

Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee, St Ives Town Council held in the Committee Room, The Guildhall, St Ives on Tuesday 19 January 2010 at 2.30 pm

PRESENT

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

COUNCILLORS

Andrewes T  
Richards P (until 3.46pm)

Slack K (until 3.46pm)  
Williams T M (until 3.50pm)

OFFICERS

Town Clerk  
Administrative Assistant

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Councillors Channon L, Isaacs H R G, Tanner Mrs J and Watson Mrs Y.

E.47 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Chairman signs as a true and correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 29 October 2009

E.48 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBER / OFFICER INTERESTS

E.49 JUNK SWAP DAY

Following the Town Council agreement to work with Cornwall Council to host a Junk Swap Day in St Ives on Saturday 6 March 2010, Ben Beckwith (Waste and Recycling Team member, Cornwall Council) attended to discuss the arrangements with Councillors. Key points raised during discussion were:

- Cornwall Council will provide 2 or 3 staff on the day to run the event, provide displays and materials
- Suggest to hold the Junk Swap from 10am to 5pm
- Town Council to market the event
- Marketing and promotion would be vital to the days success
- Marketing and public understanding of the event would be more successful with a clear message about what could and could not be brought to the junk swap
- Need to speak to the Waste and Recycling Manager to clarify whether there would be a possibility of help from the bulky waste team
- Ben Beckwith to invite GOFA, British Heart Foundation, Save the Children, etc to attend at the end of the event to collect any items they would be able to utilise
- What to be allowed – to be finalised after response from Mike Toms.
- No clothes and no books (advise people to bring direct to charity shops)
- Can invite Freecycle and Church of the Vine to have stalls to advise of their work in this area

E.50 **EMERGENCY PLANNING – LIAISON WITH CORNWALL COUNCIL AND OTHER AGENCIES**

Martin Rawling (Emergency Planning Officer, Cornwall Council) attended to give an overview of the work of the Emergency Planning Team.

The team considers the risks and plans for eventualities, with the highest risk areas being public health, animal health and coastal protection. For major incidents, plans were in place for helping survivors (arrangements for venues to provide emergency shelter), the injured (work with hospitals etc) and, if necessary, the dead.

The Town Council's role should focus on providing a lead in neighbourhoods – encouraging and facilitating self-help within the community, making the most of links with the various groups and organisations in the area. Literature on volunteering and neighbourliness was provided for circulation.

In response to questions raised, the council was advised to contact the Head of Environment, Cornwall Council, for questions on their sand bag policy for flood risk areas. For blocked drains and screens, councillors should continue to raise specific problems with the Environment Agency and Highways.

E.51 **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 against the item.

E.52 **THE BURROWS**

Cornwall Council had invited the Town Council's views on the focus for pursuing land stability and future uses of the land at Trenwith Burrows.

Following discussion, it was

**RECOMMENDED** to Council –

- (1) to demand that Cornwall Council seek swift enforcement of the High Court Injunction in view of the breaches which have occurred since it was served; and
- (2) that consideration on preferences for the future use of the land be deferred until a later date.

E.53 **RE-ADMITTANCE OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

E.54 **CORNWALL COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2010 - CONSULTATION**

Details of the consultation document had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that the headline changes were the 5% increase in car park charges, a consistent policy for blue badge holders, and the discontinuation of the residents discount schemes in Restormel and Caradon.

An update was given on a previous request to Cornwall Council to bring in the proposed changes to the Island Car Park charges as recommended in the Parking Strategy – there had not been sufficient time to implement the changes for the 2010 season.

Following discussion, it was

**RECOMMENDED** to Council – that the Town Council response to the consultation be:

- (1) to question why the transition from Penwith District Council to Cornwall Council had resulted in the county-wide equalisation of Council Tax, but not the equalisation of car park charges;
- (2) request that the residents discount card scheme be kept and extended to the whole of Cornwall; and
- (3) to request that in future reviews the aim should be that car park charges are determined as part of traffic management measures as opposed to purely revenue raising.

E.55 **PARKING FOR TRADESMEN**

The proposed policy and criteria for provision of reserved parking spaces for tradesmen in St Ives had been circulated prior to the meeting. Following consideration, it was

**RECOMMENDED** to Council – that the Parking for Tradesmen scheme be implemented as set out in the report, with a request to Cornwall Council for an additional 3 spaces to be made available for the scheme at Barnoon Car Park.

E.56 **ST IVES IN BLOOM**

Following consideration of the success of the St Ives in Bloom project the previous year, it was

**RECOMMENDED** to Council – that the continuation of St Ives in Bloom be supported, with support also for the group to continue under the chairmanship of Bill Fry, and to extend the thanks and congratulations of the Town Council to the St Ives In Bloom Group for their success in the 2009 season.

E.57 SEAGULL CONTROL

Prior to the start of the 2010 summer season, consideration was given to steps to be taken to minimise the seagull nuisance in the town.

Consideration of the merits of egg pricking versus egg oiling, along with thoughts on prevention of the nuisance with flags / bunting, and reduction through installing more of the warning posters, were all matters which it was agreed would be deferred to the next meeting of the committee.

Following discussion, it was

**RECOMMENDED** to Council – that a schools poster competition be held, with the winning design to be circulated to hotels, guesthouses, takeaways etc to warn of seagull nuisance and how to avoid it. Closing date to be the end of March, with local junior and infant schools to be invited to submit entries from pupils in their top year group.

E.58 DOGS ON BEACHES

This item was considered in view of concerns raised by councillors and members of the public. Concerns had again been raised at the way in which the Dog Control Order had been consulted upon and implemented in 2007, also fears on the impact on Blue Flag beaches, and complaints at dog fouling and nuisance from members of the public.

As had been stated at previous meeting, Councillors were keen for Cornwall Council to carry out a review of the Dog Control Order for beaches within the parish at the earliest opportunity, and especially before the start of the 2010 summer season.

In view of the concerns raised, the Clerk gave an undertaking to contact the legal team at Cornwall Council again, to highlight the need for a review to be carried out before the 2010 summer season to minimise any risk to the blue flag status of the beaches in Lelant, Carbis Bay and St Ives.

Councillors Slack, Richards and Williams left the meeting during this item and so as the meeting became inquorate at this point, the meeting closed at its conclusion.

Meeting closed at 3.56 pm

Chairman