



## Devolution of Car Park

Exploratory meeting to understand the principles, practicalities and financial implications of Devolution of Boscastle Car Park from Cornwall Council to Forrabury & Minster parish Council.

*(Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press are not invited to attend)*

### 9.01 Attendees

Cornwall Council Local Transport Manager - Mr Peter Moore  
Cornwall Councillor Hicks,  
F&MPC Councillors Ferrett, Hockin, Findlay & Jarvis.  
BCTC independent observer Chris Dawe.

### 9.02 Peter Moore outlined the Councils plans for Car Park charges across the county.

**Phase 1** – now in place – introduction of standard charging in all Cornwall Council car parks to remove high charges in one area and low charges in another, thereby ensuring no area of the county is subsidising another.

**Phase 2** – to introduce community involvement in parking charging to meet local needs. However the resultant charging structure would have to meet Cornwall Councils predicted income.

**Devolution of Car Park Management** - Cornwall Council would be prepared do everything it could to facilitate a transition of car park management to Local Town or Parish Councils.

However :-

Cornwall Council would:-

- set up a five/ten year leasing agreement with predicted yearly profit
- offer to sell individual elements of car park management on a pick and choose basis.
- have final say on parking charges

Local Town/Parish council will:-

- need to submit a comprehensive business plan
- be responsible for all management and associated costs
- have to deliver Cornwall Councils predicted profit, year on year.

### 9.03 Boscastle Car Park

Based on last years figures



Turn over is 10 times the annual income of the Parish council  
The operating/management costs are approximately £62000 (of which £36000 is business rates payable as single up front charge) with a profit of approximately £165000.

**9.04 Implications of devolution to Forrabury & Minster Parish Council.**

- Cash flow would be an issue to meet the business rate payment
- Cornwall Council would do the enforcement free on the proviso they retain the enforcement fees and determine periodicity of enforcement inspections.
- F&MPC would have initially to purchase the management packages from Cornwall Council as it would be unlikely to obtain these services at a lower cost.

**9.05 Management**

Possible savings

- F&MPC could readily do the weekly visual inspection of the Car Park.

Potential costs to F&MPC

- Public Liability Insurance would have to be reviewed with a likely increase in premium.
- Clerk hours may need to be increased to meet extra demands.
- Audit Fees - annual account audit fees would increase

Failure to meet Cornwall Councils predicted income would have to be covered (Cornwall Council may be (subject to leasing agreement) willing to risk share), this would likely only be at 50% so a shortfall of £5000 would leave F&MPC with a bill of £2500 i.e. 10% of its annual income. Likewise any additional profit would be distributed 50/50.

The chairman closed the meeting at 19.55pm