

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

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor T Williams
Vice Chairman – Councillor A Harris

COUNCILLORS

Andrewes T	Messenger K	Tulley R
Henry R (left at 9.45pm)	Nicholls C	Lait R
Garrod H	Symons J	

In attendance Councillor A Mitchell

OFFICERS

Town Clerk	Facilities Manager	Admin Support Officer
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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Councillors J Griffin and S Tanner.

C&E.34 MINUTES

The following amendment to minutes from last meeting were identified.

C&E.30 (2nd paragraph)

Councillor Harris reported that the Carbis Bay Memorial Hall Chairman had agreed to service and act as keyholder for the noticeboard. They had agreed that posters for display should be posted to the Memorial Hall by the Town Council and other bodies for the Memorial Hall Chairman to put up and take down on a regular basis.

RESOLVED – that the Chairman signs as a true and correct record the amended minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 30 August 2018.

C&E.35 PUBLIC SPEAKING

1. A member of the Round Table spoke on the arrangements for 2019 Fun Run. The Round Table would take on the organisation and hope to make it more of a social event. A different start and finish line is planned, with a BBQ. A donation of £500 has been made to the Round Table to meet the costs. Posters will be circulated well in advance of the Fun Run by the Table and it is hoped that entrants can run for their nominated charities.
2. A member of the St Ives Community Orchard Group sought the support of the town council in having the 27 acres at the top of Penbeagle Hill designated as a Local Nature Reserve. The group hopes that such designation will protect the site from future development.

C&E.36 **ENFORCEMENT IN ST IVES - PRESENTATION**

The Service Director for Neighbourhood and Public Protection and the Community Protection Officer from Cornwall Council gave a joint presentation about their department's work.

Councillors discussed with them the best way for the town council to deal with the anti-social issues raised. Advice from the officers included:

- The town council to consider part-funding an Enforcement Officer who would be employed by Cornwall Council.
- Contacting Cornwall Council Highways Department to see whether licences to display A frame, or a complete ban on them, could be introduced.
- Introducing a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) – which would incur costs and would need to be renewed every three years.

It was suggested to councillors that they read a guidance document that is available on PSPOs to familiarise themselves with the order. It was noted that Councillor Tulley was already working with Cornwall Council on the above solutions. The Speakers were thanked for attending the meeting.

RECOMMENDED to Council – that this council

1. requests Cornwall Council to create a Public Space Protection Order for town centre streets and Wharf Road in St Ives; and
2. requests Cornwall Council to advise on the likely costs to this council of a jointly funded Cornwall Council-employed Enforcement Officer for the St Ives parish

C&E37 **UPDATE FROM THE COMMUNITY LINK OFFICER (CORNWALL COUNCIL)**

No update was received.

C&E.38 **DECLARATION OF COUNCILLOR/OFFICER INTERESTS**

None.

C&E.39 **CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman announced that the budget-setting item would be moved to the end of the agenda after decisions were made on the allotment charges and the Palemon Best planting scheme.

C&E.40 **OFFICER'S UPDATE REPORT**

The report was noted.

C&E.41 **PENBEAGLE NATURE RESERVE**

Members considered the verbal representation made earlier in the meeting and supported the principle of the group's plan to seek Local Nature Reserve status for the area at the top of Penbeagle Hill.

RESOLVED - that the Town Council supports in principle the Community Orchard Group's plan to have the site at the top of Penbeagle Hill selected as a Local Nature Reserve.

C&E.42 ISLAND CENTRE YOUTH CLUB

Councillor Henry gave a verbal report on on-going work to develop a Youth Club for St Ives. Councillors stated that the Island Centre would not meet the needs of local young people as well as a facility at the top of the town, where most young people reside. In answer to a question, Councillor Henry said that research had been done some years ago to establish whether young people themselves felt that a Youth Centre would be of value to them. Councillor Henry undertook to carry out more research in this area and would consult with Hayle Youth Project about coming and presenting on its experience to the committee.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Henry for his report.

RESOLVED – that the committee supports work to further explore this initiative and looks forward to further updates from Councillor Henry.

C&E.43 FINANCE REPORT

The report was noted.

C&E.44 MALAKOFF BUS SHELTER

Councillor Andrewes raised concerns about the bus shelter at the Malakoff being closed, which is exposing people to inclement weather.

Councillors noted that work has already started on repairs to the bus shelter and that it was expected to be open again very soon.

C&E.45 REVIEW OF ALLOTMENT CHARGES

It was proposed that the yearly rent for a full-size allotment should rise from £60 to £65. It was noted that, as the allotment year runs from 29th September, all of the invoices for the 2019 have already been sent out.

RESOLVED – that this item be deferred as invoices had already gone out to the plot holders.

C&E.46 PALEMON BEST PLANTING SCHEME

Councillors Williams and Andrewes presented a plan for a planting scheme for the Palemon Best Recreation Ground. It showed a map of the area to be improved which includes long-term planting, replacing some trees, developing woodland walks and improving the football pitch.

The councillors' vision is to create a park that is more attractive and offers a variety of different uses for everyone to enjoy. They believe the plan will enhance the natural richness of the park, improve it as a wildlife habitat and retain the park's character. The plan will sensitively increase the management of the existing park, with targeted intervention in specific areas to introduce more formality while other areas are deliberately left as low-maintenance.

Members debated how the plans should be developed on and the importance of consulting with local people before proceeding with any work. Members noted that this would have been a useful issue to talk to the now defunct Palemon Best Users Group about. It was also noted that Trustees of the Charity of Palemon Best might be approached about funding, although the restriction on those funds being used for “capital” projects was noted.

RESOLVED – that

that Councillors Andrewes and Williams’s plans are professionally developed, funded from Community and Environment Committee funds
that a public consultation is carried out to gauge people’s reaction to the plans and hear what more they want from the park.

C&E.47 **CHRISTMAS PARKING**

Cornwall Council has asked the Town Council which day it would designate as a free car parking day over the festive period.

RESOLVED – that the decision on the free carparking day to be referred to St Ives BID as the representative of a large number of businesses in the town.

C&E.48 **BUDGET SETTING**

The committee budget for the coming financial year was discussed.

RECOMMENDED – to Council that the draft budget for this committee, as presented at the meeting, form the basis of the committee budget for 2019/2020, with the following amendments:

Income Items

- Footpaths income to be moved to the Facilities Committee budget to match the incurred expenditure.

Expenditure items:

- Mayor choosing to remain at £2,000
- Staff costs – Enforcement £5,000
- Create a new budget line for Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) - £3,000
- Create a new budget line for Youth Project - £6,000
- Street Weeding – increase from £3,000 to £3,500
- Improvements and Operational budget line to stay at £3,000

C&E.49 **USING LIVE REINDEER**

Councillors were asked to consider concerns raised by the Animal Aid charity on using reindeer at live events. The council has been asked to incorporate a ban on the use of these animals on its land in the council’s Animal Charter.

RECOMMENDED – that the town council bans the use of any animals at live events on council-owned property and that this is incorporated into the town council’s Animal Charter.

C&E.50 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

None

C&E.51 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman reported that letters to Adventure Experience and Derek Thomas regarding the helicopter flights (and previous circulated to members) had been sent.

Meeting closed at 9.56pm

Chairman