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Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held in the Committee Room, The Guildhall, St Ives on Thursday 15 January 2015 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor T Williams
Vice- Chairman – Councillor M Armstrong

COUNCILLORS

Andrewes T	Nicholls C
Lait R	Taylor L
Mitchell A (until 7.00pm)	Tulley R

OFFICERS

Town Clerk
Assistant Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None.

C&E.61 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Chairman sign as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Community & Environment Committee held on 30 October 2014.

C&E.62 PUBLIC SPEAKING

A local skateboarder attended to complain at the graffiti at the skatepark at Palemon Best. He urged Councillors to visit the site and raised safety concerns. There was concern that the site should be better cared for to make it a better community area.

C&E.63 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBER / OFFICER INTERESTS

None.

C&E.64 TOWN CLERKS UPDATE REPORT

Members considered the Clerk's report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that the CCTV cameras had been removed from the town and the Clerk advised that the Police and businesses might come back at a later date with options for proceeding. From the last open meeting regarding CCTV it had been agreed that there should be evidence provided from the police to demonstrate the necessity of a monitored CCTV system and so a meeting would be held as and when that information was received.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

C&E.65 PALEMON BEST – UPDATE ON FOOTBALL PITCH AND WAY FORWARD

Councillor Williams advised that this item had been included on the agenda because the Trustees had agreed that there was a need to work on improving the area. It was suggested that there should be a plan drawn up for the recreation ground.

The discussion on this matter included the following points:

- A willingness to involve the local community more, and to hold open forum meeting with local residents and to invite participation from all users of the recreation ground
- Regular meetings to then be held
- Exploring the potential to paint the football pitch lines
- Need to ensure proactive inspection and maintenance
- Offered to meet with the public speaker to discuss the issues raised
- Agreed that the photo of one item of graffiti be passed to the police to investigate
- Agreed that the open forum meeting be held at the Fire Station in daylight hours and with an option to agree to future regular meetings. Notices to be placed in conspicuous places, orchard group and Youth Council to be notified.
- Town Council to action proactive response to graffiti in future
- Shrub clearance suggested to open up the views and for safety
- When grass has been cut, Councillor Nicholls offered to make arrangements for the football pitch lines to be painted.

RESOLVED – that a user group be set up – as set out above.

C&E.66 CONCERNS RAISED BY LOCAL RESIDENT AT CHANGE IN PRIORITIES OF FOOTPATH MODIFICATION ORDERS, THE POTENTIAL TIMESCALE IMPLICATIONS TO WCA551, WCA552 AND WCA568 AND THE PROCESS FOLLOWED BY CORNWALL COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that Cornwall Council had changed the way that the footpath modification order application were prioritised and some St Ives parish applications had moved down the priority schedule because of this.

RESOLVED - that Cornwall Council be asked for an explanation of the review and the impact for local applications and the expected timescale for the St Ives parish applications.

C&E.67 TAXI RANKS

Councillor Tulley reported on a meeting held a few months ago (with taxi drivers, Police and Licensing) when it was noted that, as had previously been raised, there was a need for additional town centre taxi rank spaces. The taxi drivers had suggested places by Trenwith Terrace or by Kidz R Us. Highways were at the meeting and it now rests with them for further consideration. There was further consultation needed to establish which had the best potential to benefit the community.

Councillor Andrewes reported that a review of taxi licensing had been held and that last summer all Cornwall Councillors were invited to put forward highways schemes and that there has been a bid lodged for funding for additional taxi rank provision in St Ives. It was noted that

it was unlikely that a decision on funding would be made in the near future.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

C&E.68 **NEW YEARS EVE ARRANGEMENTS – FEEDBACK AND BUDGET CONSIDERATION FOR NEXT YEAR**

The following was reported:

- Thank you's have been sent from the Mayor and Council to all agencies involved.
- 6pm road closure – successful for the town
- Volunteers on the barriers – there was some need for them to be checked, but nothing major
- Need to make sure that emergency numbers were right! – for Cormac
- Consider for next year – whether we need to pay for the road closure signs
- All finished by 4am
- Police response had been that the crowd control had gone well
- Overall – good feedback from those who had attended on the night, and noted fantastic publicity for the town.

RECOMMENDED - that budget allocation of £600 for New Years Eve be made in the 2015/2016 budget.

C&E.69 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – UPDATE ON PROGRESS AND DRAFTING OF THE PLAN**

Councillor Lait reported that the Topic Groups had met to work through the responses from the public consultation – the percentages of responses and the comments received. The consultation demonstrated community support for all proposed policies.

Useful work had been carried out by the Topic Groups to take comments from the survey and using these to suggest amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan draft document. The responses from statutory consultees had also been worked through in detail and would be responded to and taken into account in the plan also. All comments had been considered and there had been meticulous review of the draft policies and their wording, to ensure that they would best achieve their aims.

Once the amendments have been made to the document, the submission document will be available for the town council to read and consider on the 17 February at the informal meeting of the Council – a meeting arranged to give opportunity for a full discussion before being presented to Council for decision on 26 February.

It was noted that the emerging Neighbourhood Plan had been referred to in a Cornwall Council decision on a planning application in the area, with the benefit of the added weight able to be given to the plan in view of the results of the community consultation.

In response to questions, it was noted that Bolitho Estates had requested a meeting and that the Clerk would be consulted on protocol for any discussions.

With regard to the responses on housing and development, whilst there had been a majority in favour, the land allocations were the most contentious and had smaller margins in favour. The land allocations had been included on advice that to do so would prevent building being developer led. All potential sites had to meet strict criteria and had a full Sustainability Appraisal conducted on them.

It was noted that in addition to meeting community aspirations, the policies in the plan had to be compliant with Cornwall Council's Local Plan and National Planning guidance.

The Chairman expressed the Council's gratitude to Councillor Lait and all those working on the Neighbourhood Plan process.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

C&E.70 S.106 DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE PARISH, HELD BY CORNWALL COUNCIL

Councillor Andrewes reported that the current level of developer contributions held for the St Ives parish area had been confirmed to be £391,000. Cornwall Council Ward Members were meeting with Cornwall Council officers to establish how best to utilise the funds. The majority was for housing and an element was held for public open space (Trewartha Playing Field) and for the St Ives Older People's Forum. Further funds would be held by Cornwall Council as the relevant developments are carried out.

It was expected that in future there would be a greater amount of developer contributions being made for the St Ives area, including for housing and towards the St Ives transport scheme.

It is becoming more important for the town council to make the case for any developer contribution needs that could apply to planning applications as they are considered.

Areas with adopted Neighbourhood Plans will also be able to receive an element of the Community Infrastructure Levy from applications in the area.

The protocol for which council administrates the S.106 funds was asked about.

It was also noted that until recently there had been little openness about the receipt of S.106 funds by Cornwall Council and how the monies were spent.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

C&E.71 BLUE FLAG STATUS – UPDATE FROM MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY

Councillor Andrewes reported on a recent meeting with the beach operators on whether Blue Flag status should be applied for. There was a general consensus that Blue Flag status should be applied for, for Porthminster and Porthmeor beaches. Another similar award would also be applied for at the same time.

Cornwall Council had identified a corporate sponsor who would help fund award applications for beaches around Cornwall, including one in St Ives and so the beach managers agreed that those present could all contribute to the application for the second beach. (Beach managers, St

Ives Tourism Association, BID, Harbour Hotel and the town council)

There had been a really positive meeting about this matter and how the wider community can be more involved in the beaches. The Cornwall Council officer would lead on ensuring that there were a sufficient number of initiatives in place for the beaches involved.

RECOMMENDED – that the town council make a contribution of £150 towards the Blue Flag application.

C&E.72 **DOG CONTROL ORDERS**

The Clerk reported that there had been further update from Cornwall Council and that the new legislation would require a new way of working for DCO's as town councils would no longer be able to introduce or review the legislation. The current DCO's would remain enforceable for a number of years and so further discussions would take place with Cornwall Council to determine the best way forward across Cornwall.

The update was noted.

C&E.73 **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

(1) Result of consultation on Traffic Regulation Order for the Stennack and other areas - Noted

C&E.74 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting to be held on Thursday 12 March 2015.

Meeting closed at 8.44 pm

Chairman

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