

St Ives Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Amenities Committee held in the Function Room, Watermill Inn, Lelant on Thursday 28th January 2010 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

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

COUNCILLORS

Mitchell A P (until 7.30 pm) Tulley R
Sanger C E Watson Y
Slack K

OFFICERS

Town Clerk

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

CA.61 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be the following changes to the agenda:

- The update from the previous meeting of this committee held in Lelant will be the first agenda item
- There will be no presentation on Shopmobility as this has been rescheduled to a future meeting
- Grants applications will be considered early in the agenda to ensure that the committee will be quorate when Councillors declare an interest and withdraw
- Two additional agenda items have been included in view of urgency : a request for the Town Council to be the applicant for funding for a bench for the Trewartha play area in Carbis Bay; and potential funding for May Day 2010-02-24

CA.62 UPDATE FOLLOWING PREVIOUS MEETING IN LELANT (August 2009)

The Chairman provided updates on issues raised by residents at the previous meeting, including:

- Traffic speed between Tempest and the Old Quay House – this concern had been raised with Highways and the road would be included in a review of B roads currently underway
- Request for traffic calming at the Saltings – discussions with Highways had highlighted the question of whether the cost of implementation would be proportionate to the issue (survey works, cost of speed humps, implementation of a Traffic Regulation Order, signage). There was no further action proposed at this stage.
- Traffic speed through Lelant and calls for the speed gun to be use – this had been raised with police, they have carried out speed check patrols and a community speedwatch group was being established. Volunteers had signed up to take part – anyone else interested was invited to pass their details to the Town Clerk.

- Speedwatch signage – in response to a request for signs to be installed to act as a deterrent to speeding, the police and Highways had identified signage, but had yet to determine whether it could be in place permanently or only when patrols were being carried out.
- Request for pedestrian crossing in Lelant – local residents had been involved in follow-up discussions with police and Highways. It had been decided not to pursue this in view of advice that the necessary pedestrian survey was not expected to prove a need for a crossing, based on the outcome of a previous survey and changes in road use since that time.
- Abbey Hill – the road was listed as number 209 on a list of 290 accident blackspots awaiting safety improvement. The danger had been recognised but was not of a sufficient priority to warrant works in the near future.
- Pedestrian refuges – Highways had offered to identify potential sites on Abbey Hill, if possible. It would then be necessary to fund the works.
- In a subsequent meeting with police and Highways, due to concerns raised at the speed of traffic at the Badger Inn corner, a speed survey would be carried out and signage amended if necessary.

Other than highways matters, two other matters had also been raised at the meeting:

- A request for a portaloos at Porthkidney Beach in the summer months – due to reasons including risk of vandalism, difficulty in servicing, pressures on funding existing public conveniences in the area, it had been decided not to pursue this.
- A request for allotments in Lelant – it was reported that two potential sites had been identified (by the football pitch and by Saltings Reach) and enquiries were being made into their potential use for allotments.

CA.63 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Ross Monteith – dangers of walking from the Tempest Roundabout to the Old Quay House with no pedestrian footway, also concern that the visibility splay at the entrance to Saltings Reach was often obstructed by parked cars – considered a dangerous obstruction.

Jackie Jones – raised a question about progress with repairing Dynamite Quay and when the footpath would be re-opened. She was advised that ING had agreed to carry out remedial works by 31 March 2010 and would consider the footpath after that date. Meanwhile, statements of use of the path were being collected by a local resident, with the aim of applying for the footpath to be included as a definitive right of way.

Other matters raised by members of the public included:

- A call for ‘A – B’ speed cameras to target motorists who speed through Lelant
- Concerns at the size of Tesco lorries travelling through Lelant
- Calls for a bypass for Lelant (advised that the chances were remote, efforts were however being made to encourage day visitors to St Ives to use the Old Coach Road)
- A recent Village Hall Committee meeting had noted the offer to carry out a community speedwatch, but had been alarmed at the amount of paperwork involved – the police were reviewing this

CA.64 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 16 December 2009.

CA.65 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBER / OFFICER INTERESTS

Councillor Williams declared a Personal Interest in Minutes CA.67 (allotments) and CA.75 (Footpaths) as a person who's name was on the allotments waiting list, and a representative on PAROW. She also declared a Prejudicial Interest in Minute CA.66 (Grant application – Ayr Field) as a member of the Ayr Field Management Committee, and withdrew from the meeting during its consideration.

Councillor Andrewes declared a Prejudicial Interest in Minute CA.66 (Grant application – Ayr Field) as a member of the Ayr Field Management Committee, and withdrew from the meeting during its consideration.

CA.66 COMMUNITY GRANTS – CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Councillors Andrewes and Williams each declared a Prejudicial Interest in the Ayr Field grant application as members of the Ayr Field Management Committee, and withdrew from the meeting during its consideration. Councillor Watson took the Chair during that item.

The Committee considered the following grant applications.

Application: Ayr Field Community Group – Ayr Field Day 2010, a community festival for over 20 local community groups and 1500 local residents.

Consideration: A worthwhile event with opportunities for other sources of funding.

Recommendation: that a grant of £250 be awarded for the reasons set out in the grant application.

Councillor Mitchell left the meeting at this point.

Application: Tanya's Courage Trust – financial assistance to cancer sufferers between the ages of 16 to 25, living in Cornwall..

Consideration: A worthwhile cause, a likely source of support for any young people from the parish diagnosed with cancer.

Recommendation: that a grant of £50 be awarded for the reasons set out in the grant application.

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

CA.67 ALLOTMENTS - UPDATE

A brief update was given on the steps being taken to ensure provision of an allotment site in St Ives. Work was progressing in preparation for a report to Council on 11 March.

CA.68 FOOTPATH ISSUES - UPDATE

Lelant (Dynamite Quay)

The Clerk reported that witness statements were being gathered by a local resident and that the Town Council would then submit an application for the footpath to be included on the definitive map.

The update was noted.

CA.69 REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY HALL IN CARBIS BAY

It was agreed to defer this item for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee, scheduled to be held in the Carbis Bay Memorial Hall as it was considered important to seek the views of the local community.

CA.70 MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Councillor Sanger reported on a public meeting due to be held to seek new volunteers to organise the annual May Day celebrations, to ensure that they continue into the future. He suggested that the Town Council should consider assisting through grant funding.

It was agreed that this be an agenda item for consideration at the Council meeting to be held on 11 March.

CA.71 GRANT APPLICATION – TREWARTHA PLAY SITE

The Clerk reported that the Town Council had been invited to be the applicant for funding from the Cornwall Council 'Community Chest' fund, for the provision of a picnic table at the Trewartha Play Area.

RESOLVED – that the proposal be supported, and that the Town Council be the applicant.

CA.72 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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

It was noted that the following meetings had dates to be confirmed:

- Meeting with Cornwall Council officers regarding the condition of the Guildhall
- Meeting of the Parish Data Working Group
- Meeting to hold a debrief following the events organised for the lead up to Christmas

CA.73 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.74 MANAGEMENT AND GRASS CUTTING OF PALEMON BEST RECREATION GROUND (Paragraph 3)

The Clerk reported on a recent meeting with Cornwall Council officers regarding the maintenance agreement. Due to restructuring, a commitment on future works could not be given but in the meantime the footpaths would be repaired.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED – that a letter be sent to the Chief Executive of Cornwall Council to express concern that during a period of restructuring decisions could not be made regarding the commitments of the Environment Service.

CA.75 FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE (Paragraph 3)

Members views were invited on the future operation of the footpath trimming for the parish.

Following discussion, it was

RECOMMENDED – to Council that for a trial year the Community Pride Officer carry out the footpath trimming work for the Town Council, with budgets for both Community Pride Officer and Footpaths to remain the same, to ensure continuity of the quality of work, with a potential improvement through improved communication, availability and links between the work involved.

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Chairman