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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 10 March 2016 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor T Williams

Vice-Chairman – Councillor M Armstrong

COUNCILLORS

Andrewes T

Parsons A

Lait R

Taylor L

Nicholls C

Tulley R

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor H Garrod.

OFFICERS

Town Clerk

Support Services Manager

Facilities Manager

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None.

C&E.172 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Chairman sign as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Community & Environment Committee held on 14 January 2016.

C&E.173 PUBLIC SPEAKING

None.

C&E.174 UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY LINK OFFICER (CORNWALL COUNCIL)

It was agreed to seek a further update from the Community Link Officer regarding the residents parking consultation at Saltings Reach, Lelant.

C&E.175 DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLOR / OFFICER INTERESTS

Councillor Armstrong declared an Interest in Minute C&E.190 (Allotments) as an allotment plot holder.

C&E.176 TOWN CLERKS UPDATE REPORT

The Town Clerk's update report had been circulated.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted

C&E.177 FINANCE REPORT

The finance report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED – that the update be noted.

C&E.178 THREE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

It was noted that the Council had agreed to the principle of adopting a three year financial plan and that the views of all committees were being sought.

During consideration of this item it was agreed that one element (allotments) be deferred until later in the meeting for decision in the confidential section of the meeting.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED – that the draft committee recommendations (with figures included) be presented to the next scheduled meeting of this committee.

C&E.179 STREET MARSHALL PATROLS 2016

Members considered the street marshal initiative carried out the previous year and the monitoring information provided at the time which demonstrated the benefits of the service in helping minimise anti social behaviour and coming to the assistance of vulnerable people.

The Support Services Manager reported that St Ives BID had met with PubWatch regarding the street marshals initiative and that an update following that meeting was awaited. The organisations were considering whether to contribute additional funding to augment the service.

RECOMMENDED – to Council that the Street Marshal patrols continue for 2016, to run from 22 July to the end of the September Festival, operating on Friday and Saturday nights from 10.00pm to 2.00am.

C&E.180 STREET WEEDING

It was reported that as in the previous two years, Cornwall Council would only be spraying Zone 1 areas for weed control, not the remainder of the highways.

Members acknowledged that to arrive at an informed decision on this matter, the comparative costs of spraying and manual weeding would need to be established, along with considerations such as appointing a contractor or storage of chemicals if spraying were the preferred option.

As the growing season was underway, it was agreed to continue with manual weeding in

response to complaints, pending decision on the way forward for this year.

RESOLVED – that decision on the method of street weeding be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman of the Community & Environment Committee and Councillor Lait.

C&E.181 CONSENT STREETS

Councillor Andrewes reported that Cornwall Council have reviewed street trading county wide with the new policy being that all parts of the highway are consent streets. There is no category of prohibited streets (due to the EU legislation on restraint of trade). This related solely to controlling street trading. Cornwall Council would be streamlining the system for charity events and so it will be easier for community and charity events to gain permission.

During brief discussion on this item, it was noted that there was a difficulty with enforcement of street trading controls. A suggestion was made to consider following the Public Space Protection Order route.

RESOLVED – that the update from Councillor Andrewes be noted.

C&E.182 RESPONSE FROM THE CONSUMER COUNCIL FOR WATER: THE SEWER SYSTEM OF ST IVES AND CARBIS BAY

A copy of the letter of response from the CCW was circulated. Councillor Garrood reported that Surfers Against Sewage had issued a Section 94 Notice and that the matter had been referred back to OFWAT.

Discussions with the Consumer Council for Water regarding the monitoring of sewer discharge had led to a suggestion that a monitoring sheet could be provided which could be available online for members of the public to download and return to the town council to gather information.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted, a response from OFWAT be awaited, and for a copy of the sewer discharge monitoring sheet to be published on the town council website and responses collated.

C&E.183 KNILL ARRANGEMENTS AND FUNCTION FOR PREVIOUS KNILL ATTENDEES

Cllr Taylor reported on plans to work with the St Ives Museum and the St Ives Archive to hold a day to thank previous participants at the Knill Ceremony. The Museum would bring the Knill Chest for viewing and the Archive were to lead on a tea party for all past participants.

RESOLVED – that this be agreed as a town council event for the purposes of the use of the concert hall.

C&E.184 **PALEMON BEST RECREATION GROUND IMPROVEMENTS**

The Facilities Manager reported that work was underway on preparing the site and parts of the play equipment for further repair and improvements. An order had been placed for replacement panels for the skate park, an order was being placed for paint. Replacement timber ordered for the repair of the climbing frame, to then be installed. A site meeting with Councillor Williams had led to the conclusion that all signage needs to be replaced.

Managers had reviewed the work lined up for the next few months and the Facilities / Support Services teams were facing a significant workload with various pieces of work planned. In view of this, it was suggested to instead approach contractors to carry out the work, which would cost more but be carried out more quickly and to a high standard. Quotes to be sought.

**RECOMMENDED** – that

1. the Palemon Best works be contracted out, accepting that there would be an increased cost; and
2. approve the principle that the funds for the works be carried forward to the next financial year if necessary, depending on the timing of the works.

C&E.185 **CORNWALL COUNCIL CONSULTATION – HEADLAND ROAD PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

Members considered the consultation document.

**RESOLVED** – that the town council has no objection to the proposal.

C&E.186 **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

Consols Boating – update

The Facilities Manager reported on the recent weed clearance work and thanked the town council's team of staff who had carried out the works. He also thanked the neighbouring landowner who had contributed towards the cost of the weed clearance.

Councillors wished to record their thanks to the Facilities Manager and the staff team.

**RESOLVED** – that the report be noted, and that the Facilities Manager would write a letter of thanks to the neighbouring landowner who had financially contributed to the weed clearance work.

C&E.187 **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 from the meeting during the consideration of the following matters on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.”

C&E.188 UPDATE ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (Paragraph 3)

Councillor Garrod provided an update on a legal challenge to the Neighbourhood Plan.

The update was noted.

C&E.189 REVIEW OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR LONGSTONE CEMETRY (Paragraph 3)

The Facilities Manager reported that he had arranged to meet with the lead to meet on site to discuss the options available for the security of the Longstone Cemetery.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

C&E.190 ALLOTMENTS (Paragraph 3)

Councillor Armstrong declared an Interest in this item, as an allotment plot holder.

Following a suggestion proposed, it was

RESOLVED – that enquiries be made with the owner of the allotment site to establish whether it might be put forward for sale, and at what price.

C&E.191 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2 June 2016.

C&E.192 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

flyposting, posters and A Frames (*Councillor Andrewes*)

Potential bylaw for street trading and posters etc. (*Councillor Garrod*)

Meeting closed at 9.12 pm

Chairman