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Minutes Meeting of St Ives Town Council held in The Guildhall, St Ives on Thursday 18 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

Assistant Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - were received from Councillor Chard.

28. PUBLIC SPEAKING

PC Darren Saint and Sue Edwards (Police Licensing Officer) spoke in support of the proposed street marshal initiative, and reported on the benefits of the scheme based on successful schemes elsewhere in Cornwall, setting out the following points:

- The Truro street marshals report to police licensing each week
- Started as a trial in Truro / Falmouth – successful and now operating for the next 12 months
- Crime prevention – help to support vulnerable people and to defuse situations before they become a crime
- Taxi ranks – part of patrol route
- Patrol at licensed premises and around – eg picking up glass bottles, keeping an eye on those drinking who might become vulnerable
- Good to have someone in the vicinity who the licensed premises can call upon

Usual door staff were only insured for the premises they were working for. The Truro scheme has an SIA company insured for the street areas also, enabling the street marshals to operate in various areas.

Street marshals would be SIA staff - trained but with no additional powers. They are a presence on the streets in a preventative capacity and could restrain someone until police arrived to carry out an arrest.

The Truro scheme had been funded through a variety of sources: PCC's fund, Truro City Council, Truro BID, a brewery, the taxi's, a licensed premises fundraising evening – to build up a pot of funds to keep the scheme.

In Truro, the scheme is operated under Truro Safe. It operates at the times of the year when its needed.

A local businesswoman raised her concerns that the A Frames and chairs outside shops and businesses along the Wharf should be properly regulated, requesting that the town council considers ways that it can be tackled and enforced, with a suggestion that a byelaw could be introduced.

The Mayor thanked the public speakers for their attendance and the points raised.

29. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that there would be an additional confidential report in view of urgency: Lease provisions, Trenwith

30. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBER / OFFICER INTERESTS

None.

31. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None.

32. 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

*Note: with regard to the item about declarations of interests when on outside bodies, the*

*Clerk was requested to seek further clarification on whether a Councillor on an outside organisation could speak at a meeting and then leave for the vote.*

33. STREET MARSHAL PROPOSAL

Members considered the recommendation of the Community & Environment Committee with regard to a potential street marshal scheme, with the benefit of the information given by the speakers from the Police earlier in the meeting.

During discussion the following points were made:

- Whether it would be better to continue efforts to bring back a CCTV system for the town
- Concerns that this should be a Police role, to patrol and keep the peace
- Would there be any preferential police response to a call from a street marshal
- Why would people respond to a street marshal?
- Whether a street marshal service should be funded by the town council
- Whether the town council could fund a PCSO
- Noted successful experience of street marshal schemes in other Cornish towns
- Noted that there was a problem to be addressed following the loss of the CCTV scheme, with a lack of sufficient police cover to carry out all the patrols needed, and the limitations of funding of police and a number of services
- One of the few powers of town and parish councils includes community safety, which is why the CCTV system was previously supported and there continues to be a budget of £6,000 per annum
- Noted the reports last year of an increasing incidence of anti-social behaviour and the town council's responsibility to the local community to address this issue
- The street marshal scheme would ensure a targeted approach – resources can be directed at Friday and Saturday nights.
- No indication yet of other sources of funding – some concern that it should not only be funded by the town council
- If a trial was primarily funded by the town council, there was an argument that other sources of funding on a longer term basis should be sought
- Community safety is becoming a collective responsibility
- Noted that SIA staff were professionally accredited and regulated
- Need to work more closely with the licensees to limit incidents of drunkenness
- Questioned whether there have been any complaints against street marshals in other areas
- Able to deal with a range of issues which could include patrols of Trewyn Gardens which would help to address a current issue
- A good community is about working together – this scheme has been proven successful in other premier towns in Cornwall. Responsibility to visitors and also a responsibility to the people who live and works in the area. If the old fashioned policing model is no longer viable, then this proposal had the potential to give a needed service to the community.
- Who are SIA staff answerable to? - difficult to get an SIA licence, it is a profession and so the accountability mainly lies in the regulation
- It was stated that the proposal would cost around £108 per night for the 2 street marshals, and so the cost for the proposed trial would be around £3,000.

It was proposed and seconded that

1. the Council implement a trial scheme of contracting street marshals to act in a supportive front line role with the police, with town council funding to be drawn from the Community Support budget line;
2. the proposed trial to run from July to the end of September on Fridays and Saturdays from 9pm to 2am; and
3. funding contributions for the scheme to be invited from a local brewery, St Ives BID and the police.

An amendment was proposed and seconded: that the alternative action to address this issue be a letter to the Police Chief Constable and the Police Commissioner to raise the concerns about growing incidences of anti-social behaviour in a town with community and tourism impacts, and to ask what action the Police would take.

**RESOLVED** – that this item be determined by recorded vote.

**The vote was taken on the amendment:**

Voting for the amendment: Councillors Prior, Mitchell and Parsons.

Voting against the amendment: Councillors Andrewes, Armstrong, Garrod, Glanville, Lait, Nicholls, Symons, J Tanner, S Tanner, Taylor, Tulley and Williams.

Abstaining: None

Not present at the meeting: Councillor Chard

With 3 votes for and 12 votes against, the amendment fell and so the vote was taken on the original motion:

**Voting for the proposal:**

Voting for the proposal: Councillors Andrewes, Armstrong, Garrod, Lait, Nicholls, Symons, J Tanner, S Tanner, Taylor, Tulley and Williams.

Voting against the proposal: Councillors Glanville, Prior, Mitchell and Parsons.

Abstaining: None.

Not present at the meeting: Councillor Chard

With 11 votes for and 4 votes against, the proposal was declared carried, and so it was

**RESOLVED** – that

1. The Council implement a trial scheme of contracting street marshals to act in a supportive front line role with the police, with town council funding to be drawn from the Community Support budget line;
2. The proposed trial to run from July to the end of September on Fridays and

Saturdays from 9pm to 2am; and

3. Funding contributions for the scheme to be invited from a local brewery, St Ives BID and the police.

34. **STREET NAMING REQUEST – BUFFALO CLUB DEVELOPMENT**

Members considered the submitted street naming applications and questioned whether the name had any context in the local area.

**RESOLVED** – that Mr Stevens of the St Ives Museum be consulted and be requested to suggest a name for the development, and for the decision to be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with all Councillors by email.

35. **REPORTS FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLORS**

Members considered the report circulated by Cornwall Councillor Mitchell and its contents were noted.

Councillor Mitchell answered questions related to the items on the Cornwall Local Plan and the commissioned review of the St Ives Parking Strategy.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Street Marshalls** – this item had already been covered earlier in the meeting

**Consols Pond** – Councillor S Tanner reported that the numbers of the Association had dropped, a few people had volunteered to clear it last year and hundreds benefit from it each year. It was noted that Councillor S Tanner had worked with friends and PC Saint to get the pond cleared for the 2015 Good Friday boating.

**RESOLVED** – that the town council takes on responsibility for the Consols Pond annual pond weed clearance for the Good Friday Boating tradition.

It was further **RESOLVED** – that the gratitude of the town council be recorded for the Consols Pond Association and all the work carried out by volunteers in leading on this in recent years.

**Palemon Best, Skatepark Repairs**

**RESOLVED** – that the replacement section of the quarterpipe be ordered from Rhino Ramps, to supply and install, to be funded from the Palemon Best earmarked reserve fund.

36. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

- a) Planning Committee - 27 May 2015
- b) Resources Committee – 4 June 2015
- c) Community & Environment Committee – 11 June 2015

RESOLVED – that the Minutes referred to above be approved and adopted.

37. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meeting) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the press and public be excluded Extraordinary Council 3 March 2015 from the meeting during the consideration of the following matter on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.”

38. TRENWITH LEASE (Paragraph 3)

The Clerk presented a request from the developer taking on the sub-lease in relation to when the sub-lease would be completed and the staging of the works.

RESOLVED – that

1. advice be sought from solicitors whether a first change can be given under the clauses in the sub-lease, and at what stage would it be considered that sufficient works had been carried out; and
2. to delegate this decision to the Clerk in consultation with the Mayor and the Chairman of the Resources Committee.

Meeting closed at 8.27 pm

Chairman