



CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL
District of South Cambridgeshire

A meeting of this Council was held at the Hub Community Centre on Tuesday 4th April 2023.
Meeting commenced at 19:15

Present:

Cllr R Poulton (Acting Chair)	Cllr D Jones
Cllr S Bhattacharya	Cllr F Panrucker
Cllr A Fisher	Cllr J Panrucker
Cllr M Hettiarachchi	Cllr J Patel
Cllr R Jayaraman	

In attendance: John Vickery - Town Clerk
 Ellie Lydon – Committee Clerk

4 members of the public were in attendance.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J O'Dwyer, Cllr S Achall, Cllr N Akhter, Cllr Ahmed, Cllr P Gavigan, Cllr G Thompson and Cllr H Touheed, Cllr A Siddiqui, and from Cllr S Bhattacharya for being late. Acceptable reasons for absence were given.

It was:

RESOLVED to accept the apologies from Cllr J O'Dwyer, Cllr S Achall, Cllr Ahmed, Cllr N Akhter, Cllr P Gavigan, Cllr G Thompson, Cllr H Touheed, Cllr Siddiqui, and Cllr S Bhattacharya for being late.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of [CTC/M232](#) held on the 7th March 2023.

It was:

RESOLVED that the minutes as amended of CTC/M232 held on 7th March 2023 be approved and signed as amended.

3. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION** for items on the agenda.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements were made.

5. **POLICE MATTERS**

Schedule of emails previously circulated to Councillors.

It was:

RESOLVED to receive the circulated correspondence.

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6. CLERKS UPDATE

To receive an update from the Town Clerk. (Copy attached)
The Town Clerk responded to questions raised on the report.

The Cambourne 10k run had to be postponed due to the wet weather and its effect of the course, which became a large health and safety risk to participants. A meeting is to be held on Wednesday 5th April 2023 with the committee to discuss rearranging a new date and what to do with items that had been ordered. (It was subsequently agreed to hold the race on the 24th September 2023)

Item 13- The Town Clerk clarified there has been lots of fly tipping on Old St Neots Road and litter from McDonalds/Costa. This is being resolved, additional bins have been put in place and McDonalds have been collecting the rubbish. Asbestos is being removed by South Cambs District Council and Taylor Wimpey will be laying soil so items cannot be dumped again.

Item 4 20mph speed limit -The County Council are waiting for the final sign off on the grant details.

An update was asked on the Great Cambourne Playground works.

We are in the process of filling the ground surface back up with imported topsoil, which has been delayed due to the wet weather.

As soon as it has been relevelled, new grassmat safety surfaces will be applied and the area seeded, which will enable us to open the play area to allow the play equipment that has been retained to be used.

While this work is being carried out, we have been obtaining quotations and designs for replacement play equipment for that which has been removed. We will be consulting the children on the various options and obtaining some additional grant funding to enable it to be completed to the highest standard. The companies quoting needed a clear space to establish the extent of equipment to be provided, to enable us to get grants. As soon as the weather improves for a sufficient length of time, the soil will be imported and grass mat safety surface similar to Upper Cambourne Play Area will be installed, enabling the play area to be reopened and the remainder of the equipment to be used.

The remainder of the park is expected to be open by summer, but this will not include the new equipment.

It was
RESOLVED to receive the report.

8. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS

To receive a report from the District Councillors for Cambourne.

8.1 Cllr Bhattacharya

Cllr Bhattacharya was not in attendance for this item but had produced a report for the meeting. If councillors have questions regarding her report, they can email Cllr Bhattacharya.

The High Sherrif of Cambridgeshire had invited Cllr Bhattacharya to attend an award ceremony in Swaston Hall this evening to receive an award for CamCareUK.

The Council congratulated Cllr Bhattacharya on CamCareUK's achievement.

It was
RESOLVED to receive the report.

8.2 Cllr Drew and Cllr Leeming

The District Councillors reported that there was nothing new to report on the High Street development. There are conversations each month, but progress remains slow.

Item 1 – Cambourne to Cambridge Busway

Cllr Drew and Cllr Leeming spoke to nearly 2,000 residents when campaigning for the District Council elections and the Cambourne to Cambridge Busway was one of the 3 biggest topics raised.

Approximately 95% of residents spoken to want the busway built as they believed there were poor public transport links or other unsafe routes safe links for themselves and their children to Cambridge. It was felt this was a project Cambourne residents overwhelmingly wanted and needed.

One of the biggest objections to the route is that it will not be going through 'empty land' and will hit pieces that is difficult to build though such as 'Coton Orchard'.

When a representative of Coton Parish Council came to speak to Cambourne Town Council, Cllr Drew felt as a Council there was no huge response that the Councillors did not want the busway to be built due to going through Coton Orchard, bar a couple.

Cllr Drew's opinion on the busway route is that it will damage the trees in Coton Orchard but feels this is necessary to balance the fact there are 12,000 residents in Cambourne who at the moment are cut off from public transport to the city. It is impossible to create things that do not have some form of damage associated with it.

The alternative route that would use Madingley Hill is not viable as repeated investigations show there is insufficient space to have a busway.

Cllr Drew is acutely conscious of the damage it will do, and the concerns raised by Coton residents but with the benefits to the Cambourne residents, he strongly agrees that the project should go ahead.

Item 5- Lloyds Pharmacy

In an email sent from Lesley McFarlane, SCDC Health Specialist/ Development Officer it was said that Lloyds have resolved the staffing issues and there will be a pharmacist there at least 4 out of 5 days.

Councillors reported that there are still short notice of closures and it is not completely functional.

Monkfield Medical Practice have withdrawn referrals to the pharmacy due to the running of the business.

The concerns have been raised at a high level (Integrated Care System) who are monitoring the situation and are looking into what will happen when the pharmacy closes and the ownership changes. There is currently not a buyer lined up and a lengthy government process.

The District Councillors will report on this repeatedly until the situation is resolved.

A question was raised as to whether any discussions have been held with Morrisons and if they can have a pharmacy in the store. The Town Clerk informed Councillors that the s106 precludes Morrison to have a pharmacy and the s106 would need to be renegotiated to allow this.

Item 4- West Cambourne Access

Monday 17th April 2023 is the promised date for the start of the shuttle bus for West Cambourne residents.

Times are to be confirmed but it is believed it will run from around 7:30am – 7/8/9pm. If necessary, there will be 2 minibuses around school times.

The District Councillors are providing information to the developers on how many children are in different year groups and the school opening hours.

Cllr Drew and Cllr Leeming are awaiting a further meeting or conversation with the developers. The intention is to have a meeting with West Cambourne residents before the 17th April 2023. Residents can then be aware of bus times and locations.

The developers will be printing documents with the information but are waiting until everything is finalised.

Item 12- SCDC Fund

This is a specific bid (£1.7million) from South Cambridgeshire District Council to central government fund and is restricted to council homes.

It was

RESOLVED to receive the report.

7. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Cllr Mark Howell was in attendance and had not produced a report for the meeting.

Cllr M Howell joined the meeting during Agenda Item 8 District Council Reports and was given permission from the Chairman to give a verbal report.

Cambourne to Cambridge Busway

There were two route options. The first option was the 'Online route' which would be a faster and cheaper construction but slower to get into Cambridge.

The second option was the 'Offline Route', which is a faster route into Cambridge but more environmental damage.

This has been a big discussion and been in consultations for years. Cambridgeshire County Council voted, and the offline route was chosen. This is a subject to public enquiry.

Cllr M Howell voted against the busway as he did not agree with the environmental impact that the 'offline route' would cause, although the online route would also have an environmental impact.

Cambridge Congestion Charge

The County Council rejected the motion for a local referendum with 32 votes against and 24 in favour at a full council meeting.

Noting else coming towards the council regarding the congestion charge.

It was

RESOLVED to receive the report.

9. CAMBOURNE TO CAMBRIDGE

To receive an update on the Cambourne to Cambridge (C2C) Project.

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C2C Busway has been approved to be submitted for a Transport and Works Act Order by Cambridgeshire County Council and are looking for funding and permission from the Government.

C2C were trying to attend an earlier Town Council Meeting but now are unable to come to meetings just before an election season. There are no elections in SCDC, but Cambridgeshire City has elections.

Greater Cambridge Partnership would like to attend the Full Council Meeting on the 6th June 2023 to deliver an update on the C2C scheme.

The meeting was adjourned so that Cllr Stephen Ferguson (Cambridgeshire County Council) could clarify information regarding the process for the Transport and Works Act Order (Planning Consent)

It was proposed to receive the report and receive an update in June from C2C and ask for them to confirm the location of the travel hub in Cambourne.

It was

RESOLVED to receive the report and write to GCP to confirm the Town Council would like them to attend the Full Council meeting on the 4th June 2023 to give an update on C2C and would like confirmation of the location of the travel hub in Cambourne.

10. **POLICIES**

To receive a report from the Town Clerk.

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC), One Voice Wales, the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) have been working together having consulted with Councillors, Clerks and other Council Staff on issues within the sector and have developed the following initiative to address the concerns in the sector.

It was proposed to adopt the policy and it will be added to Councillors manuals and website.

This was seconded.

It was

RESOLVED to adopt the policy and add the document to the Councillors manuals and website.

11. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR)**

11.1 **Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the financial year ended 31st March 2023**

Notification of the AGAR has been received. The Town Clerk will start preparing the report and will bring to a future Council meeting.

It was

RESOLVED that Cambourne Town Council receive Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the financial year ended 31st March 2023 and take the necessary actions to meet the deadline for reporting the AGAR.

11.2 **Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the financial year ended 31st March 2023, Internal Auditor**

Ruth Betson is able to continue as the Internal Auditor for the AGAR for the financial year ended 31st March 2023

It was

RESOLVED that Ruth Betson be appointed as the Internal Auditor for the AGAR for the financial year ended 31st March 2023.

12. FAITH BUILDINGS

To receive a report from the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk gave his apologies that a report has not been produced due to not having the time to put the information together. He will be producing a report.

It was

RESOLVED to receive the update.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Town Clerk to report on any correspondence needing to be brought to the Council's attention.

13.1 SCDC March 2023 Bulletin

It was

RESOLVED to receive the correspondence.

13.2 March News from Anthony Browne MP

It was

RESOLVED to receive the correspondence.

13.3 Cambridgeshire Matters

It was

RESOLVED to receive the correspondence.

13.4 March ICS Stakeholder Newsletter

It was

RESOLVED to receive the correspondence.

13.5 Luton Airport Aircraft Noise

The number of flights over Cambourne have increased and will continue to do so.

It was suggested to write an article in the Cambourne Crier that can sign posts residents on who to complain to if they are affected by the aircraft noises. Complaints need to come from separate individuals, or they will be filed under the same complaint.

The route was approved but planes should not be air braking due to tight turns. This is something that can be complained about.

It was

RESOLVED to receive the correspondence and the Town Clerk to liaise with Cllr J Panrucker on an article to be placed in the Cambourne Crier.

14. LAND TRANSFERS

To receive a report from the Town Clerk

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The Developers are eager to transfer the land to the Town Council.

The Wind Turbine near Crow Hill has finally been transferred to Cambourne Town Councils. The electrics to the allotment toilets can be connected in the autumn.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

15. TRAFFIC MATTERS & ROAD SAFETY

Councillors received the previously circulated correspondence.

It was

RESOLVED to receive the correspondence.

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

To receive minutes of meeting of the following Committees and consider any recommendations contained therein:

16.1 PLANNING held on 7th March 2023 [PLN/M351](#), 21st March 2023 [PLN/M352](#).

16.2 FINANCE AND POLICY held on 21st March 2023 [FIN/M85](#)

It was:

RESOLVED to receive the committee reports.

17. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Exclusion of the press and the public.

MOVE: that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the Meeting.

It was:

RESOLVED that the Press and Public be excluded.

Cllr Bhattacharya joined the meeting during the following item.

18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

To receive an update from the Town Clerk.

It was

RESOLVED to receive the update.

19. STAFFING

It was

RESOLVED to receive the update.

20. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Re-admittance of the press and the public.

MOVE: that the confidential business having been concluded, the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting.

It was:

RESOLVED that the Press and Public be re-admitted.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 16th May 2023

The meeting closed at 20.44

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