

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST IVES TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE GUILDHALL,
ST IVES ON THURSDAY 26 JULY 2018 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor S Tanner (Town Mayor)

Vice-Chairman – Councillor J Symons (Deputy Town Mayor)

COUNCILLORS

Andrewes T

Garrood H

Glanville R

Griffin J

Harris A

Henry R

Lait R

Messenger K

Mitchell A

Nicholls C

Tanner J

Tulley R

Williams T

OFFICERS

Town Clerk

Facilities Manager

35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Councillor Hughes.

36. SWEARING IN OF THE MACE-BEARER

The Town Clerk advised that Mr Major had given his apologies for absence due to work commitments.

37. REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

None.

38. REPORTS FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLORS AND THE COMMUNITY LINK OFFICER

Written reports were circulated by Ward Members for Cornwall Council, Councillors Taylor and Mitchell. Councillor Robinson gave his apologies as he was unable to attend.

Councillor Mitchell reported on the work being carried out at Cornwall Council to increase provision of affordable housing, with a move to relating affordability to local wages rather than to house prices, noting that this piece of work was in very early stages. He went on to answer other questions raised by Members, relating to his report.

39. PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Town Clerk reported that there had been no requests by members of the public to address the meeting.

40. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies had been received from the Community Link Officer, who had sent an update

advising that a bench audit had been completed, with initial repairs to be carried out to three benches in the town and a more detailed audit to be carried out on another 140 benches.

41. DECLARATION OF MEMBER/OFFICER INTERESTS

None.

42. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None.

43. MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Chairman signs as a true and correct record the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 14 June 2018.

44. TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT

Members considered the report circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted

45. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

Preparations for the five-year review have been considered by the Planning Committee, with early plans being made for a working group to be established. At the 19 July meeting of the committee it was recommended that a working group for the five-year review of the Neighbourhood Development Plan be established. It was suggested that the group would work collaboratively to facilitate this review. The process of facilitation will need to be fully examined initially and external help may be called upon, if necessary.

At this early stage, it was noted that the Town Clerk recommends that the council consider sourcing external input into the review process, to clearly map out what would be expected to be achieved from the five-year review process and to establish exactly what data will need to be collected over the coming four/five years to best inform the review.

Members noted the benefit of having received the 12-month review, with early indications of the impact that the St Ives Area NDP was having.

Councillor Lait stressed the need to appoint a working group and encouraged fellow councillors to join and support work on the review.

Members agreed a vote of thanks to Councillor Lait for carrying out monitoring of all planning applications in the context of the neighbourhood plan. Her tireless work in support was appreciated by the whole council and especially fellow members of the planning committee.

RESOLVED – that the review document be accepted and that the adoption and implementation of recommendations be reserved for further consideration.

46. BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW

Members considered an update from the Boundary Review Working Group. It was noted that, as part of the review of electoral arrangements for Cornwall Council, and under the rules of the review, where a parish is to be divided between different divisions it must also be divided into parish wards, so that each parish ward lies wholly within a single principal council electoral division.

The review process had already led to a decision by the Boundary Commission that there will be 87 Cornwall Councillors, and that there will be two Cornwall Council wards for the St Ives parish area. The current consultation round sought responses on the recommended new Cornwall Council divisions for the St Ives parish area.

During discussion there was some concern that the proposed wards were too big, and that smaller parish wards would enable better representation. The proposed names could be commented upon also, with St Ives West as an option, and St Ives East, Lelant and Carbis Bay.

To enable more detailed consideration and potentially calculations to be carried out to support a proposal for smaller wards for the parish, it was

RESOLVED – that the Boundary Review Working Group be reconvened to calculate and propose alternative, smaller, parish ward boundaries and suggested alternative ward names.

47. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

It has been the intention of the town council for some time to adopt the General Power of Competence. The power will help open up greater options for service delivery by the town council, including being a useful power in the planned running of the St Ives Library.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED – that Members consider this report and pass the following resolution:

“The Town Council resolves from 26 July 2018, until the next relevant Annual Meeting of the Council, that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, to adopt the General Power of Competence”.

48. REQUEST FOR FREE-LET OF THE HALL – SKATEPARK FUNDRAISING GROUP

The St Ives Skatepark Project is holding a fundraising gig in The Guildhall on August 18th. The entertainment features three local bands that are playing for free. A number of local businesses are also giving their support *gratis*, and the P.A. system is being lent free-of-charge. Nobody working to support the event on the day is being paid.

The organisers have requested that the council waives the usual fees (£150 hire, £100 bar licence, £39 for PRS). The Scale of Charges also includes a refundable £200 deposit for damage and other avoidable costs.

Members acknowledged that the group were being proactive in providing an exciting new facility for skateboarders on land managed by the town council on behalf of the Trustees of Palemon Best who had been entrusted to maintain the recreation ground for the benefit of the local community.

RESOLVED – that Council agrees to waive the £289 for the hire of the Hall, but levies the £200 refundable deposit as insurance against damage caused during the event.

49. PROPOSAL FOR A CASH MACHINE IN THE LIBRARY OR THE GUILDHALL

Councillor Messenger proposed that the town council could consider providing a cash machine in either the library (once transferred), or in the Guildhall, as a way of providing a public service in response to the closure of branches of banks in the town.

Councillor S Tanner advised that some initial investigation into provision of a cash machine had been carried out and could be continued.

Members suggested that the council should delay proceeding until ascertained it is known how well the proposed cash machine in the post office would serve the community, and whether more provision would be needed, especially out of hours.

Debate on this topic included noting that cashless payments were becoming more common at a significant rate and so the current pressing need for cash facilities could decline in future.

RESOLVED – that a working group be established to look into the possibility of the town council providing a cash machine facility.

Volunteers for the working group were Councillors Messenger, Mitchell, Symons and S Tanner.

50. REQUEST FOR USE OF TOWN CREST

The St Ives Football Club is in the process of getting its new kits badged up and has asked if it could use the town council crest as a badge on its kit, across all age groups.

RESOLVED – that the town council agree that the crest may be used for the team playing kits for St Ives Football Club.

51. EDWARD HAIN HOSPITAL (Standing item)

Councillor J Tanner reported that the Friends of Edward Hain were due to meet in the near future.

Councillor Mitchell reported on a recent update to a Cornwall Council committee which raised concerns at the proposed future use of the Edward Hain Hospital building. He suggested that the Councils should invite the MP, Phil Confue (CEO of Cornwall Foundation trust) and relevant representatives of the NHS in Cornwall, to seek an assurance that there will be a suitable provision in the parish.

RESOLVED – that a meeting be arranged, with the MP and relevant representatives of the NHS in Cornwall to be invited to attend.

52. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

To receive and consider the **Committee Minutes** as reports of the following committee meetings:

- 1) Planning Committee – 26 April, 25 May, 21 June and 19 July 2018
- 2) Community & Environment Committee – 31 May 2018
- 3) Facilities Committee – 7 June 2018
- 4) Finance & General Purposes Committee – 5 July 2018
- 5) Committee Recommendations

Amendments were agreed:

Planning Committee (26 April) – Councillor Williams did not declare an Interest in item no 3254 on the schedule, and so this reference to be deleted.

Facilities Committee (7 June) – Councillor Nicholls and Williams to be added to the list of those Councillors present at the meeting.

RESOLVED – that the amended Minutes of the committee meetings set out above be received.

With regard to the committee recommendations:

Planning Committee recommendations relating to the 12-month and 5-year reviews of the Neighbourhood Development Plan were acknowledged as having been superseded by the decision made earlier at this meeting (Minute 45 refers).

Regarding the consultation on the Draft Validation Guide, it was

RESOLVED – that consultation responses may be sent by individual Councillors.

Community & Environment Committee recommendations:

C&E.7 – Plastic-Free St Ives: **RESOLVED** – that the recommendation be approved and adopted.

C&E.8 – Skate Park – request from the project group: **RESOLVED** – that the recommendation be approved and adopted.

C&E.18 – Funding Requests: It was noted that the funding for the salt bin was no longer needed and so it was **RESOLVED** – that the recommendation regarding funding for the allotments be approved and adopted.

Finance & General Purposes Committee recommendations:

F&GP.143 – Renewal of lease for allotment site at Trowan: **RESOLVED** – that the recommendation be approved and adopted.

F&GP.145 – Job evaluation recommendation: **RESOLVED** – that the recommendation be approved and adopted.

53. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

None

54. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

None.

55. CORRESPONDENCE

None

56. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

It was noted that due to the significant upheaval of the accounts function while the council transferred from one accounting software package to another, the schedule of accounts was provided for dates up to 11 June 2018 and the remainder would be circulated with the next council agenda.

Councillor Nicholls expressed his concern at the apparent increase in purchases from internet companies. He warned that the future of local businesses was threatened by on-line purchases and said that more should be spent by the council in the local economy. The Facilities Manager stated that local businesses were used whenever possible, and that, for instance, a local builders' merchant was used for the majority of materials used by the Facilities Maintenance Officer. He stressed that he believed gaining value-for-money was his overwhelming concern, and that any purchasing policy that went against this needed to be transparent and formally adopted. It was agreed that the matter would be considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

After considering the report circulated prior to the meeting, it was

RESOLVED – that

- 1) payments made since the last meeting totalling £131,904.91 be approved;
- 2) credit card payments made since the last meeting totalling £2,923.17 be approved;
and
- 3) the accounts listed totalling £0 be paid

Meeting closed at 8.23 pm

Chairman