

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held in the Committee Room, The Guildhall, St Ives on Thursday 12 March 2015 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor T Williams

COUNCILLORS

Andrewes T

Nicholls C

Lait R

Tulley R

Mitchell A (until 8.12pm)

OFFICERS

Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Councillors Armstrong and Taylor.

C&E.75 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Chairman sign as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Community & Environment Committee held on 15 January 2015

C&E.76 PUBLIC SPEAKING

None.

C&E.77 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBER / OFFICER INTERESTS

None.

C&E.78 TOWN CLERKS UPDATE REPORT

The Clerks update report was circulated and noted. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED – that the town council agree to install a sign to encourage considerate dog exercising at Trewartha park, wording to be agreed in consultation with the local residents group.

C&E.79 UPDATE ON PEDESTRIAN SIGNAGE MEETING WITH CORMAC AND ST IVES BID MANAGER

Councillor Williams gave an update on the recent meeting with Cormac and other parties seeking to improve the pedestrian signage. The suggestion for a map board was being followed up by the St Ives BID Manager. The news that the arms on the finger post at Royal Square would be moved to be corrected, was welcomed.

RESOLVED – that the C&E Committee Chairman be the point of contact to liaise between BID and the town council with regard to improving the town signage.

C&E.80 FEEDBACK FROM PALEMON BEST USERS GROUP MEETING OF 10 MARCH, HELD AT ST IVES FIRE STATION

The notes of the meeting were circulated and it was noted that there had been a good number of users of the area in attendance.

Matters raised:

- Skate park, top rail – manufacturers have been asked to provide assurance of safety and to quote for replacement if needed
- Tarmac join with the skate ramp – the Clerk advised that a quote for repair works has been sought.

It was reported that a quote had already been received for a replacement quarter pipe. Members noted that decisions on these repairs would need to be made by the Trustees.

During discussion the Clerk reported on the permanent endowment held by the Trustees and noted that the funds were not able to be released immediately and would need the agreement of the Trustees and the permission of the Charity Commission. It was noted that this was a matter for the Trustees to consider.

Copies of the play equipment inspection reports would be requested for the council to be aware of the inspections carried out.

RESOLVED - that the report be noted, the quotes be referred to the Trustees, and the next meeting of the Users Group to be held, with the purpose of providing any update available at that time, and to advise the group on how to become a formal organisation. 14 April agreed as possible date, with the meeting to be held at the Fire Station again if possible.

The Chairman reported that through discussions at the User Group meeting, and through the Youth Council, concerns had been raised at the potential cut to the school crossing patrol service at Higher Stennack, serving the primary and junior schools.

RESOLVED – that the town council supports the continuation of the school crossing patrol service at Higher Stennack.

C&E.81 TOWN FUND (*Referred from Council*)

Members considered a proposal referred by Council for establishing a Town Fund.

It was suggested that the way forward could be to establish a Charitable Trust, with membership to include nominated town councillors, with a Trust document to be drawn up by solicitors. During discussion, it was debated how to be able to encourage donations from benefactors to the town and to spend on projects in a way which could be effective and fair.

It was suggested to seek advice from the Cornwall Community Foundation as they carried out similar work and projects to those that the Town Fund aimed to agree.

To establish a town fund, the town council could help to determine the initial criteria / objectives and aims of the group. This criteria and remit would then give a framework for Trustees to work within.

RESOLVED – that advice be sought from the Cornwall Community Foundation on the possibility of setting up a Town Fund, to be established with support from the town council and to emerge as a standalone Trust.

Councillor Mitchell left the meeting at this point.

C&E.82 CORNWALL COUNCIL – CONSULTATION ON TREE PRESERVATION ORDER – LAND ADJACENT TO LAITY LANE, CARBIS BAY

Members considered the consultation letter.

RESOLVED - that the Tree Preservation Order be supported.

C&E.83 UPDATE LIST OF COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Councillor Tulley noted the difficulties in keeping lists up to date – those of the community organisations and the list of outside representatives.

RESOLVED – that the lists be circulated to all Councillors, inviting updates to the list (update to contacts for existing, notify of any disbanded, and any that should be added. Email contact details to be added. Also for the list of representatives to outside bodies, updates before Annual Council on whether the organisations have met during the year. Option too for those who would wish to be listed on the website.

C&E.84 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – UPDATE

It was noted that there was no update at this stage, following the most recent Council decision.

C&E.85 THE GREAT TOUR (ADDITIONAL ITEM)

This agenda item was included on the agenda as an urgent item, with the agreement of the Committee Chairman.

Members were advised of a proposed cycle tour visit to St Ives by a charity fundraising group of cyclists conducting a national cycle tour event.

RESOLVED – to support and welcome the cycle tour coming to St Ives.

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Chairman