

Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee, St Ives Town Council held in the Committee Room, The Guildhall, St Ives on Thursday 29 October 2009 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor R Tulley

COUNCILLORS

Andrewes T
Isaacs H R G
Richards P

Tanner J (Deputy Mayor, ex-officio)
Watson Mrs Y (Town Mayor, ex-officio)
Williams T M

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Nicholls C C

OFFICERS

Administrative Assistant

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Councillors Sanger C E, Channon L, Slack K

E.37 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Chairman signs as a true and correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24 September 2009

E.38 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBER / OFFICER INTERESTS

None

E.39 COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Town Clerk had previously circulated the draft Committee Terms of Reference relating to the Environment Committee.

RECOMMENDED – that the proposals outlined in the report be accepted and adopted, with the inclusion of the amendment agreed.

E.40 BUDGET PROPOSALS 2010/2011

The draft budget for the year 2010/2011 was previously circulated and the two items relevant to the Environment Committee, Traffic Management and Seagull Control were discussed.

RECOMMENDED – that Traffic Management be allocated £5000 and Seagull Control be allocated £9000 out of the Budget for 2010/2011.

E.41 TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER PROPOSAL

The Town Council had received a report on the Southwest Community Safety Accreditation Scheme, the Scheme states that since the Police Reform Act, it allows Town Councils to employ people to carry out specific functions.

It was discussed whether the Council wanted to employ and train someone to have the power to control traffic.

RESOLVED – that the proposal be investigated further: can the employee receive enough training, be covered by the Councils public liability insurance and employment regulations?

Also, regarding the £5,000 allocated out of the Budget for Traffic Management: would that provide value for money for the Council, need to establish how much the employees hourly rate would be and how many weeks the Council would be able to provide traffic control?

E.42 UPDATE OF JOINT PACT MEETING – PARKING AND TRAFFIC ISSUES

The meeting had been cancelled and rescheduled for Tuesday 24th November at 10.00a.m.

RESOLVED – that a report be received after the meeting takes place.

E.43 B3306 COAST ROAD

The Town Council had received a request from Zennor Parish Council to work together on a voluntary one-way travel code for coach operators on the B3306.

RESOLVED – that a meeting be held between St Ives Town Council, Zennor Parish Council and all other interested local councils along the route of the B3306 to discuss the proposal.

E.44 CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS TREMAR ROAD

Following consideration of the consultation document circulated, it was

RESOLVED – that the proposal be supported to relieve indiscriminate dangerous parking that would allow better access to Tremar Road.

E.45 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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

- Buses and Parking
Still awaiting a Meeting with the Head Of Transportation

RESOLVED – that the Head of Transportation be invited to meet with Town Council representatives to discuss alternative options for parking and catching a bus into town from Trenwith Car Park, and also to seek to implement elements of the parking strategy.

- Waste and Recycling

Councillor Williams reported that she had arranged for Councillors to visit the Cornwall Organic Recycling Plant at Splattenriden, on Tuesday 3rd November 2009 at 10.30a.m.

RESOLVED – that all Councillors be contacted and informed of the meeting.

- Residents Parking

A letter had been received from Kate Dixon, Parking Policy Manager, in reply to our letter to investigate a resident parking scheme for Ayr Estate, St Ives.

The letter states that an extensive public consultation is required but unfortunately there is no money in the Budget at present to carry out such a consultation.

RESOLVED – that we once again write to Kate Dixon thanking her for the letter and to ask that the consultation takes place once funding is available.

- Trenwith Terrace

With regard to the Japanese knotweed to the rear of Trenwith Terrace it still had not been cleared.

RESOLVED – to once again contact Cornwall Council requesting that the Japanese knotweed be cleared.

- Railway station steps

Councillor Tulley reported that Cornwall Council will be carrying out maintenance work on the steps and Councillor Isaacs requested the kissing gate at the top of the steps be put back after the accident.

RESOLVED – that Cornwall Council be contacted and enquire to the whereabouts of the kissing gate.

E.46 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk circulated a letter from VOSA – a reply to the letter regarding bus complaints. The letter stated that VOSA were unable to give the Council the information they required and advised to write to the Traffic Commissioner at Bristol.

All other correspondence circulated was received and noted.