

Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee, St Ives Town Council held in the Committee Room, The Guildhall, St Ives on Thursday 18 February 2010 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor R Tulley
Vice-Chairman – Councillor C E Sanger

COUNCILLORS

Richards P
Watson Mrs Y

Williams T M

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors Fry B, Nicholls C C and Tonkin G E T

OFFICERS

Town Clerk
Administrative Assistant

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Councillors Andrewes T, Channon L, Tanner J, Isaacs H R G, Slack K

E.59 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Chairman signs as a true and correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19 January 2010.

E.60 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBER / OFFICER INTERESTS

None.

E.61 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerks report was noted. The following items given further consideration:-

- Trenwith Terrace – Japanese Knotweed

Cornwall Council had cleared the weeds and vegetation from the site but was unable to treat the Japanese Knotweed due to land ownership issues.

RESOLVED – To note the report and request that Cornwall Council continue to pursue the land owner and get the Japanese Knotweed cleared.

- Pedestrian Signage

Awaiting a response from Cornwall Council regarding additional pedestrian signage in the town.

RESOLVED –to contact Highways to seek confirmation of the potential for additional signage.

- Parking for Tradesmen

An update was given on the scheme and there are 6 tradesmen signed up with more expected.

RESOLVED – To note the report and the Committee are pleased there has been interest in the scheme.

E.62 **SHOP FRONT DESIGN PROJECT**

Following the Town Council agreement to work with Cornwall Council and formulate a Shop Front Design Guide, Nicola Stinson (Assistant Head of Planning, Cornwall Council) attended to discuss the Project and presented the Council with a list of tasks. Key points raised during the discussion were:

- Cornwall Council will underwrite the project and provide a project manager.
- Town Council asked to commit resources, including financial contribution, photographer, surveying, organisation of stakeholder events.
- The project will take 6-12 Months.
- Aim of the project is to influence the public rather than enforce, and to encourage good design standards.
- Need to decide who will be on the project team, ready for the launch of the project in April (a team of 8 – 10, with other organisations and individuals able to contribute).
- Beverley Deveraux will attend the next committee meeting on the 8th April 2010, the project initiation document will be presented and the town council will be asked to formally sign up to the project.
- Nicola Stinson will attend the first meeting of the project team.

Following consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED – to Council that the Town Council agrees to work jointly with Cornwall Council in producing a Shop Front Design Guide, and that written agreement, with a commitment of resources, be sent to Nicola Stinson prior to the next meeting of this Committee.

E.63 **B3306 COAST ROAD**

Following the Town Council agreement to work with Zennor Parish Council on a voluntary one-way travel code for coach operators on the B3306, Councillors Jenni Pozzi & Jon Brookes from Zennor Parish Council attended to discuss the code.

RESOLVED – That the One-Way Travel Code is an idea worth pursuing and that a leaflet be drawn up in English, French and German to be distributed at Lands End targeting the coach drivers. To contact County Highways to gain their support. Forward the details to Visit Cornwall so they can inform the larger hotels and to Contact National Coach organisations.

E.64 **ENVIRONMENT AGENCY – FLOOD REPORT**

The Flood report had previously been circulated to Councillors, following a discussion, it was,

RECOMMENDED to Council, to write a strong letter to the Environment Agency with a major concern at the inadequacy of both the Report and the Flood Defence Scheme.

RESOLVED – To write Cornwall Council requesting that they clean the gully's and drains on a regular basis to try and alleviate any future flooding in the St Ives area.

E.65 APPROVAL OF THE TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER PROPOSAL

An update was given to the Committee regarding a meeting held with Inspector Jean Phillips, that the Traffic Control Officer could be employed for 4 hours a day, 6 days a week, between the middle of June until September and to operate mainly at the Porthminster Hotel Junction.

RECOMMENDED to Council, to proceed with the scheme.

E.66 FREE FOR ALL DAY – SATURDAY 6 MARCH

The Chairman reported that another meeting with Ben Beckwith (waste and Recycling team member, Cornwall Council) had taken place and all the arrangements for the Free For All Day were in place.

E.67 SEAGULL CONTROL – ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2010 SEASON

The Arrangements for Seagull Control for the 2010 Season was discussed and Councillor Bill Fry requested the Councils support in writing a report on Seagull Nuisance.

RESOLVED –

- (1) To continue with the Egg Pricking Service as in previous years.
- (2) The seagull warning signs to be placed around the Town and one to be at the Train Station.
- (3) Continue with the Schools poster competition.
- (4) That the Council supports Councillor Fry with his report on Seagull Nuisance.

E.68 DOGS ON BEACHES

The Town Clerk had not received a reply to the request that Cornwall Council review the Dog Control Order prior to the 2010 summer season.

RESOLVED – to follow up the request to Cornwall Council.

E.69 PARKING ENFORCEMENT & CONTINUITY OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT STAFFING COVER

The Administrative Assistant had received a reply from Kate Dixon (Group Manager-Parking policy Cornwall Council) as to how much Parking Enforcement cover St Ives would receive this summer, her reply stated that the Car Park Enforcement Officers would become Civil Enforcement Officers but not the Seasonal Car Park Attendants.

RESOLVED – to suggest to the County Council, that the Seasonal Car Park Attendants time could be better utilised helping the Civil Enforcement Officers once the Car Parks are full.

E.70 ANIMAL CHARTER

Councillor Slack was unable to attend the Meeting and give her report on the Animal Charter.

RESOLVED – That the item be deferred to the next meeting.

E.71 **CONDITION OF WHARF ROAD AND LAMBETH WALK RAILINGS**

At the last Full Meeting it was brought to the Councils attention the poor state of Wharf Road and the Railings at Lambeth Walk.

RESOLVED – To write a strongly worded letter to the County Council requesting that they re point the cobbles outside the Old Lifeboat House and to replace the paving slabs outside the Arcade, that was damaged during the last flood.

Also to request that the Railings at Lambeth Walk be replaced.

E.72 **BUS SHELTER REQUEST – HELLESVEOR**

The Town Council has received a request for a Bus Shelter to be placed outside Hellesveor Chapel. The County Council will give a grant for £3000 for bus shelters.

RESOLVED – to investigate whether the £3000 would cover a new Bus Shelter or if the redundant Shelter at Carnellis Road could be moved to Hellesveor.

E.73 **INFORMATION MAP AT RAILWAY STATION**

The chairman announced that an Information Map for St Ives Railway Station had been ordered.

RESOLVED – to note the report.

E.74 **The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Cornwall) Order 01/2010 and The Dogs on Leads by Direction (Cornwall) Order 01/2010.**

The reports had previously been circulated to Councillors, following a discussion it was,

RECOMMENDED – to Council that both Orders be supported.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Chairman