

St Ives Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Amenities Committee held in the Committee Room, The Guildhall, St Ives on Wednesday 16 December 2009 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT

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

COUNCILLORS

Mitchell A P (until 7.34 pm) Slack K
C E Sanger Tulley R (until 7.25 pm)

OFFICERS

Town Clerk

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

CA.45 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Councillor Slack spoke with regard to Carbis Bay signage after declaring a Prejudicial Interest and then stating that under Paragraph 12 (2) of the Code of Conduct she would speak on this matter during the public speaking period. She explained that she had spoken to businesses in Carbis Bay and that whilst they understand the conflicting needs for signage they felt that businesses in Carbis Bay had not been considered. For many of the shops, guesthouses and restaurants in Carbis Bay September was usually based on passing trade and it was thought that this had been affected this year after the change in signage at the Tempest roundabout.

Concerns were also raised that the sign for Carbis Bay off the coach road (past the Tyringham Arms) had gone missing and not been replaced.

CA.46 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 2 November 2009.

CA.47 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBER / OFFICER INTERESTS

Councillor Slack declared a Prejudicial Interest in Minute CA.52 (Carbis Bay Signage) as a local business who had signed the letter to be considered, and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item. In accordance with paragraph 12 (2) of the Members Code of Conduct, she spoke on this item during the public speaking period.

Councillor Williams declared a Personal Interest in Minute CA.60 (Allotments update) as a person who's name was on the allotments waiting list.

CA.48 UPDATES FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

None.

CA.49 PRESENTATION - SHOPMOBILITY

It was noted that this presentation had been rescheduled and would be given at the next meeting of this committee.

CA.50 ALLOTMENTS - UPDATE

Due to the confidential nature of the report, this item was deferred to later in the meeting, to be considered following exclusion of the press and public.

CA.51 FOOTPATH ISSUES - UPDATE

Consols (Coastline development)

The Clerk reported that Coastline Housing had been contacted regarding the proposed footpath. They had advised that they had considered this as part of the original development and were happy to discuss to decide how best to proceed.

RESOLVED – that the Clerk and Councillor Williams visit the site and clarify PAROW's request, and then contact Coastline again to progress the matter.

Lelant (Dynamite Quay)

The Clerk reported that a local resident was collecting statements to support an application for the footpath to become a designated right of way.

It was noted that the footpath had been closed recently due to concerns at stability and asbestos contamination.

RESOLVED – that a letter be sent to ING, the Health and Safety Executive and Cornwall Council to express the request of the Town Council that work to rectify the stability of Dynamite Quay and to eliminate risks from asbestos in the area, be carried out as a matter of urgency.

CA.52 CARBIS BAY SIGNAGE

Councillor Slack declared a Prejudicial Interest in this item as a local business who had signed the letter to be considered, and withdrew from the meeting during its consideration (after having exercised her right to speak in accordance with paragraph 12(2) of the Code of Conduct).

During discussion, Members noted that the priority for signage was traffic management. Lelant had traffic management issues and so it was sensible to try to re-route day visitors.

For visitors to Lelant and Carbis Bay, the signage at the Tempest roundabout gave clear directions. Appreciated that it was difficult for businesses in Carbis Bay, whilst noting that residents in Lelant continued to complain that traffic volumes were too high.

It was noted that the existing signage had been paid for by highways as part of the overall traffic management plan.

RECOMMENDED to Council – that whilst sympathetic to the needs of businesses in Carbis Bay, the Town Council continue to support the traffic management plans for the area, including signing day visitors to St Ives to the old coach road.

RESOLVED – to ask County Highways to replace the Carbis Bay sign on the old coach road.

CA.53 **CHRISTMAS EVENTS – UPDATE**

It was noted that the Christmas ‘Festive Fridays’ had been relatively successful to date and that it would be important to build on this momentum in future years.

RESOLVED – that a de-briefing meeting be held early in the new year to seek views on the strengths and weaknesses of the events held, and to make early provision for Christmas 2010.

CA.54 **YOUTH COUNCIL**

The Chairman noted that the principle of establishing a Youth Council had been agreed by the Council and that he saw the role of this committee being to help it to happen. As the suggestion had come from the Every Child Matters in St Ives discussions, it was agreed that it should move forward in accordance with that group’s wishes.

RESOLVED – that a letter be sent to the Every Child Matters Co-ordinator to offer the full support of the Town Council for the Youth Council proposal and to suggest that representatives from the Town Council attend the ECM *Making a Positive Contribution* meeting on 20 January to agree a way forward. (Councillors Andrewes and Tulley to attend.)

CA.55 **COMMUNITY GRANTS – CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

The Committee considered the following grant applications.

Application: Lelant Village Hall Committee – new fire-resistant stage etc curtains and window curtains (Current ones are not fire-resistant).

Consideration: Worthwhile community organisation and grant aim supported by Council.

Recommendation: that a grant of £100 be awarded to the Lelant Village Hall Committee for use in accordance with the application submitted.

Application: Kidz R Us – purchase of portable audio system to support work with young people in classes and rehearsals.

Consideration: Worthwhile community organisation and grant aim supported by Council.

Recommendation: that a grant of £250 be awarded to Kidz R Us for use in accordance with the application submitted.

Application: Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre – to assist with travel expenses for clients/counsellors of the St Ives area.

Consideration: The value of the work carried out for local residents.

Recommendation: that a grant of £100 be awarded to the Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre for use in accordance with the application submitted.

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

CA.56 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk presented her update report which was noted by Councillors.

Some follow-up points were agreed:

Halsetown speeding – ask the police for results of recent speed checks and contact highways to ask whether the speed of vehicles at Halsetown could be monitored, and to seek advice on what could be done in the area to reduce vehicle speeds.

Request for footpath from Halsetown to Consols – contact highways and ask where this request currently stands on the waiting list of similar requests.

CA.57 CORRESPONDENCE

Letters of thanks for recent grants awarded were noted.

CA.58 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.

CA.59 MANAGEMENT AND GRASS CUTTING OF PALEMON BEST RECREATION GROUND (Paragraph 3)

The Clerk reported that initial talks had been held to draft the heads of terms for an agreement for the management of the Palemon Best Recreation Ground by Cornwall Council. It had been hoped to present the draft at the meeting, but confirmation on details was being sought.

It was noted that the draft agreement would be presented to a later meeting for consideration.

RESOLVED – that a site meeting for committee members be arranged, to be held before the next scheduled meeting of this committee.

Councillors Tulley and Mitchell left the meeting during the next item.

CA.60 ALLOTMENTS – UPDATE (Paragraph 3)

The Chairman provided an update on the current situation with regard to efforts to provide allotments, taking into account the potential sites available, grant funding and options to be considered.

Whilst the preferred site remained to be Venton Vision, the Trevalgan site was more likely to be available ready for next year, options for the Trevalgan site were discussed.

With regard to renting the Trevalgan site, the opening rental figure was considered prohibitive in terms of viability and reflecting the location of the site.

It was agreed that various options would continue to be explored and that negotiations on the Trevalgan site continue to seek a workable solution. It was noted that Councillor Andrewes and the Clerk were due to meet the landowner in early January to continue discussion.

Meeting closed at 7.53 pm

Chairman