

will make it a quicker job to complete.

It was noted that the toilet sign for Longstone had not been replaced for several months.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

Councillor Messenger left the meeting at this point.

F.46 SCALE OF CHARGES

This item was deferred for consideration when this meeting reconvenes on 24 January.

OF.47 LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

The report to committee set out the proposal to review and extend the membership of the Library Partnership Board, with some associated amendments to be made to the terms of reference for the group. The following issues were highlighted during the discussion.

- a) FOSIL and the Library Group had expressed concern at the validity of their input on the Partnership Board, which they were reported to feel should have more executive powers.
- b) It was noted that the Terms of Reference had been drafted in consultation with the Library Group and had been agreed by it. The group had subsequently expressed dissatisfaction with the Terms of Reference, but had not responded to a council invitation to offer revised terms.
- c) Members felt that quorum for the meeting should be 5, rather than the proposed 6 members.
- d) It was noted that despite being termed a “Board”, the group’s role was consultative and advisory. It was further noted that many consultative bodies are termed Boards, including that group that supports the Tate St Ives.
- e) Members welcomed the wider representation proposed for the Partnership Board, including input from young people and organisations supporting young people, and noting also the potential to build on the developing links with the Stennack Surgery. It was hoped that as many people as possible would take up the opportunity to get involved and bring their enthusiasm and ideas.
- f) It was suggested that local groups doing good things for disadvantaged and challenged people, such as the Hain Project and Flashlight St Ives, should be considered for future membership.

Members expressed satisfaction the revised membership would mean greater community involvement.

RESOLVED – that

1. the terms of reference of Library Partnership Board be amended as described in paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 of this report, with the quorum to be amended to 5 representatives;
2. the Library Information Services Manager seek nominations for representatives from the organisations outlined above, who will be confirmed at the next meeting of this committee; and
3. the inaugural meeting of the St Ives Library Partnership Board be held in April 2019.

F.48 LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT

Members were shown tabled concept illustrations of the proposed refurbishment, and taken through the timetable. They received reassurance that staff views of the proposal had been sought, and were reminded that staff were very knowledgeable about the library and VIC services, and are committed

to ensuring that the space works for them and for their customers. This was accepted, although some members expressed the need to directly consult with the public. Members also felt that it must feel like a library, its use for other community organisations should be explored, and there must be sufficient space for buggies etc. It was also suggested that the town council's fire adviser should be asked to comment on the scheme.

The re-opening of the second doorway was raised, and members told that the doors would be reversed to open inwards and have automatic closers. The internal doors would be removed, and a central handrail installed on the stairs leading to the secondary entrance. In answer to questions, member heard that the Children's Library would not be affected, but that some of the computers would be removed from the ground floor; and that tests had shown the bookshelves could be moved to allow the new development.

RESOLVED – to adjourn the decision on the library refurbishment scheme until a more complete scheme can be considered at a reconvened meeting, at which time the costed scheme would be presented for approval to enable the works to commence.

F.49 **CONCERT HALL FLOOR**

The Facilities Manager's report had advised councillors of the risk of significant damage to the floor if lively activities involving large and boisterous audiences continue in the concert hall. Members were asked in the paper to consider whether to ban such events; to authorise the Facilities Manager to protect the floor when they were held; or to continue with them and have the floor mended when it was damaged. He also advised that serious injury could be sustained by event-goers.

RESOLVED - that events that risked damage to the floor of the concert hall would continue to be held, and damaged sections mended on a reactive basis.

F.50 **PURCHASE OF TOWER SCAFFOLD**

Members considered the Facilities Manager's request that a 5m tower scaffold be acquired, paid for from Reserves, at a cost of approximately £1,400.

RECOMMENDED – to Council that the purchase of a 5m scaffold tower at an approximate cost of £1,400 be funded from Reserves.

F.51 **USE OF TOILETS AT PORTHGWIDDEN**

The committee considered the Facilities Manager's report which contained a request from Bys Vyken Events that Porthgwithden public toilets be made available for the competitors from early morning on 2nd March 2019.

RESOLVED - that the Porthgwithden toilets be made available to Bys Vyken Events at a cost of £120, and that such decisions in future be delegated to the Facilities Manager.

F.52 **FINANCE REPORT**

The committee considered the report circulated.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

F.53 **CONCERT HALL BOOKINGS (REPORT FOR INFORMATION)**

The committee received a report from Julian Munday on Concert Hall Bookings. The report was welcomed enthusiastically, with members feeling that it offered the promise of unlocking the potential of the concert hall. They looked forward to the matter being taken up by the Support Services Manager on her taking up post.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

F.55 **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.

F.56 **HUER’S HUT (Paragraph 3)**

The Facilities Manager’s report was discussed. It was proposed that the matter should be discussed with the lessee, who had had a long career involved in buildings and structures.

RESOLVED – that committee endorses the actions outlined in paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 of the Facilities Manager’s report.

F.57 **ISLAND CENTRE WINDOWS (Paragraph 3)**

The committee considered the report which set out the efforts made to commission the works required to restore the windows. The Facilities Manager said that, after submitting the report, he had received a second quotation that, although required some clarification, seemed to offer a better deal for the council. The economic advantages, aesthetics and environmental effects of installing uPVC windows were discussed, and the Chair reminded members that this had been discussed and rejected at a previous meeting. A vote on whether the Facilities Manager should be asked to seek three quotes for uPVC installation was defeated.

RESOLVED – that the committee

- Accepts that sufficient efforts have been made to satisfy financial Regulations, and recognises the need to commission a contractor without further delay; and
- Authorises the repair to the Island Centre windows, using £8,000 from identified Facilities budgets.

RECOMMENDED – to council that the remaining amount, when established, be funded from Reserves.

Councillor Glanville requested that it be recorded that he voted against the resolution.