

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held in the Committee Room, The Guildhall, St Ives on Thursday 31 August 2017 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor T Williams  
Vice Chairman – Councillor R Lait

COUNCILLORS

Andrewes T	Henry R
Garrod H	Hughes K
Griffin J	Nicholls C
Harris A	

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors R Henry and R Tulley.

OFFICERS

Support Services Manager  
Facilities Manager

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

C&E.22 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Chairman signs as a true and correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 1 June 2017

C&E.23 PUBLIC SPEAKING

None

C&E.24 UPDATE FROM THE COIMMUNITY LINK OFFICER (CORNWALL COUNCIL)

The Community Link Officer Vanessa Luckwell attended the meeting and reported the following: -

The next Community Network Panel Meeting will take place at the Passmore Edwards Institute, Hayle on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30p.m.

The workstation project at the Malakoff is moving forward.

The St Ives parking strategy is being updated by a positive parking review being carried out by Cornwall Council for the whole of Cornwall.

C&E.25 **PRESENTATION BY THE A30 ACTION GROUP**

Joe Poynton and Charlie Cartwright from the A30 action group attended the meeting and gave a presentation on a scheme to have a bypass from Newtown to St Erth. It was reported that Highways England recently shortlisted the Penzance/Camborne section of the A30 as one of the proposals in the South West to go forward for further appraisal and possible inclusion in their 2020/25 RIS2 programme.

It was stated that the existing annual average traffic flow through the villages on the route between Newtown and St Erth is over 20000 a day and can rise to 30000 in peak season. These traffic movements affect approximately 400 hundred homes. The delays on this road cost the local economy approximately 3 million pounds a year. The length of new road for the proposed bypass would be 3.5 miles and there would be minimal disruption during construction.

C&E.26 **DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLOR / OFFICER INTERESTS**

None

C&E.27 **TOWN CLERKS UPDATE REPORT**

The report was circulated.

C&E.28 **A30 ACTION GROUP BYPASS FOR CROWLAS**

Following on from the earlier presentation the bypass for Crowlas was discussed, Mr Poynton and Mr Cartwright were thanked for their attendance and thorough presentation.

A lengthy date followed and many opinions were expressed, some Councillors thought it was a good scheme and others thought it would be of no economic benefit to St Ives it was then

**RESOLVED** that because there were so many different opinions no decision could be made on the scheme at the moment.

C&E.29 **WEED CONTROL (Councillor Harris)**

Councillor Harris circulated a report prior to the meeting requesting that more attention be paid to weed control in the Parish of St Ives, as this item is also being discussed under item number 3 on the agenda it was:

**RESOLVED** to merge the two agenda items

C&E.30 **STREET WEEDING – CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES**

The Facilities Manager circulated a report prior to the meeting outlying his recommendations of how to tackle the problem of street weeding, following a discussion it was

**RESOLVED** to move the following recommendations as set out in the Facilities Manager's report, that the Facilities Manager is asked to investigate further the use of the foam-based system to treat weed growth and the committee receives a further report from the Facilities Manager on the efficacy of the foam-based approach and considers whether to continue with

manual weed removal in 2018-9. Also, to consider spraying the weeds after the Facilities Manager has carried out his research. The Facilities Manager also to investigate safe working measures on the highway. When an area has been weeded to then put notices through doors in the locality asking members of the public to be more proactive and help with the problem. It was also decided that as Councillors have received so many complaints about the weeds, something needs to be done immediately, so from Monday the Facilities Manager will put all available resources towards clearing the weeds.

C&E.31 **PALEMON BEST: RECLAMATION, IMPROVEMENT & MAINTENANCE**

The Facilities Manager circulated a report prior to the meeting with his recommendations for the improvement and maintenance for Palemon Best following a discussion it was

**RECOMMENDED** to move the following points as raised in the Facilities Manager's report

1. A long-term, funded strategy for the park is developed that takes account of available resources, manpower, equipment and public expectations.
2. Authorisation is given to the Facilities Manager to procure a chipper for the prompt rendering of green waste to small, easily-disposed of fragments.
3. Authorisation is given to the Facilities Manager to investigate procuring and installing a container for the storage of equipment on site.
4. That council agrees to hire a second vehicle that will enable the maintenance of Palemon Best Recreation Ground and other open spaces in the parish.

Also for the Facilities Manager to arrange for the Football pitch be cut more often.

C&E.32 **FOOTPATHS UPDATE**

The Facilities Manager circulated a report prior to the meeting giving an update on the footpath maintenance, following a discussion it was

**RESOLVED** to note the report and to thank the Facilities Manager, the Facilities Maintenance Officer and the Amenities Officer for all their hard work in clearing the footpaths. Also for the Facilities Manager to review the cost of the Local Maintenance Partnership with CALC.

C&E.33 **REPORT FROM TRAFFIC FORUM MEETING**

The Town Clerk circulated a report from the Traffic Forum Meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. It was also noted that Councillor Andrewes and Councillor Tulley will be meeting with Cornwall Councillor Richard Robinson on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 10.00a.m. to draft some proposed actions that can be discussed at the next meeting of the Traffic Forum. All Councillors are welcome to attend. Following a discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** to move the following recommendations

1. The committee note the report and note thanks to the individuals and organisations who have committed to supporting the Traffic Forum

2. A second meeting of the Traffic Forum be convened in September / October 2017.

C&E.34 **REPORT FROM HARBOUR MEETING**

The Admin Support Officer circulated a report from the Harbour Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July it was

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

C&E.35 **STREET TRADING – ST IVES HARBOUR**

An email and photographs were circulated prior to the meeting of the ongoing problem of street trading in and around the St Ives Harbour area it was

**RESOLVED** to contact Cornwall Council requesting that they introduce a Public Space Protection Order for the St Ives Harbour area to help prevent street trading.

C&E.36 **DEFIBRILLATORS ST IVES**

The Town Council received a request from the St Ives Police requesting a list of Defibrillators in the St Ives area, the matter was discussed and it was

**RESOLVED** to compile the list and publish it on out noticeboards and website with a disclaimer that the Town Council is not responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the Defibrillators.

C&E.37 **FINANCE REPORT**

No report.

C&E.38 **PARKING (Councillor Lait)**

Councillor Lait reported that there are vehicles in the Island Car Park that are being used to sleep in overnight, it was

**RESOLVED** that the Support Services Manager contacts Cornwall Council to report the issue.

C&E.39 **UPDATE REPORT FROM ST IVES COMMUNITY LAND TRUST**

A report was circulated from Morag Robertson giving an update report of the St Ives Community Land Trust, the report was received and it was

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

C&E.40 **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

None

C&E.41 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION

None

C&E.42 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 26 October 2017

C&E.43 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- St Ives Fun Run

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Chairman