

Minutes of the Meeting of the Facilities Committee, St Ives Town Council, held in the Committee Room, The Guildhall, St Ives on Thursday 26 January 2017 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Vice-Chairman (in the Chair) – Councillor S Tanner

COUNCILLORS

Glanville R	Taylor L
Nicholls C	Tulley R
Parsons A	Williams T
Symons J	

OFFICERS

Town Clerk
Facilities Manager

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Councillors T Andrewes and M Armstrong.

F.226 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Sinead O'Connor spoke to state that she was pleased to have been able to book the concert hall for a regular hand-crafted are and design fair, setting out their links with St Ives School and with Krowji, Redruth. It was their aim to complement the other markets at the Guildhall, with a requirement that their traders had to stock 90% of hand-crafted materials, including this requirement for the café.

F.227 MINUTES

It was noted that the Minutes of the meeting of the 19 January had yet to be prepared and so would be presented to the next scheduled meeting of the committee for approval.

F.228 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

F.229 DECLARATION OF MEMBER/OFFICER INTERESTS

None.

F.230 OFFICER'S UPDATE REPORT

It was noted that a report would be provided to the next scheduled meeting of the committee.

F.231 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTS A POLICY FOR BOOKINGS OF THE CONCERT HALL, RESTRICTING COMPETITION AMONGST HALL HIRERS

In addition to the representation during the public speaking item on the agenda, Members considered correspondence received from the operators of the Fair Wednesday market, setting out their concerns at the town council hiring the hall to other similar markets.

Upon noting the reference to Krowji during the public speaking period, Councillor Williams noted that her brother is a Director of Krowji, although it was not considered that the link between Krowji and the market was of such significance to merit a declaration of interest.

The Town Clerk reported that the meeting had been convened in response to calls for a policy to limit competition between market hires at the Guildhall. Whilst this matter had arisen due to a specific situation, the committee was advised to approach this on the basis of adopting a policy, either for open bookings or, if restrictions were considered necessary, with careful consideration of justification for restrictions and how to apply and enforce any conditions / limitations.

During discussion it was noted that there was concern at any steps to limit competition, although having some sympathy with long-standing hirers it was difficult to be able to justify any restriction on hires apart from being legal and decent. The council were grateful to the market operators who had helped build up the reputation of the Guildhall as a market venue, but also had to meet its own commitment to generating revenue to cover operating costs of the building.

RESOLVED – that the council would not implement a policy to restrict bookings at the Guildhall and concert hall (provided that the general terms of being legal, decent, etc were met).

F.232 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

16 March 2017

F.233 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Three Year Financial Plan

Performance indicators

Meeting closed: 7.25 pm

Chairman