

Minutes of the Meeting of St Ives Town Council held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, St Ives on Thursday 3 December 2009 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor Mrs Y Watson (Town Mayor)

Vice-Chairman – Councillor Mrs J Tanner (Deputy Town Mayor)

COUNCILLORS

Andrewes T

Fry B

Nicholls C C

Mitchell A P

Peters M

Richards P J

Sanger C E

Slack K

Symons J H

Tonkin G E T

Tulley R

Williams T M

OFFICERS

Town Clerk

Administrative Assistant

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Councillors Channon L and Isaacs H R G.

PRAYERS

The Town Mayor's Chaplain led the Council in Prayer.

120. POLICE LIAISON SESSION

PCSO White reported on the following:

- An update on the latest crime statistics and comparisons – there had been a significant reduction in crime
- An update on an incident the previous day when someone threatened Halifax staff with a knife and stole an amount of money, before being apprehended by the police in town minutes later.
- PACT (Partners and Community Together) priorities: Roads / Traffic in Lelant; Youth Club provision; and Traffic Flow in St Ives. These priorities were being addressed by the various relevant councils and agencies working together.
- The Boxing Club was a continuing success, with the club now based at the Rugby Club
- Shopwatch and the Night Net radio systems were enabling shops and pubs to work with CCTV to combat crime
- The Police had been giving crime prevention talks to groups in the area
- The moped project at local schools had greatly reduced moped related complaints in the past couple of years
- The Police Cadets had been active in the town, joining patrols at Halloween and helping with the late night shopping nights
- St Ives, Hayle and Scilly had the highest detection rate in Cornwall

The Mayor and Councillors requested that their congratulations be conveyed to the rest of the policing team.

121. REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

None.

122. PUBLIC SPEAKING

Robert Jones raised concern at the lack of temporary parking in St Ives, making it difficult to make quick visits to shops; raised concern at highway drainage in St Ives and Carbis Bay; and asked about the Council's procedure for public speaking at meetings.

Angela Diggle highlighted the importance of working to achieve 12 month opening of the public toilets at the Sloop Car Park. She advised that local traders had met with Cornwall Council officers and had agreed some additional opening times. She requested the Town Council's support in stopping cuts in basic amenities to the detriment of businesses and visitors.

123. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. There will be an additional report included on the agenda due to urgency – consultation on an application for a street trading consent by Mr R Osborne.
2. The next meeting of the Community and Amenities Committee has been rescheduled and will be held on Wednesday 16 December.

124. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBER / OFFICER INTERESTS

Councillor Williams declared a Personal Interest in Minute 126 (Budget – Allotments) as a person whose name was on the Allotments Waiting List.

The Town Clerk declared a Prejudicial Interest in Minute 141 (Committee Recommendations) regarding the Salary Review recommendation.

125. MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Chairman signs as a true and correct record the Minutes of the meetings of the meeting of the Council held on 22 October 2009.

126. BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2010 / 2011

Members noted the written report circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman of the Resources Committee reported on the work put into the preparation of the budget by each of the committees and acknowledged the need to establish priorities for St Ives.

Although there was some concern that even a small increase in the precept would contribute to part of the overall increase in Council Tax bills, it was highlighted that the Town Council was increasingly responding to community needs including the introduction of the Community Pride Officer, an increase in the community grants budget and contributions to the upgrade of the CCTV system.

RESOLVED – that

- (1) the Town Council budget for 2010 / 2011 as set out in Appendix A to the report, be approved;
- (2) the Precept for 2010 / 2011 in the sum of £110,780 be approved in accordance with the provisions in Sections 39, 41 and 50 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992; and
- (3) the Town Clerk / Responsible Finance Officer be authorised to sign the Precept demand on Cornwall Council.

127. PUBLIC TOILETS

Councillor Tulley noted the improvements in the opening times for the public toilets at the Sloop Car Park, but considered that further improvements were needed to provide the level of service expected by visitors to the town. It was suggested that this could be tackled with a combination of seeking additional funding for the town from Cornwall Council and also through continuing discussion on active partnership arrangements between the Town Council and Cornwall Council.

RESOLVED – that this council continues to work with Cornwall Council to explore ways of operating the Sloop Car Park public toilets more efficiently with the aim of ensuring 12 month opening.

128. DOGS ON BEACHES

The Clerk reported that this item had been included on the agenda due to recent concerns raised during public speaking. Members expressed concern at the way that the dog control orders had been implemented and at the delay by Cornwall Council in carrying out a review.

There were concerns at dog fouling on beaches, a conflict of use between dog walkers and families with children, and the potential effect on the blue flag status of beaches in the area.

It was noted that Mark Noall had been seeking information on a number of points and had offered to provide this information for consideration by the Town Council.

RESOLVED – that this matter be referred to the next scheduled meeting of the Environment Committee for consideration.

129. PORTHMINSTER BEACH

The written report circulated prior to the meeting was considered. Councillor Mrs Symons reported that she had arranged a site meeting with concerned local people and the relevant Portfolio Holder and Director of Services from Cornwall Council and would be working on a requests for improvements to the public toilets at Porthminster and the Sloop.

The update report was noted.

130. MAY DAY 2010

Councillor Sanger advised that the September Festival organisers were interested in taking on the organisation of the May Day events, but were concerned that the majority of grant funding received in previous years was in question for future years. There was a risk that the events might not happen if funding for the events was uncertain.

During discussion it was agreed that there would be no direct involvement in the organisation of May Day by the Town Council, although it was wished success being run by enthusiastic volunteers and local organisations in the future.

RESOLVED – that if an organisation comes forward to organise May Day, the Town Council will support its continuation (with any financial contribution to be subject to the usual grant application).

However, to encourage volunteers and organisations to get together to agree a way forward, the Town Council would facilitate an initial meeting. Councillor Sanger volunteered to organise the initial meeting.

131. STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY LAND AT THE MUSTARD TREE GUEST HOUSE, ST IVES ROAD, CARBIS BAY

A notice had been received regarding the stopping up of highway land. Written details had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

132. CORNWALL AND ISLES OF SCILLY SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

Details of stakeholder consultation events had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

133. RICHMOND PARK – TREE PLANTING

The former organisation RAID (Residents Against Inappropriate Development) had ceased to operate and former members were disposing of the assets held. They had expressed a wish to spend up to £1,200 on a group of appropriate trees / bushes in Richmond Park, Carbis Bay, and requested the support of the Town Council in doing this.

During discussion, it was agreed that the Town Council did not wish to own the proposal, as requested, but would be happy to facilitate as the principle of more trees in Carbis Bay was supported.

RESOLVED – that the St Ives in Bloom group be requested to liaise with Mr Rowe to find appropriate locations for trees / bushes to be planted.

134. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO CORNWALL COUNCIL'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Clerk advised that Cornwall Council were advertising for town and parish representatives to serve on the Standards Committee.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Tonkin apply to be appointed to the Standards Committee, and this application to be endorsed by the Town Council.

135. ST IVES SURE START CENTRE – APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON ADVISORY BOARD

St Ives Sure Start Centre had invited the appointment of a representative to serve on the advisory board to be established.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Tonkin be appointed to serve on the St Ives Sure Start Centre Advisory Board.

136. CORNWALL FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – CONSULTATION

A consultation questionnaire had been received, along with the proposed service plan 2010 / 2013 for the Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service.

RESOLVED – that individual Councillors respond to the questionnaire directly.

137. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO THE SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS

The Clerk had advised that the annual membership to the SLCC was due for renewal.

RESOLVED – that the subscription fee of £190 be paid.

138. MOD ARMED FORCES WEEKEND

Town and parish councils in the area had been contacted by the organisers of the Armed Forces Weekend 2010, seeking support for the events.

After discussion, it was

RESOLVED – that the organisers be advised of the history and tradition in West Cornwall of support for the armed services and to wish them every success with the events planned.

139. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF COMMITTEES

Draft terms of reference had been considered by each of the committees. Having taking into account the committee recommendations, amended terms of reference had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED – that the Committee Terms of Reference be adopted.

140. STREET TRADING APPLICATION – MR R OSBORNE

An amendment to a street trading application had been submitted by Mr Russell Osborne. The original request to sell burgers made from local free range beef on New Years Eve had been supported by the Town Council as there was considered to be enough trade on that occasion for the town's traders and an additional trader.

The amendment to the application sought permission to sell burgers on the three late night shopping Fridays in December and so the Town Council had been consulted again. Following consideration, it was

RESOLVED – that the Town Council objects to the street trading application due to the potential adverse effect on traders in the locality.

141. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations of the following committees were considered:

- Environment Committee held on 29 October 2009
- Community and Amenities Committee held on 2 November 2009
- Resources Committee held on 19 November 2009

The Chairman of the Community and Amenities Committee highlighted Minute CA.52 in which it was recommended that it be recorded that the Town Council supports the future successful continuation of the St Ives September Festival in view of its value to the culture of the local community and the economic benefits it brings to the area.

(There were no recommendations to consider from the Planning Committee.)

RESOLVED – that the recommendations of the committees listed above be approved.

142. COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Minutes of the following committee meetings had been circulated prior to the meeting:

- Planning Committee – 12 November 2009
- Environment Committee – 29 October 2009
- Community and Amenities Committee – 2 November 2009
- Resources Committee – 19 November 2009

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

143. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence circulated was received and noted.

144. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

The Schedule of Accounts was circulated and it was

RESOLVED – that

- (1) payments made since the last meeting totalling £13,580.16 be approved; and
- (2) the accounts listed totalling £960.05 be paid

145. 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 matter on the grounds that it involves 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.

146. MARKET HOUSE – UPDATE (Paragraph 3)

The Clerk reported on the current situation with regard to ongoing rent arrears from tenants at a specific unit at Market House, Market Place.

Following consideration, it was

RESOLVED – that the council's solicitors be instructed to take action to reclaim the unit and monies outstanding.