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Minutes Meeting of St Ives Town Council held in The Guildhall, St Ives on Thursday 11 June 2015 at 7.00 pm

## PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor L Taylor (Town Mayor)

Vice-Chairman – Councillor M Armstrong (Deputy Town Mayor)

## COUNCILLORS

Andrewes T

Garrod H

Glanville R

Lait R

Prior P

Mitchell A

Nicholls C

Parsons A

Symons J

Tanner J

Tanner S

Tulley R

Williams T

## OFFICERS

Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - were received from Councillor Chard.

## 18. PUBLIC SPEAKING

Janet Axten spoke on the work of the Community Charter – a project being carried out as a result of elements identified through the Neighbourhood Plan process but which did not fit within the planning and land focus of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Charter would be created by the community for the community and would result in a written document stating the community's cultural assets to help safeguard the areas cultural heritage. Grant funds had been secured and so launch events would be held in the near future.

Andrew Hodgson spoke with concerns at the buses in Royal Square. He highlighted the difficulties with too many buses and with the roundabout at the leisure centre being used as a bus stop – concerns that someone would be hit by a bus. He reported that a few days ago two people had been struck by a bus and the incident was rung through to the police. He asked the council to bring any pressure to remove the roundabout as a stop. To reduce numbers back to a 6 bus an hour service. Also to enforce 2 minutes at the stop at Royal Square – maximum of 5 minutes, longer waiting times result in a build up of buses waiting. There were 17 buses an hour to the leisure centre. The Co-op had been struck again today and a sign damaged even though the vehicle was being guided by a banksman.

The Mayor thanked Mr Hodgson for the issues raised. She advised that she was due to meet Derek Thomas MP tomorrow and offered him to meet too. The MP had written to the Traffic Commissioner.

John Ninnes for the St Ives taxi drivers gave a copy of an email sent to Cornwall Council last year, and the Traffic Commissioner. He raised the following concerns:

- Danger to drivers coming down the Stennack – onto the wrong side of the road
- Buses parking on double yellow lines
- Danger to pedestrians dodging buses turning in Royal Square
- Buses dropping off on roundabout
- Fumes and general disturbance in Royal Square (people have left accommodation on the square – like staying at a bus depot)
- Putting people off from returning to St Ives
- Seasonal companies – effect on the year-round service
- Not picking up from bus stops – ie from outside the Western Hotel
- Untrained people stopping traffic – untrained banksmen

19. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Wedding Fair at the weekend had been extremely successful with online coverage. The Mayor thanked the Clerical Assistant (Weddings lead officer) and the Guildhall team, and to Cllr S Tanner for all her help on the day.

Derek Thomas MP was to accompany Mayor on a walkabout of the town on 12 June.

20. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBER / OFFICER INTERESTS

None.

21. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None.

22. MINUTES

Councillor Prior requested the following amendments:

Minute 196 (Council meeting 23 April 2015) – to add the word ‘Some’ at the start of the sixth paragraph

Minute 12 (Council meeting 21 May 2015) – to add the wording to the preamble paragraph: ‘The Clerk was requested to seek clear direction on Council representatives on outside bodies being able to attend and vote at council and committee meetings, or whether it was necessary to declare an interest’

RESOLVED - that the Chairman signs as a true and correct record the Minutes of the:

- Meeting of the Council held on 23 April 2015 (as amended above)
- Annual Meeting of the Council held on 18 May 2015
- Annual Meeting of the Council reconvened on 21 May 2015 (as amended above); and the
- Annual meeting of the Council reconvened on 28 May 2015

23. ANNUAL RETURN AND ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2014/2015

The Chairman of the Resources Committee reported that the Annual Return and Annual Statement of Accounts had been scrutinised at the 4 June 2015 meeting of the Resources Committee. He gave an assurance on the extent of detailed work that had been carried out and led to the finalisation of these documents, and thanked the Clerk and the accounts team for their work in preparing the accounts reports.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- In response to a question on the reserves, it was noted that earmarked reserves were to be an agenda item at the next meeting of the Resources Committee
- It was noted that typographical corrections to the Annual Statement of Accounts had yet to be made
- The Clerk advised that the figures for the Palemon Best accounts had yet to be included in the Statement of Accounts and suggested that the document be approved with sign-off of the Palemon Best figures to be delegated to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, with a final copy of the document to be circulated to Councillors.

**RESOLVED** – that

1. the Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement be approved; and
2. the Annual Statement of Accounts 2014/2015 be approved.

24. **BANK SIGNATORIES**

The Mayor reported that with the appointment of Councillor Armstrong as Deputy Mayor, as there were a number of days in the weeks when Councillor Armstrong was working outside of the parish, this would raise problems in signing urgent cheques and so it was suggested that for the coming year, the existing signatories continue.

**RESOLVED** – that the Councillor bank signatories for the 2015/2016 year be: Councillors Taylor (Mayor), Williams (former Deputy Mayor) and Nicholls (former Mayor).

25. **CIVIC DEPUTIES**

The Mayor announced that she was appointing Councillors Andrewes and Tulley to be Civic Deputies for the coming year, whilst noting that every effort would be made for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to cover all Mayoral duties, with Civic Deputies to be asked to act only when necessary.

26. **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES**

In response to an expression of interest in filling a committee vacancy, it was

**RESOLVED** – that Councillor Williams be appointed to the Resources Committee.

27. **ST NICHOLAS CHAPEL GRANTS**

It was reported that at the annual Island Chapel coffee morning, the Island Chapel volunteers had agreed that in line with the previously agreed protocol, all but £325 of the Chapel donations had been agreed to be distributed in the following way:

£226 to be donated to each of:

Children's Hospice South West (Little Harbour)  
St Ives Fishermen's Christmas Lights  
St Ives Youth Rugby Club  
Sunrise Cancer Care Centre  
St Ives Salvation Army  
Hayle Day Care Centre

It was suggested that the volunteers could consider all funds to be granted to one thing to be more lasting and linked to the chapel (in future years).

The Mayor requested that it be formally recorded that the town council gives its thanks to the Chapel volunteers.

**RESOLVED** – that

- 1) Approval be granted for the Chapel Volunteers' recommendations for 2014 donations to be granted to the local good causes listed above; and
- 2) the approval of Chapel grants be delegated in future to the Clerk in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Meeting closed at 7.41 pm

Chairman