

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held in the Committee Room, The Guildhall, St Ives on Thursday 2 June 2016 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

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

COUNCILLORS

Andrewes T	Nicholls C
Garrod H	Tulley R
Lait R	

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Mitchell A

OFFICERS

Town Clerk

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

C&E.193 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – that Councillor Williams be elected Chairman of the Committee for the coming year.

C&E.194 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – that Councillor Armstrong be elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the coming year.

C&E.195 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Chairman sign as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Community & Environment Committee held on 10 March 2016.

C&E.196 PUBLIC SPEAKING

None.

C&E.197 UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY LINK OFFICER (CORNWALL COUNCIL)

It was noted that whilst there was no update, any questions could be put to the Community Link Officer for response / action.

C&E.198 DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLOR / OFFICER INTERESTS

Councillors Andrewes and Williams each highlighted that they would declare an Interest in Minute C&E.205 (Environmental Service Standards), if necessary, due to their roles on the Ayr

Field Management Committee.

C&E.199 TOWN CLERKS UPDATE REPORT

The Town Clerk's update report had been circulated. The following points were noted:

- A number of items had yet to be actioned / completed. The Clerk explained that there were either individual circumstances relevant to the item, or delays due to workloads and priorities. Staff were endeavouring to bring the list of actions up to date.
- Signage regarding exercising of dogs at Trewartha play area – it was **agreed** that the Committee Chairman would agree a form of wording with the Town Clerk in order that the signs be put into place promptly
- Fair Rent Forum – it was noted that a meeting had been held
- Signage at Palemon Best Recreation Ground – the Committee Chairman gave an undertaking to work with the Facilities Manager to progress this item - **Agreed**
- Upgrade of the paths at Palemon Best Recreation Ground – Councillors expressed their wish that this work be completed in the near future - **Agreed**
- OFWAT response to request for action regarding sewage in Carbis Bay – the response was considered to be hugely disappointing. **Agreed:**
 - i that the sewerage monitoring form be re-worked to capture the information required to be gathered by OFWAT;
 - ii that a copy of the response letter be circulated to all Councillors; and
 - iii that a letter be sent to OFWAT to advise that the town council will continue to work to gather evidence required.
 - iv that OFWAT be asked to request from South West Water the sewage discharge records for the past 10 year, with Councillor Garrood offering to draft a letter in view of his research and knowledge on this matter.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted, the actions agreed be carried out, and that a letter be sent to OFWAT as set out above.

C&E.200 FINANCE REPORT

The Clerk apologised that it had not proved possible to circulate a finance report to this meeting due to time constraints / workload and advised that a report on the finance areas covered by this committee would be circulated in the coming week.

C&E.201 DYNAMITE QUAY FOOTPATH – RIGHT OF WAY APPLICATION

Members considered the report circulated and an update from Councillor Lait who explained the status of the rights of way applications currently with Cornwall Council.

RESOLVED – that a response be sent to the correspondent to thank them for their updates on this matter and to advise that the town council agrees that the system for establishing rights of way was cumbersome and fraught with delays, but that the town council was assured by Cornwall Council that due process was being followed.

C&E.202 WEST PIER – USE BY BANDS

Members considered the report and an update from Councillor Mitchell setting out the aim to enable bands to play at West Pier. An arrangement had been arrived at, reducing the administrative burden to the Harbour Master and at a small cost to the council, but making it able for bands to use the space, for the entertainment of the public and to enable bands to perform as they have been accustomed to.

RESOLVED – that the town council pays Cornwall Council £150 from the community events budget to enable the use of West Pier for the use by bands for the summer 2016 season, with the bookings to be arranged by Councillor Mitchell and the Community Link Officer.

C&E.203 INNER WHEEL – REQUEST FOR PLAQUE AT MALAKOFF

Members considered the correspondence in which a plaque was requested to mark the work of the Inner Wheel, with the organisation due to end in the near future.

RESOLVED – that permission be granted to the Inner Wheel to install a plaque, provided it was of a reasonable size and design (size, design and location to first be approved by Committee Chairman), and to thank the Inner Wheel for the work that they have carried out to the benefit of the area.

C&E.204 BLUE FLAGS – HOLDING OVER OF FUNDS

The Clerk had circulated an update confirming that sponsorship had been received for the Blue Flag application for the summer 2016 application. As a number of organisations had agreed to contribute to this cost, a request had been received for the offer of funds to be held over to the next year, to cover the costs of the summer 2017 application.

RESOLVED – that it be agreed that the offer of funds of £150 towards the Blue Flag application be held over to next year.

C&E.205 CORNWALL COUNCIL – ENVIRONMENT SERVICE STANDARDS (THE STANDARDS AND THE SITES IN ST IVES WHERE THEY WIL BE APPLIED)

Councillors Andrewes and Williams had each declared an Interest in this item due to their management positions on the Ayr Field Committee, however in view of the nature of the report it was not necessary for them to withdraw from the meeting during consideration of this item.

Members considered the report circulated prior to the meeting.

Councillor Lait raised questions at the classification of a number of sites listed as public open space.

It was agreed that should Councillors identify any public open spaces which was not included on the list, the Clerk could notify / question with Cornwall Council.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted and that a question be sent to ask why all the putting greens and the bowling green were not included on the listing, along with any other locations identified during the coming week.

C&E.206 CHANGING LEGISLATION FOR DOG CONTROL ORDERS

A report had been circulated setting out that the previous legislation under which the town council had established Dog Control Orders had been superseded by Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's).

As the new PSPO powers did not extend to town and parish councils, there would be a need in coming years for the town council to work with Cornwall Council for any future PSPO's. Cornwall Council had originally planned to replace all Dog Control Orders with PSPO's which would run for three years, but were now planning to carry out a review before simply carrying all forward.

It was noted that as this had been a significant issue in St Ives, it would be necessary to keep a watching brief on this matter.

RESOLVED – that Cornwall Council be advised that St Ives Town Council wishes to be kept fully up to date with any moves to implement the new PSPO's and to notify that the Dog Control Orders for St Ives were implemented in 2013 and so there was still paperwork held by the town council if Cornwall Council officers wished to view.

C&E.207 GWR FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The Chairman agreed that this item be added as an urgent item in view of the timescales for funding applications involved. The grant funding was for projects with an association with GWR stations and projects in their proximity.

Members considered this item and noted that there had been a pressing need for public conveniences at St Ives Station. Similar calls for a facility at Lelant park and ride was considered but not to be pursued at this stage as the St Erth Park and Ride was planned. If built as a charged facility, they could generate income to help support their future upkeep.

There was discussion around whether the application should be for innovative or standard applications, giving the potential for an innovative public convenience solution.

RESOLVED – to submit:

- i. an application for a public convenience at St Ives Station, to include a facility for disabled people; and
- ii. a second application for research and signage of disabled pedestrian routes between St Ives station and St Ives.

C&E.208 EPIDAUROS SCULPTURE – FORMAL NOTICE OF DE-LISTING

It was noted that this matter had been previously considered (Minute C&E.129) and that the town council had supported this move.

RESOLVED – that the update report be noted – and that the town council acknowledges receipt of the notification.

C&E.209 CORRESPONDENCE

L Rance – road improvements: Griggs Roundabout / Nut Lane, St Erth Roundabout. A letter raising concern at the traffic congestion following the recent road improvements was considered.

There was discussion on this matter and Councillors noted the recent traffic disruption, delays and complaints from the public, with a petition to Cornwall Council having been started. It was noted that there were likely to be various reasons for the tailback, and for further consideration to be put to this before calling for change.

It was reported that there was understood to be a review to be carried out in the coming weeks.

RESOLVED – to write to Cornwall Council to advise that town councillors have been contacted about the traffic issues in Lelant and to request that the town council is included as a consultee in the review process.

D Saint – Palemon best

It was noted that this letter had been superseded by a meeting with D Saint.

D Brotherton

A letter setting out concerns at traffic to and from the secondary school was noted and Councillors advised that they wished to be kept informed.

C&E.210 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

Three year financial plan

Meeting closed at 8.57 pm

Chairman