

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held in the Committee Room, The Guildhall, St Ives on Thursday 25 January 2018 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor T Williams
Vice Chairman – Councillor R Lait

COUNCILLORS

Andrewes T	Lait R
Garrood H – left at 8.55pm	Nicholls C
Griffin J	Symons J
Harris A	Tulley R
Henry R	

OFFICERS

Town Clerk – for minutes C&E.71 & C&E.78
Facilities Manager
Admin Support Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Councillors K Hughes and S Tanner.

C&E.60 CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

C&E.61 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Chairman signs as a true and correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26 October 2017

C&E.62 PUBLIC SPEAKING

None

C&E.63 UPDATE FROM THE COMMUNITY LINK OFFICER (CORNWALL COUNCIL)

None

C&E.64 DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLOR / OFFICER INTERESTS

Councillor Symons declared an Interest in Minute C&E.78 (Mayoral Robes), as the sister of the seamstress, and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

C&E.65 TOWN CLERK’S UPDATE REPORT

With regard to C&E.50 (New Year Eve), it was

RESOLVED – that St John Ambulance be requested to provide a full breakdown of how the £700 contribution was to have been spent.

C&E.66 **STREET WEEDING OPTIONS**

The Facilities Manager presented the report on street weeding options, noting that the street weeding function had been taken on from Cornwall Council a few years ago, and had been tackled on a reactive basis and by manual weeding, in accordance with a previous council decision on this matter.

The options for weed control methods considered included: manual weeding; chemical weed control; and thermal weed control. The report noted that financial, reputational, environmental and other matters all impacted on the council's approach to street weeds.

Following consideration, it was decided by the committee that the process to identify a provider is delegated to the Facilities Manager, who will liaise with St Ives BID in relation to the areas that they will be covering.

RECOMMENDED – that a tender is held to identify a weed killer-based solution involving 3-4 applications per year to be delivered within budget, the delivery system to be decided by tender.

C&E.67 **FUN RUN RISK ASSESSMENT**

Members considered the Town Clerk's report, which included a risk assessment the annual St Ives Fun Run and appropriate steps to mitigate the identified risks. This included ensuring that the location and number of marshals is sufficient, that they are briefed properly on their roles, that there is good communications and contingency plans are in place. The Committee was advised that the council should be assured that sufficient measures are in place to ensure the safety of the event and those participating in it. The potential need for marshals to be DBS checked, and the possibility of using the coastal path as the route, were also discussed.

The committee agreed that a date should be set for the Fun Run quickly and the actions in the risk assessment enacted as soon as possible.

RESOLVED – that the date of the Fun Run be published as soon as possible and that enough marshals are recruited to cover the area and to keep the same route as before.

C&E.68 **ST EARTH MULTI MODAL HUB**

Councillor Harris reported that he is to meet with GWR to discuss better services for Lelant residents and visitors during both peak and off-peak periods following the opening of the SEMMH in the Autumn of 2018. This is needed as the service to branch line stations will be dramatically reduced. Members will be invited to the meeting to discuss the timetable and consequences for Lelant and Carbis Bay stations which will be formulated during March 2018.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Harris will advise all councillors of the details of the meeting which concerned councillors are welcome to attend.

C&E.69 **ST IVES CINEMA**

Councillor Williams had a request from the Youth Council that the owner of the St Ives Cinema is approached and made aware of the complaints regarding the state of the cinema. Councillor

Nicholls said that he had been in contact with the owner, who is aware of the state of the cinema and fully intends to make improvements. However, this will be in the future as he has made a substantial investment in the update of the Penzance Cinema. Councillors felt that better advertising of films in places such as the Visitor Information Centre would improve attendances and encourage improvements.

RECOMMENDED - That the chairman of the committee and the Youth Council write supportive letters encouraging the renovation of the St Ives Cinema at the earliest opportunity.

C&E.70 **PUBLIC FOOTPATH & SW COAST PATH LMP RATES 2018/19**

The Facilities Manager presented a report requested by Councillor Harris, who had concerns about the costs to the town council of carrying out duties under the Local Maintenance Partnership (LMP) with Cornwall Council. Members were invited to consider the contents of the report and debate whether the town council should be recommended to sign up to the LMP agreement in 2018.

RESOLVED – that

1. The Town Council continues to clear footpaths and the SW Coastal Footpath under the LMP in 2018-9.
2. Monitoring of the expenditure on footpaths is carried out in 2018 to establish the difference between the actual costs of clearance and the remuneration available under the LMP.
3. Liaison with other councils working under the LMP is used to establish how those councils' experience of working under the LMP differs from St Ives.

C&E.71 **REGULATION OF ACTIVITIES: HARBOUR AND TOWN STREETS**

The Town Clerk presented the report which sought to consolidate previous efforts to improve the controls and enforcement relating to activities in the harbour and town street areas, particularly with regard to street trading, henna tattooists, A-frames, pedlars, touting, selling services on the highway, and the operation of the boatmen.

During discussion it was noted that these issues had been ongoing for many years and that the situation has deteriorated markedly in recent times, and so Councillors were keen for a workable solution to be found. From the advice available it appeared that the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) route would be the more achievable option to try to implement and to be more readily enforceable. By-laws would require action to be taken through the courts whereas it was understood that PSPO's could be enforced by Cornwall Council and by town council officers if trained and given the power to do so.

It was noted that rather than street trading, a problem to be resolved was the difficulties in moving on people with a pedlars licence and how to regulate people setting services rather than goods.

Some potential short-term measures were identified, including asking Cornwall Council to better enforce the hair braiding regulations and to remove trading booths from the highway.

RESOLVED - that

- 1) The potential for addressing these issues through Public Space Protection Orders be explored with Cornwall Council; and
- 2) to organise an early evening meeting with the businesses along Wharf Road, possibly in the Salvation Army Hall, to discuss the issues relating to siting of A Frames and booths, with all Councillors encouraged to attend.

C&E.72 VILLAGE BUS FACILITIES

Councillor Symons has had a request from a Carbis Bay resident seeking support for the erection of a bus shelter at the corner of Count House Lane and one on the opposite side of the road. Councillors noted that there used to be one opposite Count House Lane and the footprint is still there. Councillors felt there might not be enough space on the Count House Lane side for a shelter as the footpath is narrow. It was also suggested that request stop be put somewhere along the Trenoweth bends as there are no stops between the lay-by in Lelant and Longstone Cemetery.

RESOLVED – that the Town Council forward the request to Cornwall Council Ward Member, Councillor (Linda Taylor)

C&E.73 LELANT CHRISTMAS TREE

It was requested by the Lelant Christmas Lights Committee that an annual grant of £200 be made to enable the committee to purchase its own Christmas tree.

RESOLVED – that the Lelant Christmas Lights Committee be granted an annual sum of up to £200 for the purchase of a Christmas Tree commencing 2018 and adjusted each year by £5, with a letter to be sent to set out the details of the arrangement as determined by the Town Clerk.

C&E.74 FINANCE REPORT

Members considered the Town Clerk's report, setting out the actual versus budgeted expenditure for the costs centres falling within the responsibility of this committee, with update provided on an exception report basis.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

C&E.75 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- (1) New Year's Eve 2017 Update
- (2) Settlement Profile
- (3) Report from the Traffic Forum Meeting

RESOLVED – that the reports be noted.

C&E.76 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

C&E.77 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 public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following matter on the grounds that it involves 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.

C&E.78 MAYORAL ROBES

Members considered the report which sought agreement to payment for the repair of civic robes, noting that the Deputy Mayor's robes in particular had been literally falling apart at the Mayor Choosing Ceremony in May due to a combination of aging materials and becoming moth-eaten. Repair works were arranged at short notice and a local seamstress had carried out the work without quoting for it. The cost of materials had been covered by the town council and it had been proposed that further remuneration should be made in recognition of the time spent on the repair work. It was noted that as three quotes had not been sought for the work and so this would be a voluntary payment offered by the town council. The Clerk provided details of costs for repair or replacement which had since been obtained from a specialist robes company. Payment for the works could be allocated from the Civic cost centre.

Councillor Symons left the meeting during the discussion of this item as a relation of the Seamstress who had carried out the work.

RECOMMENDED – to Council that a payment of £250 plus a bouquet of flowers be made to the seamstress who had carried out the repairs to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's robes, noting the council's appreciation of their swift and skilful repair.

C&E.79 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 8 March 2018.

C&E.80 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Potential for a youth club at the Island Centre

