

Minutes of the Meeting of the Resources Committee, St Ives Town Council held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, St Ives on Thursday 8 October 2009 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor A P Mitchell (from 7.20 pm)

Vice-Chairman – Councillor R Tulley (in the Chair until 7.25 pm)

COUNCILLORS

Andrewes T

Fry B

Nicholls C C

Symons Mrs J H

Tanner Mrs J

Tonkin G E T

Watson Mrs Y

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor C E Sanger

OFFICERS

Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Councillor Isaacs H R G.

R.37 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – that the Chairman signs as a true and correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 27 August 2009.

R.38 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBER / OFFICER INTERESTS

None.

R.39 ANNUAL TIMETABLE

An annual timetable setting out key decision dates in the Council's financial year was circulated. An amendment to include staff salary reviews in October was added (noting that this year the salary review would be carried out in December).

RECOMMENDED to Council – that the annual timetable be noted and that arrangements be made for staff appraisals.

R.40 FINANCIAL REPORT – MID TERM

The Clerk had circulated the mid-term finance report prior to the meeting. During consideration of this item there was some discussion on the six year provision for the CCTV upgrade, the potential on utilising the traffic management budget on a traffic control officer, and a question on whether the police can deal with parking matters.

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RECOMMENDED to Council – that the mid-term financial report be approved. (

Councillor Mitchell arrived at the meeting during the following item and took the Chair for item R.42

R.41 **ACTIVE PARTNERSHIPS**

The Clerk gave an update on efforts already made to work with Cornwall Council towards an active partnership arrangement.

It was noted that it may be the case that in view of expected cuts in public sector spending, it may be the case that the town council may be better placed to deliver services more locally and efficiently, or else consideration could be given to services which may be reduced without the input of the town council.

RECOMMENDED to Council – that discussions with relevant Cornwall Council officers (Community Network Manager and Operations Manager, Environment) continue, with Town Council representatives to be members of the original Singe Issue Panel (Councillors Andrewes, Fry, Sanger, Tonkin and Tulley), and Councillor Mitchell as Chairman of Resources Committee.

R.42 **COMMUNICATIONS – Update on progress with noticeboard**

The Clerk reported that she was liaising with representatives from the Co-operative with regard to an agreement for locating the noticeboard on the wall of their shop in Royal Square.

This update was noted.

R.43 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

R.44 **EXCLUSION OF 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.

R.45 **MARKET HOUSE UPDATE** (Paragraph 3)

The Clerk reported on an ongoing matter, with a written report circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED – that the course of action taken to date with regard to the matter set out in the report, be approved.

R.46 ALLOTMENTS (Paragraph 3)

The Clerk had circulated a written report prior to the meeting.

There was full discussion on the potential sites and the options available to the Town Council.

RECOMMENDED to Council – that

- (1) the Town Council accept the Venton Vision land transfer (with covenants) from Cornwall Council and continue negotiations to resolve associated issues;
- (2) a sum of up to £1,000 from the allotment budget reserve be allocated for legal issues and grant preparatory works towards establishing allotments; and
- (3) further investigation be carried out into the potential for allotments at Trevalgan, Penbeagle and Lelant.

R.47 READMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that the press and public be readmitted to the meeting.

R.48 LAUNCH OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S WEBSITE

Councillor Fry gave a presentation on the Town Council's website: www.stivestowncouncil.co.uk It was noted that the website is in early stages of development, and that with software purchased and staff now trained in updating the site it would be built on in the coming weeks.

The presentation of the website was welcomed by Members as a valuable means of ensuring that the work of the council is transparent and accessible.

Meeting closed at 8.41 pm

Chairman