Councillors VOTED 5 Support, 1 abstain

The Council **Resolved** to support Planning Application PA24 / 03984 subject to the condition that the 'annexe' remains integral and NOT a separate building.

Cllr Edwards (Chairman) returned to the Meeting.

Planning Application Decisions – None received

Planning Application for Information – None received

Planning Applications received after Agenda published – None received

Councillors **Resolved** to note all planning matters.

1418 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) & Parish Plan
www.botusflemingandhattndp.com

No report.

1419 Recreation Field & Benches

Cllrs Edwards (Chairman) and Cllr Venables agreed to defer the intended progress with the dog-walking field.

Cllr Willey (Vice Chairman) stated that robust use of the yellow gate to the play equipment area had resulted in a bracket being broken. Contact would be made with the suppliers 'Zaun' to arrange a site meeting to discuss the replacement part and associated bracket replacement costs.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1420 Councillors Reports

The full Council reports for Item 1420 (A) can be viewed under 'Reports' at www.botusfleming.org.uk

A Asset Audit



All Assets on the monthly checklist were reported in order.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

B Climate and Ecological Emergency

Cllr Fletcher stated that the installed swift boxes in the St. Mary's church louvers were being regularly visited by the swifts.

Thanks were expressed to the grass cutting contractor for carrying out bramble strimming work on the A388 tree verge. He added that the number of trees planted for Forest for Cornwall has now passed the one million mark. BFPC's tree planting has contributed approximately 160 of those.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

C BOTHER

Cllr Ellis reported that the monies raised by a quiz back in the recent past is not strictly PC business. The purpose was to raise money for wild flowers under the BOTHER banner. The fund opened with a balance of £685. The fund still has £339 remaining.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

D CAPs

Cllr Fletcher reported –

- Chair & Vice Chair for (CAPs) elected
- Presentation given regarding Tamar Bridge crossings vision up to 2050
- Police in attendance at (CAPs) – focusing on drugs use and supply in Saltash, domestic abuse, police response times. Rural Constable for SE Cornwall appointed.

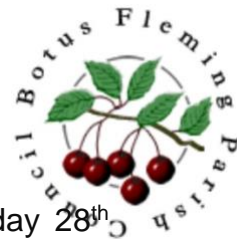
Councillors **Resolved** to note.

1421 Clerk's items

None.

1422 Correspondence

None.



1423 Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of the Council will be the **Public Meeting** on Wednesday 28th August 2024 at 7:30pm at the St Mary's Church Hall (covid safe).

The Parish Council would continue to follow any instructions from CALC concerning the COVID -19 situation in connection with forthcoming Public Meetings. The choice to meet face to face was now an option with safety guidelines applying.

Please refer to www.botusfleming.org.uk for further details.

1424 End of meeting 20:38

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**Signed
(Chairman)**

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Date