

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held in the Committee Room, The Guildhall, St Ives on Thursday 27 October 2016 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor T Williams

COUNCILLORS

Andrewes T	Parsons A
Garrod H	Taylor L
Lait R	Tulley R
Mitchell A	Prior P
Nicholls C	

OFFICERS

Town Clerk
Support Services Manager
Admin Support Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Councillor M Armstrong.

C&E.234 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Chairman sign as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Community & Environment Committee held on 1 September 2016.

C&E.235 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Isaac Thomas and Rory Ahanan from the Tower Music Project St Ives came to talk about their involvement with the project and the link with Flashlight St Ives. The Flashlight Youth Group started in 2010 and has provided a safe and welcoming environment for the Youth of St Ives. The Tower Music project has grown from this and encourages young people who have a keen interest in music to come and share their knowledge and to act as a confidence booster for some.

The aim of the group is to become more involved in Community Activities. Councillors expressed that they thought it was a worthwhile project and wished them well.

C&E.236 UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY LINK OFFICER (CORNWALL COUNCIL)

None. The Community Link Officer sent her apologies and was not available for this meeting.

C&E.237 DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLOR / OFFICER INTERESTS

None.

C&E.238 TOWN CLERKS UPDATE REPORT

In response to concerns raised about street trading and previous calls for consent streets, the Support Services Manager reported that a response from Cornwall Council's Maritime Manager was awaited, to arrange a meeting to consider adverts, signs and trading in the harbour area.

The Town Clerk reported on advice received from Cornwall Council's legal section, summarising that:

Pedlars – enforcement is not possible if they have a licence and keep moving on. It could be possible for a local act to be prepared, but likely to cost in excess of £100,000

Street Traders – a byelaw could not be brought in as there is existing street trading legislation

A-Frame advertising, tables, chairs, etc – more usually dealt with under highways laws (obstruction) or planning

Banners, flags – could be dealt with under planning laws, but then difficult to differentiate between traders flags and others that would wish to be permitted, such as RNLI

Posters, fly posters etc – these can be dealt with as littering offences.

The update report was noted.

C&E.239 **FINANCE REPORT**

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

C&E.240 **BUDGET 2017/2018 RECOMMENDATIONS TO F&GP COMMITTEE**

Draft budget recommendations had been circulated and were considered. Two amendments were made:

- Addition of £400 for miscellaneous expenses
- Increase of £400 for New Years Eve provision.

RECOMMENDED – to Council that the budget for the C&E Committee areas of responsibility be approved, as amended at this meeting.

C&E.241 **PALEMEN BEST RECREATION GROUND UPDATE, INCLUDING PROPOSALS FOR CLEARANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS**

A report from the Facilities Manager concerning Anti-social and Criminal behaviour and wording of the signs and the role of the Orchard group, was considered.

RESOLVED - that the Council authorises the Facilities Manager and Community Pride Officer to assess and carry out works to improve visibility and the ambience of the area around the skate park. That Councillor Williams and the Facilities Manager attend the meeting with community group representatives to explore the future maintenance of the park and to report back to the January meeting of this committee.

C&E.242 REQUEST FOR IN BLOOM FUNDING FROM THE COMMUNITY ORCHARD GROUP

Councillor Williams has been liaising with the Orchard Group, which has informally proposed taking over responsibility for the running of the recreation ground and a meeting is to be held on 29th November attended by Councillor Williams.

RESOLVED - that an update from the meeting with the Orchard Group be presented to the next meeting of this committee, and that the funding request of £400 be approved.

C&E.243 CORNWALL COUNCIL CONSULTATION – CONTROLS ON FREE DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER (FLYERS)

Following brief consideration, it was RESOLVED – that the report be noted

C&E.244 HALSETOWN PHONE BOX

The phone box at Halsetown had not been used for over a year and BT were consulting on plans to remove it. There was a proposal that we resist the closure and that it be kept for Emergency calls only.

RESOLVED - that a letter be sent to BT to call for the Halsetown Phone Box to be retained in view of its potential value to the community in an emergency.

C&E.245 PEDESTRIAN SIGNAGE PROPOSALS

Members considered the BID proposals on the pedestrian signage and expressed their concerns at the design, number and location of many of the proposed signs.

RESOLVED – that a letter be sent to St Ives BID to set out the town council’s objection to the proposed pedestrian signage and request that the proposals be reconsidered in consultation with the town council.

C&E.246 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- (1) Arrangements for New Year’s Eve 2016
- (2) Street Marshal report

RESOLVED – that the reports be noted.

C&E.247 CORRESPONDENCE

The circulated correspondence was noted.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Chairman