

Minutes of the Meeting of St Ives Town Council held in The Council Chamber, The Guildhall, St Ives on Monday 13 November 2017 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor J Symons (Deputy Town Mayor)

COUNCILLORS

Garrod H
Glanville R (from 6.50 pm)
Hughes K
Lait R
Mitchell A

Nicholls C
Tanner J
Tulley R
Williams T

OFFICERS

Town Clerk

90. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Andrewes, C Chard, J Griffin, A Harris, R Henry and S Tanner.

91. PUBLIC SPEAKING

None.

92. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

93. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBER/OFFICER INTERESTS

None.

94. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None.

95. MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Chairman signs as a true and correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 6 November 2017.

96. CORNWALL COUNCIL – FREE CHRISTMAS PARKING FOR ONE DAY

Cornwall Council had invited the town council to nominate a day in the lead up to Christmas when car parking in the Cornwall Council car parks in St Ives would be free, to encourage visitors and trade to the town. The views of the Chamber of Trade and St Ives BID had been sought.

During discussion it was stated that in future years it would be worth considering free parking on every Saturday in December, to spread the benefit across a number of shopping days. It was agreed to consider (early in the new year) raising these suggestions.

RESOLVED – that the town council suggests Saturday 2 December 2017 as the designated free parking day in St Ives.

97. CORNWALL COUNCIL CONSULTATION – COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS: PHASE 3, AREA 1

Cornwall Council had commissioned a review of all School Keep Clear markings in Cornwall. The works proposed to be undertaken during 2017/2018 were had been notified to the town council for consultation. The proposals included a Traffic Regulation Order which would enable more proactive enforcement.

Feedback from the head teacher of St Ives Infant school had been circulated with the report.

RESOLVED – that the council supports the proposed works and to also state the town council’s support for the comments previously submitted by the head teacher of the St Ives Infant School.

96. 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 the 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 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.”

97. POTENTIAL FOR A TOWN CCTV SYSTEM (Paragraph 3)

The Town Clerk presented the report circulated prior to the meeting and tabled supplementary paperwork which gave a more detailed breakdown of the costs of providing a monitored six camera system, and reported the funding commitment agreed by the Police Crime Commissioner (PCC), as initially (verbally) advised and pending written confirmation, including confirmation of the grant conditions.

This information was considered while the press and public were excluded from the meeting in view of the commercially sensitive information, but with the intention that the debate on the principles of introducing CCTV and decision on this item would be held with the press and public present.

Members considered the funds committed by St Ives BID and the PCC, in the context of the costs of installing a CCTV system. It was acknowledged that to sign up to the maintenance and monitoring agreement would constitute a long-term commitment over the course of the 7 year contract. The overall costs for a seven-year maintenance contract were thought to cost more than the commitment originally anticipated.

A question was raised in relation to Financial Regulations, asking whether the decision made at tis

meeting would be legal as three quotes had not been sought. The Clerk advised that Financial Regulations 18.1 a) and b) in particular set out exceptions to the standard contract requirements.

RESOLVED – that the figures be noted and that the intention is for the matter to be determined at this meeting.

98. RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that the press and public be readmitted to the meeting.

99. POTENTIAL FOR A PUBLIC REALM CCTV SYSTEM FOR ST IVES

It was noted that in view of the public interest in this item, the Councillors having noted the costings involved in this item, during this item debated the wider issues relating to the potential re-introduction of a public realm CCTV system.

Members considered the reports circulated prior to the meeting and the supplementary report provided at the meeting, setting out the previous decisions in relation to CCTV, the funding commitments of the Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) and St Ives BID, the costs for installation, maintenance and monitoring, and further information provided by the police on the proposed way forward for CCTV across Devon and Cornwall.

It was agreed to take the approach that the capital contribution towards the installation of a 6 camera CCTV system be agreed at this meeting and then for the annual maintenance and monitoring costs to be reviewed as part of the budget setting process for the coming financial year.

During discussion the following points were considered:

- There was anti-social behaviour in other areas and so steps should be taken to tackle problems at the Palemon Best Recreation Ground
- The role of monitored CCTV in helping to help support vulnerable people, monitoring large events, supporting the police in their role of public protection, and providing evidence to secure convictions on crime
- It was noted that there would be no VAT implications on the funding as the contract would be held by the town council, with funding contributions from others.
- Balancing the costs against the potential benefits of a CCTV system

RESOLVED – to make a capital contribution of £7,500 towards the installation of a public realm CCTV system as set out in the report, and to defer a decision on the annual maintenance and monitoring funding commitment to be considered as part of the budget setting process at the next scheduled meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.