

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held in the Committee Room, The Guildhall, St Ives on Thursday 1 September 2016 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor T Williams

COUNCILLORS

Andrewes T	Parsons A
Garrod H	Taylor L
Lait R	Tulley R
Nicholls C	

OFFICERS

Support Services Manager
Facilities Manager
Administration Support Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Councillor M Armstrong

C&E.211 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Chairman sign as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Community & Environment Committee held on 2 June 2016.

C&E.212 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Mary Shead spoke regarding the need for CCTV to be reinstated in St Ives and expressed concern that a Special Constable had apparently resigned because she didn't feel safe because of the lack of CCTV cameras and asked that the CCTV cameras be reinstated.

C&E.213 UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY LINK OFFICER (CORNWALL COUNCIL)

The Community Link Officer attended the meeting to give an update that the shelter and new seating area on Smeatons Pier was nearly complete. Also the bookings for bands and choirs had gone well since she and Councillor Mitchell took over the paperwork.

C&E.214 DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLOR / OFFICER INTERESTS

None.

C&E.215 TOWN CLERKS UPDATE REPORT

The Support Services Manager presented the Town Clerks report. In response to a question, the Facilities Manager responded by stating that the signs for Palemon Best would be ready soon. Also the play equipment had been treated, mended and would be maintained on a regular basis. The young people in the area were committed to looking after the area and there was a need for some steps to be put in for safety reasons. It was suggested that the bench from the Trewyn Depot be transferred to the park.

C&E.216 FINANCE REPORT

The report was circulated prior to the meeting, Councillor Andrewes commented that there was still money left in the street weeding budget, it was:-

RESOLVED – that the report be noted and the to keep weeding the streets within the street weeding budget.

C&E.217 TO CONSIDER THE LEVEL OF COMMUNITY NEED TO REINSTATE A CCTV SYSTEM FOR ST IVES

Members discussed the calls to re-instate the CCTV cameras in St Ives. Matters considered included the need to justify the expenditure of installation and annual maintenance and monitoring, and to identify the best locations for the siting of the cameras.

The Police Crime Commissioner had stated that there would be some funding available towards CCTV in St Ives and the figure would be announced towards the end of September.

There was concern raised by Councilors as to the response time from the Police if there were any incidents reported. Councillor Andrewes raised the point that the Street Marshal scheme would cease if CCTV was re-instated, he would also seek funding from Cornwall Council for any

CCTV coverage of the Car Parks & the Harbour. It was:-

RECOMMENDED – to the Finance & General Purposes committee that St Ives Town Council matches the amount to be contributed to the CCTV fund by the Police Crime Commissioner up to ten thousand pounds, to be drawn from reserves, also the Town Council to fund the annual CCTV running costs from the revenue budget. Also to request a commitment from the Police that they would respond promptly to any incidents reported through CCTV monitoring annually.

C&E.218 WHARF ROAD ISSUES: TO CONSIDER WAYS TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF A-FRAMES, STREET TRADERS, PEDLARS, FLYPOSTING AND POSTERS, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR ANDREWES

Councillor Andrews reported that he and the Mayor had visited businesses in the area about the problems of A frames, tables and chairs and street traders. There was some confusion from businesses as to who had permission to put out tables and chairs and what actually was an obstruction. There was also concern about the number of boat trips and their boards and booths that have sprung up all along the harbour front being a nuisance. Although the hair braider's have been moved to West Pier it seems that the Henna Tattooists are still able to trade on the front.

RESOLVED- that

1. A meeting be arranged with the Harbour Master & Andy Brigden to discuss the boatmen & their operation.
2. Investigate the possibility of introducing a bye law to restrict Henna Tattooists to West Pier
3. To invite all business owners from Wharf Road & Fore Street to a meeting at the Lifeboat Inn to discuss the matter of A Frames on the highway.

C&E.219 CONSENT STREETS/STREET TRADING

Councillor Garrod had spoken to three different departments at Cornwall Council about this and had made no progress, with no indication that Cornwall Council would offer action or advice. He proposed the Town Council should take on the responsibility for controlling street trading.

RECOMMENDED – to Council that the Town Council to investigate bringing in its own by-laws and its own concessionary consent form which would help the council to enforce the laws.

C&E.220 CORNWALL COUNCIL – TOWN PARKING REVIEW

Cornwall Council have ended their consultation period and the next phase for this would be looking at Yellow Lines and Resident parking. It was commented that St Ives was the biggest town who wanted Resident Parking. St Ives are 3rd on the list after Truro and Falmouth for consultations in the Autumn.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

C&E.221 TRANSPORT – REFERRED FROM 28 JULY COUNCIL

- Transport issues in and around the town, for further consideration on practical measures that may be able to be implemented to bring about improvements. Following consideration of item referred from Council

RECOMMENDED – that the Town Council call for the Traffic forum be resurrected.

C&E.223 STREET WEEDING (ONGOING AND REFERRED FROM COUNCIL)

28 July Council meeting: RESOLVED – that the street weeding item be referred to Community & Environment Committee, with interested town councillors and staff to attend a visit to be arranged to Falmouth Town Council.

RECOMMENDED – The visit to Falmouth goes ahead in October and to contact Cornwall Council to weed the highway especially from The Cornish Arms to Tregenna Castle.

C&E.224 MAINTENANCE WORKS REQUIRED AT CONSOLS POOL

It was agreed that the event at Consols Pool every Good Friday was well attended and that this event should continue. Silt was the biggest problem and it was discussed as to where the funds for this would come from. If this work needed to be carried out in the Autumn of this year it was noted that if there were insufficient funds in the budget there may be a need to draw on reserves.

There were also concerns as to whether clearing the silt would make the pool deeper therefore causing a Health & Safety issue and who would be responsible if there were any accidents. Clearing the pool of silt was understood to be necessary at about 6 yearly intervals.

RESOLVED/RECOMMENDED – that

1. Quotes be sought for the cost of clearing the pool.
2. The Environmental Agency would need to be involved if the suggestion of a silt trap is needed.
3. A Risk Assessment be carried out for removing the silt.

C&E.225 HELICOPTER RIDES - COMPLAINTS

It was reported that there had been numerous complaints about the noise of the helicopter taking off and landing received from residents in or near the flight path. One farmer had complained that this has upset his livestock.

Councillor Andrewes had spoken to the owners of the helicopter and they were quite happy to

change their flight paths to avoid certain areas. It was also discussed as to whether these flights could be stopped altogether.

The Mayor offered to speak to Derek Thomas MP about the possibility of stopping the flights and it was RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

C&E.226 REQUEST FOR GATES ON MAN'S HEAD SHELTER (CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST RECEIVED AND RESPONSE FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL/CORMAC

A letter had been circulated requesting the Town Council puts gates on the shelter at Man's Head due to instances of broken bottles and rubbish in the area being left by local youths. It was felt that the gates would mean it would no longer be a shelter.

RESOLVED – that the request for the gates to be refused on the Man's Head shelter. Also to get the Street Marshals to visit the area on their Friday & Saturday night patrols.

C&E.227 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS – OFFER OF CUP

It was discussed that the Citizen of the Year award be called the Colin Sanger cup. There had been discussions with the Sanger family and they would be happy if a cup could go instead to the best Allotment.

RESOLVED – that there would be a Colin Sanger Cup for the best Allotment and to thank the Sanger family.

C&E.228 THREE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The full financial information was not available for this meeting, so it was

RESOLVED to defer to the October meeting.

C&E.229 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- Update on Palemon Best Recreation Ground
- Street Marshall report

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

C&E.230 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(1) Alan Percy – LMP Agreements

RESOLVED/RECOMMENDED – that the report correspondence be noted and that there might be more money in the budget for this

C&E.231 **CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION**

None.

C&E.232 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 27 October 2016

C&E.233 **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Chairman