

St Ives Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Amenities Committee held in the Halsetown W.I. Hall on Monday 2 November 2009 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

Chairman - Councillor T Andrewes  
Vice-Chairman - Councillor T M Williams

COUNCILLORS

Peters M  
Sanger C E  
Tulley R  
Watson Mrs Y

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor C C Nicholls

OFFICERS

Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Councillors Isaacs H R G, Mitchell A P, Slack K and Tanner Mrs J.

CA.45 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman announced that there would be an additional grant application (from Consols Pool Association) to be considered at the meeting, included on the agenda due to urgency.

CA.46 PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting and explained that the committee was trialling holding meetings in venues around the parish to encourage attendance so that people could see for themselves what the council does and have the opportunity to raise issues with Councillors.

Mrs M Wardman spoke of her concerns at the dangerous road at Halsetown between the Halsetown Inn and the Pottery. A number of older people regularly used the bus stop on this road and found it to be dangerous in view of the narrowness of the road, speed of traffic and the overgrown brambles on the hedgerow making it difficult for pedestrians to dodge cars. Local residents had been in contact with Cornwall Council to call for the hedges to be trimmed. Concerns were raised at incidents where pedestrians had been hit by cars on the road through Halsetown, and the resulting impact on people's confidence and their decreased use of the bus service.

The Clerk gave an undertaking to contact Cornwall Council with a request that the hedgerow be trimmed before winter, and for the area to receive regular programmed cuts each year in the interests of highway safety.

Mrs C Lack stated that as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for the area she had reported at a recent PACT (Partners and Community Together) meeting on the following issues:

- speed of traffic down the hill into the village, and from the Carbis Bay direction – especially in view of the use of the road by horses, cyclists, children and dog walkers
- parked cars resulting in visibility and access problems, especially when joining the road from side lanes (citing an example of a collision as a result of parked cars)

Members agreed to follow up these concerns and seek advice from the relevant authorities on the potential to address speeding and parking issues in Halsetown.

Mrs I Parker spoke of the dangers to pedestrians when walking along the road from Halsetown to Consols. Hazards included the narrowness of the road, the numerous bends, number of vehicles using the road, and the use of the road by coaches. It was noted that initial responses from Cornwall Council to residents indicated a lack of funds for creating footways alongside roads.

Members agreed to take up this issue and explore the options available to improve safety for pedestrians on this stretch of road.

Councillor Tulley spoke with regard to the grant application from the Consols Pool Association after declaring a Prejudicial Interest and then stating that under Paragraph 12 (2) of the Code of Conduct he would speak on this matter during the public speaking period. He gave an overview of the background to the creation of the Consols Pool Association and explained that a grant application would be submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund, Cornwall Council had agreed to dredge the pool as part of the community project and discussions were underway with the Environment Agency and landowner.

CA.47 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Chairman signs as a true and correct record the Minutes of the meetings of the meeting of the Committee held on 1 October 2009, with an amendment to Minute CA.41 under the Twinkle Twinkle grant application to state that the recommendation was for £100 to be awarded to Twinkle Twinkle and not to the Christmas Lights Appeal – to correct a typing error.

CA.48 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBER / OFFICER INTERESTS

Councillor Tulley declared a Prejudicial Interest in Minute CA.62 (Consols Pool Association grant application) as Treasurer of the Consols Pool Association, and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of that item. In accordance with paragraph 12 (2) of the Members Code of Conduct, he spoke on this item during the public speaking period.

Councillor Williams declared a Personal Interest in Minute CA.55 (Allotments) as a person who's name was on the allotments waiting list. She also declared a Personal Interest in Minute CA.53 (Christmas Events) as a friend of the organiser of the Twinkle Twinkle Event.

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Councillor Sanger declared a Personal Interest in Minute CA.52 (St Ives September Festival) due to his involvement with the organisation of the September Festival.

CA.50 **COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Terms of Reference of Committee had been circulated for consideration prior to the meeting. Following consideration, it was

**RECOMMENDED** – that the terms of reference for the Community and Amenities Committee be approved, with the addition of responsibility for allotments and specific reference to be made to the consideration of grant applications.

CA.51 **LELANT – TRAFFIC ISSUES**

The Clerk reported on the public meeting held in Lelant on Friday 9 October, attended by Town Councillors and the Police. Traffic issues raised included a call for a pedestrian crossing, the need to slow traffic speeds through Lelant, a request for a Speed Visor (speed checker), repeater signs for speed limits and the potential for a community speed check to be established with volunteers. Other issues raised included the mooring of boats at The Mackerels, damage and littering at Annes Wood, and the policing of Wharf Road, Lelant.

Further discussions would take place with Highways to try to address the traffic issues and the other issues raised would be addressed individually – the Mackerels had been subject to a recent Council decision, the Woodland Trust would be notified about problems at Annes Wood, and the police took note of the concerns regarding Wharf Road.

The update report was noted.

CA.52 **ST IVES SEPTEMBER FESTIVAL**

Councillor Sanger declared a Personal Interest in this item due to his involvement with the organisation of the September Festival.

The notes of a recent meeting between September Festival representatives and members of this Committee had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Following discussion it was

**RECOMMENDED** – that

- (1) the Town Council explore the possibility of taking on the management of the Guildhall;
- (2) a meeting be held with Cornwall Council officers to discuss the condition of the Guildhall and the improvements needed; and
- (3) 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.

CA.53 CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Councillor Williams declared a Personal Interest in this item as a friend of the organiser of the Twinkle Twinkle event.

The Clerk gave an update on the community events planned for the run-up to Christmas, with the aim of encouraging Christmas spirit. Efforts were underway to locate the Christmas Tree in Royal Square this year, but there were practicalities that had to be resolved.

RESOLVED – that the update be noted.

CA.54 CONSOLS BOATING

Councillor Tulley reported that efforts continued to ensure that Consols Pool would be cleared for the 2010 Good Friday boating. The Association had been formed, a meeting with volunteers was planned in the near future and Cornwall Council had agreed to clear the pool as part of the community effort for the coming year.

RESOLVED – that the update be noted.

CA.55 ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Williams declared a Personal Interest in this item as a person who's name was on the allotments waiting list.

Councillor Andrewes reported that some progress had been made on the Venton Vision site as the transfer of the land had been approved by Cornwall Council and the Town Council. Cornwall Council had advertised its intent to transfer the land in the local press, following which the transfer could proceed. There remained issues with this site which still had to be resolved – efforts to do this were continuing.

For the potential allotments site at Trevalgan, agreement had been reached with Planning Officer that the site could be used for allotments, with restrictions on shed in the first instance and only temporary provision for parking. Planning permission could be sought for further development of the allotments once the use had been established. Talks were underway with the landowner to agree how to progress this site, whilst consultation with those on the allotments waiting list continued in order to collect enough expressions of interest in the site for the proposal to be viable.

RESOLVED – that progress with the potential allotment sites be noted.

CA.56 DOGS ON BEACHES

This was an ongoing issue which had been considered by the Council previously and raised again by a member of the public at the previous meeting of this committee.

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Members noted that a review of the Dog Control Orders had been expected before the start of the 2009 summer season. Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** – that Cornwall Council be contacted with a request that a review of the Dog Control Orders be carried out as soon as possible, with the St Ives area to be included in the first tranche of the review if possible.

CA.57 **BROWN TRAFFIC SIGN FOR CARBIS BAY**

At the previous meeting of this Committee, residents and businesses of Carbis Bay had raised concerns that there was not adequate signage for Carbis Bay at the Tempest Roundabout to advise visitors of their accommodation, restaurants and businesses.

It was noted that advice had been received that the businesses were able to request a brown tourist sign from Cornwall Council and would be required to pay for one to be installed, as with all other brown signs. The support of the Town Council had been offered in pursuing this.

**RESOLVED** – that the update be noted.

CA.58 **FOOTPATH ISSUES**

It was reported that:

- **Steeple Lane** - the application for the footpath to be included on the definitive list had been submitted.
- **Consols** - enquiries would be made into the potential for securing designated footpaths from the new housing development.

**RESOLVED** – that the update be noted.

CA.59 **CLAIMED PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY – DYNAMITE QUAY, LELANT**

It was reported that a local resident had contacted the Town Council regarding the claimed public right of way on a footpath linking the footpath across the West Cornwall golf course to Dynamite Quay and Wharf Road, Lelant. An application to designate this path as a definitive right of way had been lodged a number of years ago but the applicant could not be traced and in view of this and the fact that the path shown on the application map did not link with a public highway, the claim had failed. A local resident was in the process of collating new witness statements to include Wharf Road as part of the claimed right of way, with the aim of submitting a fresh application.

During discussion it was agreed that the footpath needed to be protected as a right of way and so it was

**RECOMMENDED** – that the Town Council be the named applicant on the application for the footpath across Dynamite Quay to be included on the definitive register.

CA.60 REQUEST FOR PROVISION OF PUBLIC TOILETS AT DYNAMITE QUAY, LELANT

At a previous meeting of this committee a request had been made by a member of the public for the provision of public toilets at Dynamite Quay in view of the increase in the number of people visiting the quay and Porthkidney Beach.

During discussion Members noted the calls for provision of facilities, and balanced this against Cornwall Council's lack of funding for public conveniences, questioned whether ING might provide public toilets as the quay belongs to them, concern at the risk of vandalism and bonfires. With regret it was considered not to be viable to pursue the possibility of public toilets at this location given the current limitations, but to continue to monitor to establish whether provision would be possible in the future.

**RECOMMENDED** – that the request for public toilets at Dynamite Quay be not pursued at this time for the reasons stated above.

CA.61 BUDGET PROPOSALS 2010/2011

Comments on draft budget proposals had been invited prior to the meeting. Following discussion it was

**RECOMMENDED** – that the figures as circulated be recommended to Council, with the inclusion of CCTV under this committee's remit, an increase in the Grants budget allocation to £6,000 and to carry forward the allocation of £5,000 for allotments if not spent in this financial year.

CA.62 COMMUNITY GRANTS – CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The Committee considered the following grant applications.

**Application:** Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust – contribution towards funds for Cornwall Air Ambulance.

**Consideration:** The amount of use in the St Ives area and the benefits to the community as a whole.

**Recommendation:** that a grant of £100 be awarded to the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust for use in accordance with the application submitted.

**Application:** Bagus Porthia/St Ives Guisers – towards band's expenses for providing late night shopping entertainment in December 2009.

**Consideration:** Valued contribution to the town's Christmas festivities.

**Recommendation:** that a grant of £50 be awarded to the St Ives Guisers for use in accordance with the application submitted.

Application: St Ives Food and Drink Festival – to support a food festival for St Ives to generate increased visitor numbers to the town at a quieter time of year.

Consideration: A commercial undertaking.

Recommendation: that whilst the Town Council supports the Food and Drink Festival, a community grant cannot be awarded as it is a commercial undertaking.

Application: Carbis Bay Wesley Methodist Chapel – sewage system repair and renewal.

Consideration: the particular circumstances and the wider use of the building by the community (lunch club etc)

Recommendation: that a grant of £300 be awarded to the Carbis Bay Wesley Methodist Chapel for use in accordance with the application submitted.

Application: St Ives Bowling Club – towards non-slip flooring in the toilet and kitchen area. New carpet and chairs in the main clubhouse.

Consideration: a community organisation.

Recommendation: that a grant of £200 be awarded to the St Ives Bowling Club for use in accordance with the application submitted.

Application: St Ives Surf Lifesaving Club – Purchase of RLSS UK Rescue Tubes.

Consideration: value of the work of the club.

Recommendation: that a grant of £260 be awarded to the St Ives Surf Lifesaving Club for use in accordance with the application submitted.

Councillor Tulley declared a Prejudicial Interest in this item as Treasurer of the Consols Pond Association and withdrew from the meeting during its consideration.

Application: Consols Pond Association – set up costs of the association, legal agreements and hand tools.

Consideration: support for an organisation working to continue a traditional community event and environmental improvements.

Recommendation: that a grant of £400 be awarded to the Consols Pond Association for use in accordance with the application submitted.

**RECOMMENDED** – to Council that the awards of grant, as set out above, be approved.

CA.63 PARISH DATA

The Parish data requested at an earlier meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The value of local data in helping to shape the aims of the Council and for monitoring progress was acknowledged by Members and so it was

RESOVLED – that Councillors Williams, Tulley, Andrewes and Watson form a Parish Data Working Group to fully consider the information available and its potential uses (meeting to be convened in January 2010).

CA.64 CORRESPONDENCE

Jake Clemson – suggestion for skatepark

A letter had been received with a suggestion for a skatepark in Richmond Park, Carbis Bay.

RESOLVED – that the request be forwarded to the MCTI and to Cornwall Council (Environment Service) to inform any consultations / studies underway.

Eileen Gill – Leisure Facilities in Carbis Bay

An email had been received with a call for more leisure facilities in Carbis Bay and a suggestion that the Memorial Hall be replaced with a new hall on a more central site.

RESOLVED – that the value of the Memorial Hall as a current and ongoing venue for clubs, parties and meetings be acknowledged and that there could be merit in an additional facility for Carbis Bay. Eileen Gill to be advised of this and invited to suggest a potential location for any new facility, and whether she was aware of any support for this proposal from other Carbis Bay residents.

Meeting closed at 9.32 pm

Chairman