



Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of
SALCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL
held in the library of Cliff House, Salcombe
at 09:15am on Friday 6th October 2023

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

* - Attendance; A- Absent; N - No Apologies Received Cllr

Cllr Mark Goodey (Mayor)	*
Cllr Jasper Evans (Deputy Mayor)	*
Cllr Caroline Bricknell	A
Cllr Andrew Reed	*
Cllr Jess Denny	*
Cllr Eoghan Grace	*
Cllr Kizzy Sims-Stirling	*
Cllr Christine Milton	*
Cllr John Cooke	*
Cllr Craig Niven	*
Cllr Rob Wheeler	*
Cllr David Higgens	*

1. APOLOGIES

Received apologies from Cllr Caroline Bricknell as had prior commitment.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To invite Members to declare any pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests that they may have in any matters to be considered at this meeting; and to note that a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest, in any matter must, withdraw from the Chamber at the commencement of the consideration of that business or, if later, the time at which the interest becomes apparent, whilst also considering if there had been any changes.

None declared

3. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Council discussed and **RESOLVED**, in view of the nature of the business transacted at agenda item 4, to not exclude, in the public interest, the public and press.

4. DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSED ON-STREET PAY-N-DISPLAY PARKING

- a) Members discussed the proposals covering the following points:
- DCC had put forward 3 proposals, with the drawing titled 'Salcombe (Full)' being its preferred option, with at least a 30min free period.
 - The Working Group advised members that they were told at their meeting with Chris Rook from DCC and Cllr Rufus Gilbert that:
 - DCC will be going ahead with its proposals; irrespective of whether the proposed towns agreed.
 - The reasons for the proposals is to increase enforcement, which they advised is currently very difficult to manage, especially as 'people play the system'. In the summer enforcement officers cover Kingsbridge, Salcombe and Malborough; days are random but they can only focus on the towns – not outside areas surrounding the towns.
 - DCC believe the proposals will approve churn on Salcombe's high street.
 - Cllrs Reed, Denny and Milton's recommendation was for Salcombe Town Council to:
 - decide on whether the Council agreed in principle to DCC's on-street pay-n-display parking proposals and, if agreed:
 - to suggest ideas with regards to free periods, return time, seasonality
 - whether to propose different periods depending on location of the named roads
 - to suggest other roads e.g. introduce on-street parking pay n display on Sandhills.
 - Members raised the questions
 - Would DCC be proposing this if there was no financial gain for DCC?
 - Is one of the priorities for DCC of this proposed scheme how much of a benefit will it be to Salcombe?



- Members agreed they want to look at improving parking across Salcombe as a whole, whereas it appears DCC are looking at improving churn within town.
 - Members ~~were in agreement~~ *stated* that Salcombe is very different to other towns and therefore they need to be focused on Salcombe's parking issues and not compare Salcombe to the other proposed towns being considered.
 - Members expressed concern that the proposals will push the parking issue 'up the hill' into residents' areas.
 - Members reiterated that it was important to consult the town, which they had resolved to do at Town Council meeting on 23rd August 2023.
 - Members discussed concerns regarding builders' permits enabling them to park within the current free bays.
 - Members discussed the implications of saying a flat out right 'no' to the proposals and the implication of this i.e. Chris & Rufus advised that, if Salcombe Town Council come onboard now, they would be prepared to listen to any proposals that Salcombe Town Council come back with regarding time periods, seasonality etc - by saying 'no' DCC will implement their proposals without further consultation with the Council.
 - Members ~~accepted that DCC are~~ *understood from consultation with DCC that it's* going ahead with its proposals irrespective if any towns state they're against the proposals.
 - Members discussed the options of:
 - going to the public for their opinions on DCC's proposals
 - going to the public with the Council's opinions of DCC's proposals, present its ideas around seasonality, time periods, return periods, free periods. Members discussed that the tariffs are set that by DCC and therefore do not have any sway with these.
 - include in the consultation ideas to look at other parking issues within Salcombe
 - public consultation via an online survey and a town meeting
- b)
- i. On the understanding, from consultation with DCC, that it is going ahead in Spring 2024 with its proposed on-street pay-n-display parking in Salcombe the Council **RESOLVED** to go to public consultation with the community and stakeholders on a number of points, including without limitation on DCC's proposals for time periods, seasonality and free periods.

Abstentions: None

Against: None

For: Majority

- ii) Council **RESOLVED** to delay a decision on expanding the pay and display to cover the *additional areas which could lead to increased provision of highway services for the community.*

Abstentions: None

Against: None

For: Majority

- iii) Council **RESOLVED** to go to public consultation with an online survey and a town meeting and for the 'DCC on-street pay-n-display Working Group' to have the delegation of authority to:
 - a. Lead and decide on the consultation process
 - b. Write a press release in response to the article in the Gazette
 - c. Draw up a public consultation survey via Survey Monkey
 - d. Set a date for the town meeting.

Abstentions: None

Against: None

For: Majority

- iv) For Town Clerk to write to Chris Rook and Cty Cllr Rufus Gilbert requesting:
 - A response to the Council's email on 26th September 2023 in which the Council raised various questions.
 - If the Council can publish the maps DCC sent to the Council with the proposals on.
 - If they will both be happy to attend the public consultation meeting.



- For the most up to date map/plan with DCC's proposal on
- If maps/plans can also be provided in A1 size for the public meeting
- If DCC can advise the Council what the tariffs will be

Cllr Eoghan Grace left the meeting before voting took place due to a prior commitment.

Meeting ended: 10:45am

Minutes approved: *M Goodey*

22nd November 2023

Town Mayor.