

Minutes of the Meeting of St Ives Town Council held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, St Ives on Thursday 14 February 2012 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor R Tulley (Town Mayor)

Vice-Chairman – Councillor C C Nicholls (Deputy Town Mayor)

COUNCILLORS

Andrewes T

Fry B

Laity N P

Mitchell A P

Tanner J

Tanner S J

Tonkin T

Watson Y

Williams T M

OFFICERS

Town Clerk

Administrative Assistant

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Councillors Armstrong, Isaacs, Sanger, Slack and Symons.

161. REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

None.

162. REPORTS FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLORS AND / OR THE COMMUNITY NETWORK PANEL

Councillor J Tanner reported that she had been dealing with a significant of casework for individuals.

The Chairman noted that a meeting was to be arranged soon for town councillors to discuss with Cornwall Council representatives ideas for the future use of the nursery site at Trewyn Gardens.

163. PUBLIC SPEAKING

None

164. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The report on finalising the Beach Dog Control Orders would be considered at the next meeting of the Council, pending further report.

An additional item had been included on the agenda due to urgency – restoration of the Knill Steeple.

165. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBER / OFFICER INTERESTS

Councillors Andrewes, Tulley and Williams each declared an Interest in Minute 174 as members of the Friends of the Guildhall, and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of these items.

Councillor Fry declared an Interest in Minute 174 as a member of the Friends of the Guildhall, and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of these items. However, as he needed to present the information for consideration for this item he was permitted to stay and present the item, with permission granted by the Deputy Mayor, having taken the Chair.

166. MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Chairman signs as a true and correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 December 2012, the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 24 January 2013 and the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 7 February 2013.

167. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – OUTCOME OF THE INITIAL CONSULTATION MEETINGS

The Chairman reported that public meetings had been held in Lelant, Carbis Bay and St Ives and that there had been a good level of attendance and interest, with over 100 people having attended overall. Of those who had attended the events, there had been a strong level of support for the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.

There was some debate on whether there needed to be further consultation with the wider public to ensure that this was an area of work to which people were willing to commit council funds, although this considered alongside the need to maintain momentum and having publicised the initial meetings fully. There would be scope to shape the way forward throughout the process.

Members noted the need for a steering group and agreed that the next step would be to hold a meeting of interested councillors and members of the public to determine a suitable model for a steering group.

RESOLVED – to continue to the next steps of the Neighbourhood Plan process – agreeing the Plan area with Cornwall Council and holding a public meeting to determine a suitable model for the Steering Group

168. PARKING ON THE STENNACK

Councillor Mitchell raised his concerns at the potential impact on highway safety at the increasing number of cars parked on the road at the Stennack.

He put forward a call for Cornwall Council to return to the double yellow lines on the Stennack to prohibit parking at any time.

Councillor Tanner reported that she had been advised that this would need to be actioned by the new Cornwall Councillors after the elections in May. She advised that she had been taking action on this with Highways and would appreciate the support of the town council in calling for this.

RESOLVED – that letters to CC and Police drawing attention to the situation and calling for action.

169. GRANT APPLICATION – ST IVES MAY DAY

Members considered the grant application submitted, noting the community value of the May Day celebrations to the town.

RESOLVED – that a grant of £500 be awarded to the Rotary Club of St Ives for the 2013 May Day Celebrations.

170. INFORMAL MAYOR CHOOSING

The Clerk reported that one nomination had been received for the informal Mayor choosing for 2013/2014 and that the nominee was Councillor Colin Nicholls.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Nicholls be declared as having been selected at this meeting and his name submitted to the Annual Council meeting on 20 May 2013 for election as Town Mayor for 2013/2014.

171. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR 2013/14

The Clerk advised that this item would be linked to a review of committees to be presented to Council on 18 April.

RESOLVED – that this item be deferred to the next scheduled meeting of the Council.

172. CODE OF CONDUCT – DISPENSATIONS AND CHANGES TO STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk advised that this report had been delayed, and so it was

RESOLVED – that this item be deferred to the next scheduled meeting of the Council.

173. AUDIBILITY IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

The Clerk advised that Councillor Isaacs had requested improvements so that he and others would be able to hear proceedings in the Chamber. A lapel microphone and amplifiers had been suggested by Councillor Isaacs.

It was noted that a single microphone would give limited improvement and there were likely other potential options.

RESOLVED – that there would be research into options available to improve audibility of proceedings in the Council Chamber and other meeting rooms in the Guildhall.

174. GUILDHALL – PA SYSTEM

Councillors Andrewes, Tulley and Williams declared an Interest and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Nicholls, Chairing this item, granted Councillor Fry permission to present this item, following which Councillor Fry, having declared an Interest, withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Fry set out the acts and shows that would be performing in the concert hall over the summer, and the need for adequate sound equipment, to help ensure that events were a success and encourage repeat bookings.

During discussion, Members gave a vote of thanks to Councillor Fry and other members of the Friends of the Guildhall for all their efforts put into bringing the hall into greater use.

There was some concern that there had been no provision in the budget for sound equipment and so funding of these items would need to be funded from Reserves.

RESOLVED – that

- (1) £3,800 be allocated from Reserves for amplifiers, microphones, microphone stands and installation of speakers, with these items of equipment to be hired out to hall users for a charge in addition to the basic hire charge;
- (2) further specialist advice be sought on what additional equipment would be required; and
- (3) a meeting be arranged with Friends of the Guildhall to discuss the arrangements needed, how hire charges would be agreed and applied, etc.

175. DRAFT TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATION CONSULTATION

Members considered the consultation papers previously circulated.

RESOLVED – that Councillors forward any comments to the Clerk to be collated and submitted to Cornwall Council.

176. APPLICATION – PHARMACY CONSULTATION, CARBIS BAY

This consultation was considered and it was

RESOLVED – that the council is in favour of a pharmacy in Carbis Bay.

177. DISPLAY OF PAINTINGS AND REGALIA IN GUILDHALL

Councillor Tonkin reported that he and Councillor Isaacs, assisted by council staff had reviewed the council regalia, with the view to displaying them more appropriately.

Suggestions:

Consider the need for restoration of paintings

Review the paintings displayed on the stairs and landing

A suggestion to move the Borlase Smart painting to the landing alongside the Sargent and King paintings

Britain in Bloom certificates to be taken out of frames and kept in an album in the Mayors Parlour

RESOLVED – that Councillors Tonkin and Isaacs be thanked for their continuing efforts and would continue to keep the council updated

178. EDWARD HAIN HOSPITAL UPDATE

Councillor Tulley advised that a review of medical provision was underway and that work on the proposed day room had been delayed pending the outcome of the review.

This update was noted.

179. RENOVATION OF KNILL STEEPLE

The Clerk reported that the World Monument Fund had sourced funding and quotes for works to carry out renovation work on the Knill Steeple. An amount of match funding was sought from the town council to demonstrate support for the project, and as the Steeple was town council property.

RESOLVED – that whilst members were minded to support the principle of support funding for the project, further details were needed to inform the decision.

180. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations of the following committees were considered:

Planning Committee:

No recommendations

Community and Amenities Committee:

CA.45 - Grant applications - £150 grant for CHICKS to provide holidays for disadvantaged children in the UK.

Environment Committee:

No recommendations

Resources Committee

No recommendations

Visitor & Information Centre Committee:

No recommendations

Staffing Committee:

No recommendations

RESOLVED – that the committee recommendations set out above be approved.

181. COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the Planning Committee

Council considered the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 13 December 2012, 10 January and 7 February 2013.

Minutes of the Community and Amenities Committee

Council considered the Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Amenities Committee held on 16 January 2013.

Minutes of the Environment Committee

None.

Minutes of the Resources Committee

Council considered the Minutes of the meeting of the Resources Committee held on 3 January, 17 January and 23 January 2013.

Visitor and Information Centre Committee

Council considered the Minutes of the meetings of the Visitor and Information Centre Committee held on 15 January 2013.

Staffing Committee

Council considered the Minutes of the meetings of the Staffing Committee held on 14 January 2013.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes referred to above be approved and adopted -

182. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

The circulated reports were noted.

183. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

None.

184. CORRESPONDENCE

The circulated correspondence was noted.

185. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED – that

(1) payments made since the last meeting totalling £36,582.49 be approved; and

(2) the accounts listed totalling £4,044.25 be paid.

186. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) 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 matters on the grounds that they involve 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.

187. INSURANCE POLICY (Paragraph 3)

The Clerk reported that the quote had yet to be finalised in view of the changes made to reflect the additional responsibilities being taken on by the council.

RESOLVED – that this item be deferred to the next scheduled meeting of the Council.

188. OFFER FOR GUILDHALL WEBSITE (Paragraph 1 & 3)

Councillors considered an offer from a local website developer.

RESOLVED – that the offer to develop and maintain a website to promote the Guildhall and its events, be welcomed and accepted.

Council

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Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Chairman