St Austell Town Council



To: All Members of St Austell Town Council

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the **Meeting** of **St Austell Town Council** to be held in **The Registrar's Office, Carlyon Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4LD** on **Monday 1**st **September 2025** at **6pm**.

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26th August 2025

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

(Purpose: To accept apologies for non-attendance).

2. Declarations of interest and gifts or hospitality received.

(Purpose: To receive declarations of Members' interests and gifts or hospitality received).

This meeting has been advertised as a public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media or members of the public.

3. Dispensations

(Purpose: To consider requests for dispensations).

4. Minutes of Meeting held on 14th July 2025

Pages 1 - 8

(Purpose: to agree that the minutes of the above meeting be signed as a correct record).

5. Matters to note

(Purpose: A verbal update from the Town Clerk on the actions taken since the last meeting).

Note: No decision may be made under this agenda item.

6. Mayor's announcements

(Purpose: To receive an update from the Mayor on his engagements and any other civic matters).

7. Public Participation

(Purpose: To invite members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be carried out at the meeting).

8. Members' questions (10 minutes maximum)

A Member may ask the Mayor or the Clerk any question concerning the business of the Council, provided 3 clear days notice of the question has been given to the person to whom it is addressed. Every question shall be put and answered without discussion. A person to whom a question is put may decline to answer or undertake to provide a full answer within a timescale agreed with the Member. They may also agree to accept a question after the deadline.

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9. Motion from Councillor Brown

Reformation of a Youth Council for St Austell

St Austell Town Council:

- Notes that the most recent meeting of the CALC Larger Councils group in July was devoted mainly to discussing the benefits of youth councils run by local councils.
- 2. Recalls that there was an active Youth Council in St Austell a decade ago and that there have been ambitions to restore one here.
- 3. Endorses one of the conclusions of the St Austell revitalisation partnership on educational provision in St Austell town published in 2022 to "create a young persons forum under the auspices of St Austell Town Council to enable ongoing input into the revitalisation of St Austell town centre, possibly through a virtual forum"
- 4. Resolves as a high Council priority to seek the establishment of a new youth council for St Austell and to ask for support from St Austell College, Penrice and Poltair Academies and Young People Cornwall towards achieving that.

10. Community Emergency Plan

Pages 9 - 32

(Purpose: To consider a draft Community Emergency Plan). (Attached).

11. Conclusion of Audit

Pages 33 - 38

(Purpose: To receive and note the report of the external auditor for the 2024/25 financial year). (Attached)

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12. Members appointed to outside bodies update reports

(Purpose: To receive reports of any relevant information from Members appointed to outside bodies).

13. Cornwall Councillor update reports

(Purpose: To receive reports of any relevant information from local Cornwall Councillors).

14. Planning and Regeneration Committee

Pages 39 to 48

(Purpose: To note the minutes of the Planning and Regeneration Committee held on 21^{st} July 2025 and 18^{th} August 2025). (Attached).

15. Schedule of Payments

Pages 49 to 54

(Purpose: To receive a schedule of payments from 5th July 2025 – 15th August 2025). (Report attached).

16. St Austell Town Centre Revitalisation Partnership

(Purpose: To receive an update on the St Austell Town Centre Revitalisation Partnership). (Verbal update).

17. Dates of Meetings

(Purpose: To note dates of future Town Council Meetings: 13th October 2025 and 8th December 2025).

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MINUTES of the MEETING of ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL held on MONDAY 14th JULY 2025 in The Registrar's Office, Carlyon Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4LD at 6pm.

Present: Councillors: Brown, Gray, Hamilton, Kimber, Lanxon, Marshall, Preece, Stephens, Taylor, Thompson and Whitehouse.

In attendance: David Pooley (Town Clerk), Sara Gwilliams (Deputy Town Clerk) and Bill McCardle (Regeneration Officer).

C/25/28) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Bull, Cohen, Clemo, Lingham, Pearce, Rowse and Young.

Councillor Lanxon arrived during the next item

C/25/29) Declarations of interests and gifts or hospitality received

None.

C/25/30) Dispensations

There were no requests for a dispensation.

Councillor Stephens arrived during the next item

C/25/31) Minutes of Meeting held on 12th May 2025

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th May 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

C/25/32) Matters to Note

The Clerk advised that he had nothing to add.

C/25/33) Mayor's announcements

The Mayor thanked Councillors for giving him the opportunity of being Mayor and outlined the events that he had attended in week one of becoming Mayor:

- St Austell ATC
- Mayor Making Ceremony in Hayle
- Stepping Stones charity event in Poltair Park
- Choral Society event in St John's
- VE Day celebration party in Killyvarder Way
- Provided an opening speech at the RNA Area 4 Annual Conference in Roche

He added that since then, he has attended the following:

- A three further Mayor Making ceremonies Bodmin, Liskeard and Truro
- Torpoint civic service and parade
- Sustainability event at the Library
- 65th Birthday celebrations for the library

- Guest of honour at the Desert Island discs event at St John's
- Judged the welly decorating competition along with the Deputy Mayor at the Summer Fayre in White River Place
- Attended the High Sheriff's Garden Party
- Opened a new high tech training facility at St Austell Golf Club
- Presented prizes for the welly decorating competition at St Mewan, Pondhu, Bishop Bronscombe and Sandy Hill Schools

The Mayor advised that the public really appreciate interaction with Town Councillors and asked Members to support as many events as they can and outlined the VJ celebratory fun day planned for Thursday 14th August 2025.

The Mayor concluded that St Austell is likely to be asked to host an Armed Forces Day on 27th June 2026 and that a formal request for the Town Council to consider will probably be received soon.

C/25/34) Public Participation

The Mayor advised that Mr Walker would like to speak when agenda item 10 is being considered.

C/25/35) Members' questions

There were no questions from Members.

C/25/36) Inspector Simon Andrews

The Mayor welcomed Inspector Simon Andrews, Sector Inspector, and Helen Toms, Community Safety Officer, to the meeting.

Inspector Andrews circulated the key performance figures comparing January - June 2024 with January - June 2025 and highlighted the following:

- There has been a 13% reduction in ASB incidents (down from 283 incidents in 2024 to 247 incidents in 2025);
- 76% reduction in robbery (13 incidents in 2024 to 3 incidents in 2025)
- 32% decrease in drug offences (44 incidents in 2024 to 30 incidents in 2025)
- 31% decrease in shop lifting (200 incidents in 2024 to 138 incidents in 2025)
- A 34% increase in other sexual offences (29 offences in 2024 to 44 offences in 2025)

Helen Toms commented that there has been a change in reporting methods and more offences are now being logged as a crime. This change has resulted in a slight increase in the crime statistics countywide.

Inspector Andrews added that shop lifting is down and that the Police are doing their best to manage prolific offenders within the current justice system. Inspector Andrews referred Councillors to the Devon and Cornwall Police Community Messaging system which is a 2-way messaging system and allows the public to communicate directly with Devon and Cornwall Police.

Inspector Andrews advised that there has been some speed enforcement work in the sector and that the drone team have been out identifying nuisance off-road bikes. Inspector Andrews concluded that additional money has been obtained to bolster the summer policing team, mainly to cover the coastal areas where there has been some high profile ASB issues.

Members raised the following:

- Noisy motorbikes
- ASB outside of the town centre
- Night-time noise and ASB around the vicinity of the nightclub on High Cross Street
- Managing public perception about crime in the town centre
- Educating young people about drugs
- Reporting issues (101)
- Neighbourhood Watch
- The need to see more police on the street

Reassurance was given to Members that St Austell Sector is the biggest sector in Cornwall and on a per capita basis in compares better than other sectors in the county. Inspector Andrews also advised that he has worked in other sectors in Cornwall and, in his view, the St Austell Sector has the best partnership working.

Both Inspector Andrews and Helen Toms advised that they have an open-door policy and will assist Councillors as far as they can with any queries they may have.

The Mayor thanked Inspector Andrews and Helen Toms for their presentation.

C/25/37) Land at Linear Park

The Mayor welcomed Mr Walker to the meeting.

Mr Walker advised that his boundary fence needs repairing and he would like to take the opportunity to extend his garden at the same time by purchasing 2-3m of land to the rear of his property and circulated pictures of the land at Linear Park referred to. He advised that the purchase of the land would not affect the neighbouring properties as his property is not in a row with other properties and sits below the other houses on the street. He added that an estate agent has confirmed that the purchase of the additional land would not increase the value of his property. Mr Walker acknowledged that if the Town Council were mindful to sell the land, the legal costs might be prohibitive. He advised that he would like to purchase the land as extra amenity space for his family and that he already cuts the grass from time to time.

During discussion, Councillors raised the following views:

- Strong support for the purchase of land;
- The need for the Town Council to adopt a policy for the disposal of land;
- Concern that the purchase of the land would set a precedent
- The need to make the transaction cost neutral to the Town Council if the purchase did proceed.

By way of clarification, the Town Clerk advised that the disposal of public open space is not a simple process for Town and Parish Councils and outlined the following:

- 1. The land was transferred to the Town Council by Cornwall Council as public open space and is held in the Town Council's books as public open space;
- 2. A formal valuation of the land would have to take place as the land cannot be disposed of below market value;
- The Town Council's intention to sell the land has to be advertised twice in local newspapers and any public comments as a result of the advertisements must be duly considered;
- 4. Cornwall Council transferred the land to the Town Council with an overage clause which gives Cornwall Council the right to a share of the land value if they did not agree to the clause being lifted;
- 5. There could be substantial legal fees involved with the sale of the land.

A proposal for the Town Clerk to:

Begin negotiations with Mr Walker for the disposal of land at Linear Park, on a cost neutral basis to the Town Council, in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and draft a policy on the disposal of Town Council land for the next Finance and General Purposes Committee was lost, 3 votes for, 6 votes against.

A proposal for the Town Clerk to:

Draft a policy on the disposal of Town Council land for a future Finance and General Purposes Committee was carried by 8 votes.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should draft a policy on the disposal of Town Council land for consideration by a future meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

C/25/38) Motion from Councillor Gray

"Against the background of a declining high street, both nationally and here in St Austell, we recognise that the closure of Poundland will be a huge blow to our town. We ask the Clerk to write, urgently, to both Poundland and the landlord asking them to reopen negotiations with a view to keeping this, much needed, shop open"

The Clerk outlined a recent conversation with the managing agent and Members expressed their concern that the very prominent shop in the town centre could close.

It was **RESOLVED** to write to Poundland and the managing agent to ask them to reopen negotiations to keep the much-needed shop open.

C/25/39) Priory Toilets

The Clerk advised that the Regeneration Officer has been exploring various options for installing solar panels on the roof of the Priory Toilets. Two suppliers have been asked for quotations so far which has revealed that installation of the panels would cost in the region of £5,000 to £9,000 depending on the configuration. He added that they should pay for themselves in 7-8 years. A third quotation will be obtained should Members wish to proceed.

It was **RESOLVED** that a maximum budget of £10,000 be approved and the Town Clerk be authorised to acquire a solar panel system for the roof of the Priory Car Park toilets.

C/25/40) Town Centre Fun Day - Thursday 14th August 2025

The Mayor advised that plans are underway for the VJ Day fun day due to take place in the town centre on Thursday 14th August 2025. A youth parade consisting of the Sea Cadets, ATC and Police cadets is due to step off from St John's Methodist Church at 10.30am and conclude at the Holy Trinity Church, with hopefully the new piazza in situ. The Mayor advised that he is seeking raffle prizes for the event and that if Members had anything suitable for a raffle that they drop it off at The Stable Block.

Arsing from a question, the Mayor confirmed that his Mayoral charities are, Gover Valley Foodbank and A Band of Brothers.

The Mayor concluded that he would like the Town Council to consider making Priory Car Park free on Thursday 14th August 2025 to encourage as many people as possible to attend the event.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the update and approve Priory Car Park being made free on Thursday 14th August 2025.

C/25/41) Members appointed to outside bodies update reports

Councillor Stephens advised that he had attended two sounding board meetings facilitated by the Rural Services Network.

The older persons sounding board covered various challenges faced by rural communities that affect older residents such as healthcare, transportation and digital services.

The younger persons sounding board covered various challenges faced by rural communities that affect young residents such as education opportunities, transportation and mental health.

Councillor Kimber advised that the Chamber of Commerce meet very infrequently and he has only been to and invited to, two meetings since he was appointed as the Town Council's representative. The Chamber's future is unclear.

Councillor Gray advised that the White River Plan has been finalised and has identified 8-10 key projects. Councillor Gray highlighted a project to alleviate sewage issues at the Menagwins pumping station.

Bill McCardle, Regeneration Officer arrived to the meeting

C/25/42) Cornwall Councillor update reports

Councillor Rowse's update report was noted.

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Ashton, Cornwall Councillor for Poltair and Mount Charles, to the meeting.

Councillor Ashton advised that he has been appointed to the Budget Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Chief Officer's Employment Committee, Community Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Constitution and Governance Committee (substitute) and Standards Committee.

Councillor Ashton advised that his in-box is mainly on issues with regard to Highways, Planning and SEND and highlighted the roadworks that are due to take place at Cromwell Road at the end of July.

Councillor Ashton concluded that he used to be on the Chamber of Commerce and would like to have a conversation about its future particularly as the organisation used to attract 70 or 80 people at its large events.

Councillor Brown thanked Councillor Ashton for coming to the meeting and advised that it would be helpful if he could attend the Town Council's Planning and Regeneration Committee meeting once a quarter to update the Committee on Cornwall Council Planning and Highways issues.

C/25/43) Pump Track

The Clerk advised that the formal grant offer for the proposed pump track at The Meadows has been received from Cornwall Council in the sum of £86,000 with £10,000 match funding from the Town Council. The Clerk advised that if the Town Council is mindful to accept the grant offer, he would review the quotations received, firm up costings and let the contract to a suitable contractor.

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Town Clerk to accept the grant offer in the sum of £86,000 for the pump track at The Meadows with match funding of £10,000 from the Town Council.

C/25/44) Premises Grant Application

Waffle Ltd, 9 Duke Street, St Austell

It was **RESOLVED** to support the premises grant application.

C/25/45) Planning and Regeneration Committee

It was **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Planning and Regeneration Committee held on 19th May 2025 and 16th June 2025.

C/25/46) Community Committee

It was **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Community Committee held on 2nd June 2025.

C/25/47) Finance and General Purposes Committee

It was **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 23rd June 2025 and approve the **RECOMMENDATIONS** contained therein.

**Councillor Brown voted against the recommendation relating to the Lone Working
Policy for Councillors**

C/25/48) Climate and Environment Committee

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that at the annual Town Council meeting 7 Members were elected to the Climate and Environment Committee which requires a quorum of 3 Councillors to enable the meeting to proceed. She advised that unfortunately there were a number of apologies for the meeting due to take place on 7th July 2025 which resulted in it having to be postponed.

The Deputy Clerk read out a statement from Councillor Clemo who expressed a view that the Climate and Environment Committee should be wound up and climate and environment issues included as a standing item at the Council meetings.

During discussion, Members felt that an additional 2-3 Councillors should be added to the Committee to mitigate the chances of it being inquorate in the future.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillors Brown, Gray and Stephens be added to the Climate and Environment Committee.

Councillor Kimber left the meeting

C/25/49) Schedule of Payments

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Schedule of Payments for the period 1st May to 4th July 2025 totalling £312,422.03 (net of refunds) and the transfers between bank accounts amounting to £204.916.02.

C/25/50) St Austell Town Centre Revitalisation Partnership

The Clerk advised that the banner is still on target to be erected during the week commencing 28th July 2025. Full completion of the piazza might be delayed due to a delay in a gas pipe being moved but it should be far enough ahead to not affect the event on 14th August.

C/25/51) To consider excluding the press and public.

It was **RESOLVED** that under Section 1 (ii) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the remainder of the business of the meeting in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

C/25/52) Town Centre Regeneration and Investment Programme (TRIP)

Members reviewed a number of potential projects which the Town Clerk considered were deliverable within the timescales prescribed and did not require planning permission.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve match funding in the sum of £15,713 for potential projects to improve the town centre and to submit a bid to the Town Centre Regeneration and Investment Programme subject to finalisation of the details with the landowners.

It was **RESOLVED** to re-admit the public.

C/25/53) Dates of Meetings

It was noted that the next Town Council meetings are due to take place on the $1^{\rm st}$ September 2025 and $13^{\rm th}$ October 2025.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

St Austell Town Council



Community Emergency Plan

Plan last updated: August 2025

If you are in immediate danger call 999

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Community Emergency Plan

Introduction

An emergency/major incident is any event or circumstance (happening with or without warning) that causes or threatens death or injury, disruption to the community, or damage to property or to the environment on such a scale that the effect cannot be dealt with by the emergency services, local authorities and other organisations as part of their normal day to day activities.

Aim

The aim of this plan is to increase resilience within the community by developing a robust, co-ordinated community response that compliments the plans of the emergency services.

Objectives

- Identify the risks most likely to impact the community;
- Identify relevant steps to mitigate and respond to emergency situations;
- Identify community resources available to assist during an emergency;
- Provide contact details for the community response team who are able to activate a local response in an emergency;
- Provide community resource, information and assistance to the emergency services.

Activating the Plan

When an emergency is anticipated, or occurs, the Town Clerk, (Lead Community Co-ordinator 1) will liaise with the Police Sector Inspector (Lead Community Co-ordinator 2) to:

- Assess the scale of the emergency;
- Agree the immediate resource requirements for the emergency in hand;
- Identify the most appropriate location to base the community emergency co-ordination point. (See page 4)

In the event of a localised, small-scale incident/emergency, a briefing led by Lead Community Co-ordinator 1 will be held with the First Response Emergency Team (Page 5) on the nature of the emergency and the response and actions required.

In the event of a large-scale incident/emergency, a briefing, led by Lead Community Co-ordinators 1 and 2 will be held with all persons on the First Response Telephone Call List (Page 7) on the nature of the emergency and the response and actions required.

This plan is designed to complement the emergency services in their response to an emergency.

It does not replace the emergency plans of the emergency services

Plan distribution list

Name	Role
GWILLIAMS, Sara	Deputy Town Clerk
HAMILTON, Colin	Mayor of St Austell
MILLER, Annette	St Austell BID Manager
POOLEY, David	Town Clerk Lead Community Co-ordinator 1
SCOLTOCK, Sarah	Community Link Officer
SHAW, Terry	Library Manager
SKINNER, Steve	Operations Manager
STEPHENS, Ethan	Deputy Mayor
TOMS, Helen	Community Safety
TREVIVIAN, Matt /ANDREWS Simon	Police Sector Inspector Lead Community Co-ordinator 2

Plan amendment list

Date of amendment	Date for next revision	Details of changes made	Changed by
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Potential Location for the Community Emergency Coordination

Location	Meeting Room Capacity	Facilities	Name of contact
Town Council Offices	15 people	Hybrid Meeting Facility	David Pooley, Town Clerk
St Austell Library (Staff Room)	10 people	-	David Pooley, Town Clerk
St Austell Police Station	8 people	Hybrid Meeting Facility	Inspector Trevivian/Andrews
St Austell BID offices	10 people	-	Annette Miller, BID Manager
White River Place offices	(TBC)	Hybrid Meeting Facility	Sarah Scoltock, Cornwall Council Community Link Officer
Polkyth Leisure Centre	200-500	Large Sports Hall for a public briefing	Leisure Manager

First response Community Emergency Team

GWILLIAMS, Sara	Deputy Town Clerk (St Austell Town Council)
HAMILTON, Colin	Mayor of St Austell
MILLER, Annette	St Austell BID Manager
POOLEY, David	Town Clerk (Lead Community Co-ordinator 1)
SCOLTOCK, Sarah	Community Link Officer (Cornwall Council)
SHAW, Terry	Library Manager (St Austell Town Council)
SKINNER, Steve	Operations Manager (St Austell Town Council)
STEPHENS, Ethan	Deputy Mayor of St Austell
TOMS, Helen	Community Safety Officer (Cornwall Council)
TREVIVIAN, Matt/ANDREWS Simon	Police Sector Inspector (Lead Community Co-ordinator 2)



First steps in an emergency

	Instructions
1.	Call 999 (unless already alerted) using the M-ETHANE reporting framework:
	Major incident declared
	Exact location
i	Type of incident
	Hazards present or suspected
	Access – routes that are safe to use
	Number, type and severity of casualties
	Emergency services present and those required
2.	Assess the immediate danger
3.	David Pooley, Town Clerk (Lead Community Co-ordinator 1) to contact Inspector Matt Trevivian/Simon Andrews, (Lead Community Co-ordinator 2) to assess the scale of the emergency, the immediate resource requirements and agree a venue for the community emergency co-ordination.
4.	In the event of a small-scale incident/emergency, the First Response Emergency Team will be activated utilizing the first response emergency call list (Appendix 5) and the team provided with emergency response instructions as agreed by Lead Community Co-ordinators 1 and 2.
	Briefings will be held face to face at the community emergency co-ordination venue and led by Lead Community Co-ordinator 1 following the agenda set out on page 8.
5.	In the event of a large-scale incident/emergency, Lead Community Co-ordinators 1 and 2 will hold a briefing with all persons on the first response emergency call list (Appendix 5) and the team provided with emergency response instructions as agreed by Lead Community Co-ordinators 1 and 2.
	Briefing will be held face to face at the community emergency co-ordination venue and led by Lead Community Co-ordinator 1 and 2 following the agenda set out on page 8.
6.	In consultation with Lead Community Co-ordinator 2 , Lead Community Co-ordinator 1 to hold regular community briefings.
	In the event of a major emergency , Lead Community Co-ordinators 1 and 2 will hold the community briefings.
7.	In consultation with Lead Community Co-ordinator 2 , Lead Community Co-ordinator 1 to hold regular media briefings.
	In the event of a major emergency , Lead Community Co-ordinators 1 and 2 will hold the media briefings.

First Response Telephone call list

The phone tree works as a pyramid, with the coordinator at the top making the first call to two or more people. In turn, they call an assigned set of people and so on, until the tree is complete.

David Pooley Town Clerk Lead Community Co-ordinator

Consults with

Matt Trevivian/Simon Andrews Sector Police Inspector

Steve Skinner Operations Manager Sara Gwilliams Deputy Town Clerk

Tim Wilson SATC - Foreman Annette Miller St Austell BID Manger Terry Shaw Library Manager Councillor Colin Hamilton Mayor of St Austell

Contractors (depending on emergency) Grounds staff

Coast to Coast security Helen Toms Community Safety RV\$

SALSA

Deputy Mayor Community Link Officer

<u>First Response Community Emergency Team – First Briefing</u>

Date:
Time:
Location:
Attendees:
1. What is the current situation eg nature and scale of emergency
Location of the emergency. Is it near:
A school?
A vulnerable area?
A main access route?
Type of emergency:
Is there a threat to life?
Has electricity, gas or water been affected?
2. Are there any vulnerable people involved
ACTION: Identify vulnerable people and their location and their immediate needs.
3. What resources do we need
Food
Off-road vehicles

Blankets
Sheiter
ACTION: Source the resources required and where they need to be
4. What support do the emergency services require
5. How do we handle the press and media
ACTION: If required, produce a schedule of media briefings
6. Do we need a community meeting
ACTION: If required, produce a schedule of community briefings
7. <u>Is an evacuation required?</u>
8. Any other issues?

Actions agreed with the Emergency Services in the event of an evacuation

Action 1. Help Police/Cornwall Council with door knocking to advise people to leave

Action 2. Tell emergency services who might need extra help to leave their home (See Appendix 5)

Action 3. Identify and open temporary shelters

Action 4. Identify key contacts for media

Alternative arrangements for staying in contact if usual communications have been disrupted

Communication Type	Name of contact	Location
TEAMS/ZOOM/WHATSAPP (if Wi-Fi is still available)	-	-
Landline	- 1	-
Satellite Telephone		-
Shop Watch Radio	St Austell BID	
Walkie Talkies	2	-
Police Airwaves Radio	Inspector Trevivian/Andrews	-
Face to Face briefings which are disseminated across the emergency teams.	David Pooley Inspector Trevivian/Andrews	Palace Road Police Station St Austell Town Council Library
Designated messengers	David Pooley Inspector Trevivian/Andrews	
Local radio stations	Radio Cornwall Chaos Radio	
Local TV News	Spotlight	
Hybrid Meetings (Face to Face and TEAMS)	Inspector Trevivian/Andrews	St Austell Police Station St Austell Town Council

Local Risk Assessment

Risks	Impact on community
Major crime incident (shooting/stabbings)	Injuries Fatalities Displacement of people from their homes Bereavement
FloodingWhite RiverSandy RiverGover StreamWater run off	Injuries Fatalities Flooding of local streets People trapped in their properties Damage to property Displacement of people Bereavement
Snow	 Rural areas cut off by road Limited food supplies Carers unable to visit vulnerable people Medical emergencies unable to go to hospital.
Mine shaft(s) opening up	Injuries Fatalities Damage to property People trapped in their properties Displacement of people from their homes (could be whole streets) Bereavement

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Gas explosion	Injuries
	Fatalities
	Displacement of people from their homes (could be whole streets)
Fire in a House of Multiple	Injuries
Occupation (HMO)	Fatalities
	Bereavement
	Displacement of people from their homes.
Terrorist Attack	Injuries
	Fatalities
	Displacement of a number of people from their homes
	Bereavement
Air accident (St Austell is on	Injuries
the Newquay airport flight	Fatalities
path)	Displacement of people from their homes (could be whole streets)
	Bereavement
Train crash	Injuries
ITalli Clasii	Fatalities
	Displacement of people from their homes (could be whole streets)
	Bereavement
Major road accident	Injuries
Major rodd dooldon	Fatalities
	Bereavement
Building collapse or in danger of collapse	Displacement of people from their homes (could be whole streets)





Emergency Response Sites

Helicopter Landing Sites

Area of St Austell	Location	What 3 Words	Contact
North St Austell	Polmarth Close	Shelving.download.tycoons	
North St Austell	Carclaze School	Enjoys.papers.topples	
South St Austell	Penrice School	Pupils.titles.batches	
South St Austell	St Austell Rugby Club	Petted.chest.staining	
South St Austell	Charlestown School Car Park	Senders.spoons.infects	
South St Austell	Cornwall Hotel Grounds	Cupboards.landed.reinforce	
East St Austell	The Meadows Park	Shuttling.feed.astounded	
East St Austell	St Austell Cricket Club	Stencil.nets.opposites	
Central St Austell	Prince Charles Park	Mankind.empty.flopping	
Central St Austell	Poltair Park	Sediment.tolerates.audibly	
Central St Austell	Poltair School	Arch.gems.genius	
Central St Austell	Woodland Road Park	Earth.abolish.torso	
Central St Austell	Sandy Hill School	Crunches.cheese.energy	
Central St Austell	Penmere Road Park	Standards.minds.anchors	
West St Austell	Truro Road Park	Lecturers.shackles.kinds	
West St Austell	Pondhu School	Galaxies.thrashed.extend	
West St Austell	St Mewan School	Chitchat.ounce.lasts	

Rendezvous Points for Emergency Vehicles

Area of St Austell	Location	What 3 Words	Contact
North St Austell	Premier Inn Car Park, Carclaze Inn	Snowballs.fishnet.depending	
South St Austell	B&Q Car Park	Portfolio.observe.towel	
South St Austell	Rugby Club Car Park	Weeknight.jazz.memo	
South St Austell	Penrice School	Mistaken.spite.jots	
South St Austell	Carlyon Bay Hotel	Emeralds.blazed.thunder	
South St Austell	Cornwall Hotel Car Park	Stick.typically.dizziness	
East St Austell	Football Golf	Oatmeal.slicing.gazes	
East St Austell	Par Market	Commoners.upcoming.match	
East St Austell	Pinetum Gardens	Limits.grownup.needed	
West St Austell	Priory Car Park	Oven.bangle.coasters	
West St Austell	Sedgemoor Car Park	Fact.swatting.empires	
Central St Austell	B&M Car Park	Punctual.pursuit.skate	
Central St Austell	Cornwall College Car Park	Unites.skewing.warriors	

Local skills and resources assessment

Skill/Resource	Who	Contact details
Tractors	Sandoe & Sons. (Nanstallon) Local Farms	07889505833
Chainsaws/polesaw	Town Council Brandon Tool Hire Speedy Hire	01726 829859 01726 817307 01726 65681
Cutting equipment	Cornwall Fire Brigade	01872 322040
Heavy lifting equipment	Cornwall Fire Brigade Imerys	01872 322040 01726 828869
Welding equipment	Tony Pascoe Engineering, (Par Moor)	01726 813817
4 wheel drive transport	Imerys	01726 828869
Generators	Brandon Tool Hire Speedy Hire	01726 817307 01726 65681
Mini Bus/Taxis	Allens Travel (Mini Bus) Roselyn Coaches Spot On Taxis	01726 73906 01726 813737 01726 77877
Tree Surgeon	Cornwall Tree Consultancy Glendale	07517 760639 01566 772802
Water Pumps	Cornwall Fire Brigade South West Water	01872 322040 0344 346 2020
Sandbags	B&Q St Austell	01726 871100
Satellite Phone (i phone 14 or later)	-	-

Herras Fencing	Town Council	01726 829859
	Cormac	0300 1234222
	Brandon Tool Hire	01726 817307
	Speedy Hire	01726 65681
Volunteers	Volunteer Cornwall	01872 265305
Walkie talkies/Pagers	Gould Electronics (Pool)	01209 821804
Security Personnel	Coast to Coast	01726 71389
Road closure signs	Town Council	01726 829859
	Cormac	0300 1234222
	Euro Tool	01726 74833
Bollards	Town Council	01726 829859
Dollarus	Cormac	0300 1234222
		4000
Emergency Lighting	Cormac	0300 1234222
	Speedy Hire	01726 65681
	Brandon Tool Hire	01726 817307
	Euro Tool	01726 74833

Key locations identified as potential emergency community accommodation



Building	Potential use in an emergency	Telephone Number
Holy Trinity Church	Short stay shelter	01726 64299
Statefins Methodist Church	Short stay shelter	01726-66990
Library	Short stay sheller	0300 1234 111
AFC St Austell	Short stay shelter	-
St Austell Rugby Club	Short stay shelter	01726.76430
Poltair School	Short stay shelter	01726 874520
Penrice School	Short stay shelter	D1726.72163
Cornwall College	Short stay shelter	PROUD BY SERVE
Eden Project	Short stay shelter	01726 811911
Polkyth Leisure Centre	Short stay shelter	01726 223344
Travel Lodge	Short stay shelter	08719846160
Premier Inn	Short stay shelter	08715279018

List of community organisations that may be helpful in identifying vulnerable people or communities in an emergency

Vulnerable People

- People on oxygen
- People with Dementia and Alzheimer's
- Home Dialysis patients
- Occupants of hostels and care homes
- People who are on a Health Visitor round

Organisation	Telephone Number
Cornwall Council (Adults)	0300 1234 131
Cornwall Council (Children)	0300 1234 101
Cornwall Council Housing Options	0300 1234 161
Cornwall Council Safeguarding Team	0300 1234 131
St Austell Healthcare (Health Visitors)	01726 75555
Ocean Housing	01726 874450
Sanctuary Housing	0808 168 3477
Harbour Housing	01726 74186
St Petrocs	01872 260948

Emotional Support

Victim Support	0808 1689 111 (24/7)
Samaritans	116 123
Citizens Advice	0800 144 8848
Mental Health	If you are worried about your own or someone else's mental health, call 111 and select the mental health option (option 2). This call is free and will enable you to speak to a mental health professional in Cornwall. Anyone, any age, any time.

Family Support

Hospital Casualty Contact Number (if appropriate)	
Safeguarding Adults and Children	0300 1231 116
Multi Agency Referral Unit	



Telephone List (not for publication)

First Response Community Emergency Team

Name	Name and role of contact	Phone number
GWILLIAMS, Sara	Deputy Town Clerk	
HAMILTON, Colin	Mayor	
TBC	Manager, White River Place	
MILLER, Annette	BID Manager	
POOLEY, David	Town Clerk (Lead Community Co-ordinator	
SCOLTOCK, Sarah	Community Link Officer	
SHAW, Terry	Library Manager	
SKINNER, Steve	Operations Manager	
STEPHENS, Ethan	Deputy Mayor	
TOMS, Helen	Community Safety Officer	
TREVIVIAN, Matt ANDREWS, Simon	Police Sector Inspector (Lead Community Co-ordinator)	
WILSON, Tim	Foreman (St Austell Town Council)	

Telephone List (not for publication)

Emergency Services

Organisation	Telephone
Police	999
Fire Brigade	999
Ambulance	999

Other Key Organisations

Organisation	Telephone
RAF St Mawgan	01637 872201
RNAS Culdrose	01326 574121
Treliske Hospital	01872 250000
Derriford Hospital	01752 202082
Penrice Hospital	01726 873000
South West Water	0344 346 2020
Western Power (Electric)	13 13 51
Wales and West (Gas)	0800 111 999
Environment Agency	0800 80 70 60

St Austell Town Council Notice of conclusion of audit

Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2025

Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

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		Notes
1.	The audit of accounts for St Austell Town Council for the year ended 31 March 2025 has been completed and the accounts have been published.	This notice and Sections 1, 2 & 3 of the AGAR must be published by 30 September. This must include publication on the smaller authority's website. The smaller authority must decide how long to publish the Notice for; the AGAR and external auditor report must be publicly available for 5 years.
2.	The Annual Governance & Accountability Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of St Austell Town Council on application to:	
(a)	David Pooley, Town Clerk, St Austell Town Council, The Stable Block, Penwinnick Road, St Austell, PL25 5DP	(a) Insert the names, position and address of the person to whom local government electors should apply to inspect the AGAR.
(b)	10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday	(b) Insert the hours during which the inspection rights may be exercised.
3.	Copies will be provided to any person on payment of £2 for each copy of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.	(c) Insert a reasonable sum for copying costs.
(d)	Announcement made: David Pooley FCPFA, Town Clerk	(d) Insert the name and position of person placing the notice.
(e)	Date of announcement: 18 th August 2025	(e) Insert the date of placing of the notice.
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Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2024/25

We acknowledge as the members of:

El St Austell Town Council

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025, that:

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We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.				od its accounting statements in accordance Accounts and Audit Regulations.
We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	0			roper arrangements and accepted responsibility iguarding the public money and resources in ge.
3. We took all reasonable steps to easure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.				ly done what it has the legal power to do and has ad with Proper Practices in doing so.
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.				the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to and ask questions about this authority's accounts.
 We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required. 	V			ared and documented the financial and other risks it and dealt with them properly.
We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	V		control	ed for a competent person, independent of the financial s and procedures, to give an objective view on whether I controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	~		respons	ded to matters brought to its attention by internal and all audit.
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	V.		during (ed everything it should have about its business activity the year including events taking place after the year elevant.
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes .	Ho	11/4	has met all of its responsibilities where, as a body corporate, it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

	Sovernance Statement was approved at a eauthority on:	Signed by approval v	the Chair and Clerk of the meeting where vas given:
	12/05/2025		What EQUIRED
and recorded	as minute reference:	Chair	Zn Kunth
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Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2024/25 for

St Austell Town Council

	Year end	ang	Notes and guidance
	31 March 2024 £	3 March 2025 £	Please round all figures to nemest £1. Du not leave any boros mank and report £0 or Mr balances. All figures must agree to industying financial seconds.
Balances brought forward	940,035	908,101	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	1,067,220	1,177,920	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	429,496	552,104	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	691,055	730521	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	837,595	746,251	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cash- book less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	908,101	1161353	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	905,229	1,110,256	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March — To agree with bank reconciliation.
Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	784,017	856,606	The value of all the property the authority owns - it is made
10. Total borrowings	0	o	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

For Local Councils Only	Yes	No	MA	
11a. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	V			The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
11b. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	V			The figures in the accounting statements above exclude any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2025 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities — a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

Date

06/05/2025

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

12/05/2025

as recorded in minute reference:

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Signed by Chair of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

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Section 3 – External Auditor's Report and Certificate 2024/25

In respect of

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1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a limited assurance review is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is not a full statutory audit, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it does not provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02 as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/.

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with Proper Practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2025; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

2 External auditor's limited assurance opinion 2024/25
On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.
(continue on a separate sheet if required)
Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:
None
(continue on a separate sheet if required)

3 External auditor certificate 2024/25

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

External Auditor Name ENTER NA BDO LLP - Southampton STOR 08 August 2025 BDO UP Date **External Auditor Signature** 467DER748A8A428

MINUTES of a MEETING of ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 21st JULY 2025 in The Registrar's Office, Carlyon Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4LD at 6pm.

Present: Councillors: Brown, Hamilton, Kimber, Lanxon, Lingham, Marshall, Preece, Stephens and Whitehouse.

In attendance: David Pooley (Town Clerk) and Sara Gwilliams (Deputy Town Clerk).

P/25/30) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Bull, Cohen, Rowse and Thompson.

Councillor Kimber advised that he needed to leave at 6.50pm

Councillor Lingham advised that she needed to leave just after 7pm

The Chair took the opportunity on behalf of the Committee to congratulate Councillor Kimber on the birth of his daughter.

Councillor Lanxon arrived to the meeting

P/25/31) Declarations of Interest

None.

P/25/32) Dispensations

None.

P/25/33) Minutes from the Meeting dated 16th June 2025

With regard to minute number: P/25/28) Councillor Brown suggested that "of the partnership" should be added after "chair".

It was **RESOLVED** that subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th June 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

P/25/34) Matters to note

None.

P/25/35) Public participation

There were no members of the public present.

P/25/36) Planning Applications

i. PA25/03624: 85 Eastbourne Road St Austell Cornwall PL25 4ST. Clear section of land to side of house. Reduce levels including Cornish hedge on boundary to road level and provide retaining walls around to create safe level hardstanding bay for car parking and stepped access to side to join existing pathway and steps up to house.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection to this application subject to South West Water being satisfied with the proposal.

ii. **PA25/03904:** 44A South Street St Austell Cornwall PL25 5BN. Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), works include Mature Copper Beech 5m Crown Raise over the roundabout and carriageway. Client has requested a 2-3m clearance between crown and building to facilitate some property maintenance and painting.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection to this application subject to the Tree Officer being satisfied with the proposal.

iii. **PA25/04021:** 47 Roslyn Close St Austell Cornwall PL25 3UN. Non-material amendment in relation to decision notice PA23/02358 dated 26.05.2023 to increase the size of the approved rear balcony and add privacy screen.

The Clerk advised that the Planning Officer has advised that this is not a non-material amendment and a full householder application is required.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the update.

iv. **PA25/04216:** 41 Bethel Road St Austell Cornwall PL25 3HB. Conservatory to front.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection to this application.

v. **PA25/04292:** WHSmith 31 Fore Street St Austell Cornwall. Advertisement consent for 1 x Non Illuminated Fascia TG Jones.

During discussion, a suggestion was put forward that the lettering on the new sign should be commensurate with the size of the Post Office sign.

A proposal to make no objection to the application subject to the lettering on the new sign being commensurate with the size of the Post Office sign was lost 2 votes for, 6 votes against.

A proposal to make no objection to the application was carried 6 votes for, 2 votes against.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection to this application.

vi. **PA25/04318:** 30 Growan Road St Austell Cornwall PL25 3JP. Proposed front extension increasing the size of the bathroom due to current size not big enough for growing family along with 2 storey rear extension for an extra bedroom which is required for the applicants.

During discussion, concern was expressed with regard to the scale of the proposal and over-dominance of the site.

It was **RESOLVED** to object to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment.

vii. **PA25/04411:** Land Adjacent To 76 Bodmin Road St Austell Cornwall PL25 5AG. Application for Permission in Principle for the construction of an affordable-led housing development of 4 dwellings (minimum 3, maximum 4).

Members expressed concern with regard to the suitability of the site for four dwellings and the impact on trees. Concern was also expressed with regard to vehicular access to the site.

It was **RESOLVED** to object to this application on the grounds of:

- Overdevelopment
- Impact on trees
- Vehicular access concerns
- viii. **PA25/04455:** 45 Dobell Road St Austell Cornwall PL25 4NB. Convert existing single storey double garage into a two storey annex with pitched roof.

Members expressed concern with regard to the potential impact on the neighbouring property with regard to overlooking, overbearing and being out of character with the street scene.

It was **RESOLVED** to object to this application on the grounds of:

- Overlooking
- Overbearing
- Out of character with the street scene
- ix. **PA25/04633:** 97 Holmbush Road St Austell Cornwall PL25 3LL. Works to Tree(s) covered by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) T1 Mature Ash Suffering significantly with ADB. Overhanging limbs into property 97 to be removed.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection to this application subject to the Tree Officer being satisfied with the proposal.

x. PA25/04717: Minibugs Nurseries Blue Support House 17A Moorland Road St Austell. Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order - T5 - T8 and further Sycamores in between, to reduce the front row of trees down to mid second storey window (approx 6m) and reduce any extended limbs from secondary row of trees back to fence line.

It was **RESOLVED** to object to this application on the grounds of the excessive reduction proposed.

P/25/37) Premises Licence Applications

None.

P/25/38) Planning Decisions

It was **RESOLVED** that the report and decisions be noted.

P/25/39) Cornwall Council - Urgent Delegated Planning Decisions

None

P/25/40) Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure) (England) Regulations 2009 - Land Adjacent To 48 Eliot Road St Austell PL25 4NN

The Clerk advised that due to time constraints, he had consulted the Chair and they had agreed that a letter should be sent to the Planning Inspectorate reiterating the Town Council's objection.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the Clerk's actions.

P/25/41) Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure) (England) Regulations 2009 - Land North Of 36 Eliot Road St Austell PL25 4NN

The Clerk advised that due to time constraints, he had consulted the Chair and they had agreed that a letter should be sent to the Planning Inspectorate reiterating the Town Council's objection.

It was **RESOLVED** to endorse the Clerk's action.

P/25/42) Town Centre Highways Feasibility Report

The Clerk advised that the Town Centre Highways Feasibility Report had been funded from the Town Vitality Fund and Highways Officers had looked at the potential to reverse the traffic flow through Fore Street, the potential for taxis/buses to be allowed to pass through Fore Street and the practicality of a one way system around the church.

The Clerk explained that there seems to be a growing trend for towns to move away from pedestrianisation and highlighted Boscombe in Dorset as an example. He added that interestingly traders and residents in Camborne have recently resisted a proposal to pedestrianise Camborne Town Centre as they felt it would adversely impact trade.

The Clerk concluded that the report demonstrates a strong reluctance to change any elements of the traffic flow through Fore Street or to permit buses/taxis to access Fore Street.

Highways Officers are however open to changing the surfacing around the Holy Trinity Church to provide priority for pedestrians over cars.

During discussion, Members views were mixed with regard to allowing buses/taxis through Fore Street but were generally in favour of the reversal of the flow of traffic to allow a safer exit from Fore Street onto Bodmin Road.

The Highways Officers are due to attend the next St Austell Town Centre Revitalisation Partnership meeting to discuss in detail their findings and recommendations.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the update.

Councillor Kimber left the meeting

P/25/43) St Austell Town Centre Revitalisation Partnership

The Clerk advised that the Partnership met on 1st July 2025 and Chris Sampson was elected as Chair.

The banner is still on target to be erected next week but the piazza has been delayed slightly due to a delay in a gas pipe being re-located. It is still hoped that the piazza will be completed for the fun day on the 14th August 2025.

The Clerk added that following approval at the Town Council meeting on the 14th July 2025, a funding bid to the Town Centre Regeneration and Investment Programme (TRIP) has been submitted. Although not confirmed, it is understood that bids have been submitted for White River Place and the Arts Centre.

Due to a delay in the application being determined by Cornwall Council and the availability of the preferred contractor, discussions are taking place with Cornwall Council officers with regard to a potential extension of time for the completion of the pump track project.

Arising from the above, the Clerk **AGREED** to email Councillors with a summary of the projects submitted for the TRIP funding.

P/25/44) Dates of Meetings

It was noted that the dates of the next meetings of the Planning and Regeneration Committee are Monday $18^{\rm th}$ August 2025 and Monday $22^{\rm nd}$ September 2025.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.

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MINUTES of a MEETING of ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 18th AUGUST 2025 in The Registrar's Office, Carlyon Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4LD at 6pm.

Present: Councillors: Brown, Hamilton, Kimber, Lanxon, Preece, Stephens, Thompson and Whitehouse.

In attendance: David Pooley (Town Clerk) and Sara Gwilliams (Deputy Town Clerk).

P/25/45) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Bull, Lingham and Marshall.

P/25/46) Declarations of Interest

None.

P/25/47) Dispensations

None.

P/25/48) Minutes from the Meeting dated 21st July 2025

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting dated 21st July 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

P/25/49) Matters to note

None.

P/25/50) Public participation

There were no members of the public present.

P/25/51) Planning Applications

i. **PA25/04207:** 35 Slades Road St Austell Cornwall PL25 4HA. Proposed demolition of rear kitchen, bathroom and bedroom to form new open plan kitchen, utility with 2 bedrooms over and a raised patio without complying with condition 2 of decision PA24/01844 dated 19/07/2024.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection to this application.

ii. **PA25/05209:** Ivy House North Hill Park St Austell Cornwall PL25 5QJ. Works to Trees within a Conservation Area (TCA) - 2 x Beech and 1 x Sycamore – Remove.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection to this application.

- **Councillor Kimber declared an interest in the following application and left the meeting**
 - iii. **PA25/05531:** 1-27 Trelawney House And 1-28 Piran Place Trinity Street St Austell PL25 5BQ. Removal and replacement of existing combustible cladding and external wall elements with new non-combustible and associated works.

It was **RESOLVED** to support this application.

Councillor Kimber returned to the meeting

iv. **PA25/05552:** 2 Penmere Road St Austell Cornwall PL25 3PE. Works to trees in a Tree Preservation Order, namely: T1-Ash Fell to ground level. Showing signs of advanced Ash dieback. T2-Ash Fell to ground level. Showing signs of Ash Dieback with several dead branches.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection to this application subject to the Tree Officer being supportive of the proposal and replacement trees being planted.

v. **PA25/05585:** Flat 1 11 High Cross Street St Austell Cornwall. Listed building consent for replacement of old bath with a level access shower with associated alterations and filling of blocked door opening with timber frame, rigid PIR insulation, and layer of moisture-resistant plasterboard.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection to this application.

vi. **PA25/05593:** 47 Rosiyn Close St Austell Cornwall PL25 3UN. Proposed residential extension plus associated works without compliance with condition 2 of decision notice PA23/02358.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection to this application.

P/25/52) Premises Licence Applications

Premises Name and Address: Tregarth House, 33 Bodmin Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5AE. Application Type: Grant. Licensable Activities: Supply of alcohol.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection to this application.

P/25/53) Planning Decisions

It was **RESOLVED** that the report and decisions be noted.

P/25/54) Cornwall Council – Urgent Delegated Planning Decisions

PA25/04717 Minibugs Nurseries

The Clerk advised that the Tree Officer had negotiated reduced works to the trees adjacent to the Minibugs Nursery and the Planning Officer had approved the revised proposal.

P/25/55) 20 mph Speed Limit

During discussions, Councillors welcomed the changes made and considered the latest proposals more sound than the original proposal. The proposals outside of Sandy Hill School were welcomed and Members felt that this arrangement should apply consistently to all schools across the town where practical.

Members supported the principle of 20mph speed limits on non-arterial routes subject to the following:

- The schools across St Austell should be consulted directly and individually
- The Sawles Road lane which joins up with Pentewan Road should be 20mph not 30mph as shown.

P/25/56) St Austell Town Centre Revitalisation Partnership

The Clerk provided an update as follows:

Banner

The second banner will be erected later this month either once the scaffolding outside of Boots has been removed or the contractor can identify an alternative approach whilst the scaffolding is still in place.

Church Piazza

Following a few weeks delay, the lowering of the gas pipe was carried out by Wales and West today. The project is now due to complete in September.

The Meadows

The grant has been approved and the contract signed. There will be an opportunity for the public to meet the contractor and ask any questions during September with an anticipated start date early October and completion in December.

Cornwall Council has advised in its budget reports that there will be no Shared Prosperity Funding in 2026/27.

The outcome of the grant application to the Town Revitalisation Investment Programme (TRIP) is awaited.

P/25/57) Dates of Meetings

It was noted that the dates of the next meetings of the Planning and Regeneration Committee are Monday 22^{nd} September 2025 and Monday 27^{th} October 2025.

The meeting closed at 18:52.

AGENDA NO: 15

ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING – 1st SEPTEMBER 2025 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS 5th JULY 2025 to 15th AUGUST 2025

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To approve a schedule of payments made since the last meeting.

2. LEGAL AND RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

There is a requirement for the Town Council to approve all payments made. All payments are authorised by at least two signatories and all payments must be within the budgets approved by the Council. Payment methods used are BACS, direct debit, credit card and petty cash.

3. RESOURCE ISSUES

The payments made and proposed are all within the Council's approved budgets.

4. EQUALITIES ISSUES

None. Payments are usually made promptly to small contractors and charitable groups to help avoid cashflow difficulties.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Where possible items are procured locally and from sustainable sources or using recycled materials.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Councillors approve the attached Schedule of Payments totalling £176,036.25 (net of refunds) and the transfers between bank accounts amounting to £101,874.97.

Payment Schedule St Austell Town Council For the period 5 July 2025 to 15 August 2025

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