

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held in the Committee Room, The Guildhall, St Ives on Thursday 6 March 2014 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor Williams
Vice-Chairman – Councillor Armstrong (from 7.23pm)

COUNCILLORS

Andrewes T	Nicholls C
Lait R	Tulley R
Mitchell A	

OFFICERS

Town Clerk
Assistant Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Councillors R Birch, N Laity and M Robertson.

C&E.121 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Chairman sign as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Community & Environment Committee held on 23 January 2014.

C&E.122 PUBLIC SPEAKING

A resident from Street An Pol attended, originally to complain at disturbance from youngsters from the Roller Disco, which had already been resolved by speaking to the organisers. They also raised concerns at the event the previous Saturday evening when there had been disturbances in and around the Guildhall.

Officers advised that the event had been organised by a promoter who had held previous successful events and that following the event, the promoter would not be holding any further such events at the Guildhall.

Toni Carver attended and presented a report that he had prepared with observations and recommendations on the sound system. Councillors took the opportunity to ask questions.

C&E .123 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced additional reports included due to urgency: Variation of Guildhall Premises Licence; Decorative Lights; Security of property; and correspondence received regarding comments about the Feast Hunt.

C&E.124 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBER / OFFICER INTERESTS

Councillor Andrewes declared an Interest in the following Minutes, and withdrew from the meeting during their consideration: Minute C&E.129 (Parking at the Guildhall) as organiser of the Farmers Market); Minute C&E.125 (Sound Equipment) as a member of Friends of the Guildhall); and Minute C&E.135 (Variation of Licence) as organiser of the Farmers Market.

In view of the matter raised during the public speaking period, the Chairman varied the order of the agenda.

C&E.125 SOUND EQUIPMENT AT THE GUILDHALL

Councillor Andrewes declared an Interest in this item as a member of the Friends of the Guildhall, and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Armstrong arrived at the meeting at this point.

Members considered the update from the meeting with FOG and the report submitted earlier in the meeting. Points considered included:

- Merits of seeking a professional report to review existing and future provision
- Noted that the majority of bands brought their own equipment
- Difficulties with the various ownership of the different pieces of sound equipment
- Questioned whether the existing equipment was a good basis on which to build.
- Noted that there could be a possibility of sponsorship if ever an entirely new system was installed.

RESOLVED – to get quotes for a sound engineer to review the existing equipment, to suggest the best way forward and what options are available. Payment of up to £250, with quotes to be sought and delegated to the Clerk for decision in consultation with Committee Chairman.

C&E.126 TOWN CLERKS UPDATE REPORT

Members considered the Clerk's report circulated prior to the meeting.

It was noted a good number of entries had been received for the seagull poster competition.

RESOLVED – that

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) the judges for the seagull poster competition be the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of this committee, Councillor Lait, and Chairman and Deputy of the Youth Council.

C&E.127 COST OF PARKING ORDER – THE STENNACK

The Clerk advised that in accordance with the paperwork circulated with the agenda. Councillor Mitchell noted that the Order would include Wheal Ayr Terrace.

During discussion it was noted that on 1 March the seasonal order had been enforced for all of the cars parked in the area covered by the order.

It was noted that the council had originally agreed to pay up to £4,000 and so it was requested that Cornwall Councillors seek to ask Cornwall Council pay for the excess over £4,000.

Councillor Mitchell gave an undertaking to make this request.

Following consideration, it was

RESOLVED – that the 100mm lines be the town council's preferred option, and that it be requested that this matter be progressed as a matter of urgency.

C&E.128 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Members noted the complaints log circulated at the meeting and considered the level and type of complaints received during the operation of the public conveniences since June. During discussion, it was noted that whilst there had been complaints, there had been a significant volume of traffic through them and even in the first year of operation there had been less complaints than when Cornwall Council had been running them.

It was noted that with the significant grant from Cornwall Council only promised for the coming year, some difficult decisions would need to be made during the course of the next year to find a way forward.

Need to raise with the contractor that often the public conveniences had been closed early on a number of occasions.

With regard to shared services / water leaks it was reported that West Pier did not share a supply. Accurate rather than estimated bills had been received, bringing about a saving. Reported on checking West Pier for leaks tomorrow – and will carry out checks on Porthminster and all others over coming weeks.

RESOLVED –that the report be noted.

It was agreed that an agenda item for the next meeting: what to do when there's no more funding.

C&E.129 UPDATE ON GUILDHALL – AND IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED BUSINESS PLAN

Kitchen refurbishment – the Clerk advised that the funding had been approved to be carried over to the next financial year, the kitchen design had been agreed and that final quotes and feedback from Cornwall Council's accounts team was awaited.

Heating repairs – it was noted that this work had been put on hold whilst other maintenance was underway.

Concert Hall lights - Concert hall lights – resolved to delegate to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the meeting, noting that the cost would be in the region of £3,000.

Noise – neighbour complaint - Councillor Andrewes reported on a meeting held earlier in the day with an Environment Health Officer and some neighbours who had raised complaints at noise nuisance when the concert hall was in use. It had been identified that the roof over the stage was not insulated and that sound would also be escaping through the windows and air vents.

Sound tests would be carried out at the neighbouring properties and a future consideration could also be the time to which events were permitted to continue until.

Parking

Councillor Andrewes declared an Interest as organiser of the Farmers Market and withdrew from the meeting during this item

The Clerk reported on steps being taken to implement enforcement and issue parking and loading permits.

Members requested that a request be made for evening enforcement to be carried out. Also to raise with Cornwall Council the wish to monitor the cost of enforcement over the first 3 months.

RESOLVED – that

- (1) parking permits be issued to: Councillors, Staff and V&IC Volunteers;
- (2) temporary parking permits be issued to: former councillors carrying out work at the Guildhall for the council;
- (3) market traders to get loading permits, with one lane of parking to be allocated to each of the markets on their trading day, and up to two additional permits able to be used by the markets if space permits (the provision for markets to be reviewed in three months time); and
- (4) Concerts / hirers may park a car or van on the car park area for the duration of an evening event.

C&E.130 DECORATION AND REPAIRS – GUILDHALL

The Clerk reported that although the decision on the Council Chamber curtains had been delegated, having received quotes it was brought back to committee for decision. It was acknowledged that a variety of improvement works were needed: replacement of Chamber curtains, redecoration of Mayor's Parlour and the landing, the canopy of the concert hall entrance.

RESOLVED – not to replace the Council Chamber curtains at this stage in view of budget constraints.

RESOLVED – that the bench in the concert hall budget be repaired (delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Committee Chairman.

Agenda item for next meeting – report on this years budget, next years budget and cost of works, to enable a schedule to be drafted.

C&E.131 START DATE FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR 2014

It was agreed to base the traffic control timings on previous years, and so it was

RESOLVED – that Traffic Control Officer duties be carried out from Friday 20 June to end of September Festival

C&E.132 RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTION – VITAL VENUES

RESOLVED – that the subscription not be renewed.

C&E.133 CORNWALL COUNCIL – PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION – PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH 103/46 AT SPLATTENRIDDEN IN THE PARISH OF LUDGVAN

Members considered the consultation and

RESOLVED – that the town council response be that town council response to be: noted that the existing path is a more direct route for walkers to take, noting also that it links two stretches of road where there is not a pavement alternative.

C&E.134 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SURVEY FEEDBACK

The Clerk reported that the NP survey feedback was available to Councillors in electronic or paper form upon request. The report was noted.

C&E.135 VARIATION OF GUILDHALL PREMISES LICENCE

Councillor Andrewes declared an Interest in this item, as organiser of the Farmers Market, and withdrew from the meeting during this item.

Members were advised that the Guildhall required a variation in premises licence to enable off-saes of alcohol.

RESOLVED – that the minor variation of the premises licence be applied for.

C&E.136 DECORATIVE LIGHTS

It had been decided by the Council to make a contribution of up to £1,000 towards establishing future options for the decorative lights. The Chamber had opted to use in-house expertise as their contribution.

Members considered the suggestion from the Chamber, and

RESOLVED – that the £1,000 allocated for investigating options for the decorative lights be retained and not spent at this stage.

C&E.137 CORRESPONDENCE

The circulated correspondence was noted.

C&E.138 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 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 against the item.

C&E.139 LETTER OF COMPLAINT – COMMENTS REGARDING WESTERN HUNT AT FEAST
(Paragraph 3)

An email received regarding comments made by one of the Mace Bearers at Feast. Members considered the correspondence and

RESOLVED – that a response be sent to advise that the council repeated its original public statement with regard to the matter, and to note that the original decision had been made in a meeting open to the public and with members of the public in attendance.

C&E.140 SECURITY OF ITEM (Paragraph 3)

The Clerk reported on security arrangements for one of the Council's items.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED – that arrangements be made with Cormac for the gates to be locked if possible, and for the Bowness estate to be asked to advise on the best place for the item to be located, and whether there were any restrictions on where it could be placed.

C&E.141 RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting.

C&E.142 REPORT FROM ST IVES ARCHIVE

Councillor Lait presented a report on the damp conditions being encountered at the Parish Rooms, resulting in problems in storing the archives. The difficulties being encountered by the Archive Trust were noted by Councillors.

C&E.143 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held on 17 April 2014.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Chairman