

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Amenities Committee held in the Committee Room, The Guildhall, St Ives on Thursday 28 October 2010 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

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

COUNCILLORS

Laity N P  
Tulley R  
Watson Y

OFFICERS

Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Councillors Fry B, Mitchell A P, Sanger C E, Slack K and Tanner J.

CA.16 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 9 September 2010.

CA.17 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBER / OFFICER INTERESTS

Councillor Williams declared a Prejudicial Interest in Minute CA.21 (Allotments) as a person whose name was on the allotments waiting list, and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of that item. She also declared a Personal Interest in Minute CA.22 (Footpaths) as the Council's representative on PAROW (Penwith Access and Rights of Way).

CA.18 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There had been no requests for public speaking.

CA.19 REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PRIDE OFFICER POST

As this pilot post had been in operation for 12 months, the committee took the opportunity to review the post. The job description was considered along with observations and reports of the work carried out by the postholder over the past year. It was agreed that the post has proved beneficial to the parish and that it would continue to be of benefit if continued into the future, in line with the costs of funding the post.

Following discussion, it was

**RECOMMENDED** to Council – that the Community Pride Officer post should continue next year and to negotiate with Cornwall Council and make sufficient budget provision to achieve this.

CA.20 **PARISH DATA REPORT**

Councillor Andrewes presented the written report circulated after the working group meeting attended by Councillors Andrewes, Tulley and Williams.

Points raised included lack of access to a GP for residents of Lelant and Carbis Bay, lack of access to affordable housing throughout the parish, and poor statistics for the indoor living environment of properties in St Ives. The methods of gathering some of the statistics was questioned as a better understanding of their background would enable better analysis.

Following consideration, it was

**RESOLVED** – that

- (1) **Affordable Housing:** a dialogue be initiated with a Housing Officer about the quantity and quality of local affordable housing and to request regular updates on the local housing needs register in order to monitor local need and work to ensure that adequate levels of affordable housing are available;
- (2) **Access to further education:** this council would help publicise existing further education opportunities in the town (eg at the library and the New Horizons Centre), and encourage more provision;
- (3) **Access to GP Services for Lelant and Carbis Bay residents:** consult with local residents to assess the level of the problem of access to a doctor and potential solutions, also to look at transport provisions to help people access a GP in the short term, and to meeting with a local GP Practice Manager to discuss potential solutions;
- (4) **Crime:** the Police be consulted on whether it might be more meaningful for crime statistics to be reported to Council on an annual or six-monthly basis to give a more rounded picture of the outcomes of investigations. Regular general police reports to Council to continue.

CA.21 **ALLOTMENTS - UPDATE**

Councillor Williams declared a Prejudicial Interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting during its consideration.

**Trowan site:** The Clerk provided an update on work underway to seek permission to install a borehole to provide an independent water supply for the allotments at Trowan. Councillor Andrewes reported on the recent meeting of the Allotments Association. Some recommendations for improvements to plot-holder's maintenance of their plots were given and the Clerk undertook to contact the Allotments Association with regard to these.

**Proposed site at Venton Vision, St Ives:** The Clerk reported that work on allotments had focussed on the Trowan site but that efforts to secure the site at Venton Vision to provide a long-term allotments solution for the parish would be renewed. A more detailed report would be presented to the next meeting of this committee.

**Potential sites at Lelant:** The Clerk reported that enquiries had been made with Cornwall

Council regarding two potential sites. A response would awaited and would be reported to the next meeting of this committee.

RESOLVED – that updates on the existing allotments at Trowan, the proposed site at Venton Vision and potential sites at Lelant be noted.

CA.22 FOOTPATH ISSUES - UPDATE

• **Proposed path from Joannies Avenue at Consols to Palemon Best Recreation Ground:**

It was reported that Councillors Andrewes and Williams had held a site meeting with Coastline housing representatives and had initially received a positive response to a request for a footpath to provide a safe pedestrian route between the new housing and the play area and other footpath routes. However, after the meeting they had been advised that there were issues with land ownership and potential liabilities linked to use of the field and so it no longer appeared possible to provide the link path.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED – that residents of Joannies Avenue would be consulted to establish whether there was an agreed need for a footpath to be provided. (Councillor Williams to lead on the consultation.)

• **Potential path between Halsetown and Consols**

Councillors Andrewes and Williams had considered that an off-road footpath utilising Cornwall Council land could be an achievable option and had walked a potential route to investigate further. The recommended route at this stage crossed Palemon Best land and circled Buttermilk Hill.

RESOLVED – to consult with residents of Halsetown to determine whether there was sufficient support to justify seeking to create a new footpath from Halsetown to Consols.

• **Dynamite Quay definitive map application**

The Clerk reported that notices to landowners had been issued and Cornwall Council had been issued with the formal notification and so the application was being logged and processed by Cornwall Council.

• **Hayle Estuary Right of Way**

The Clerk reported on correspondence received setting out evidence and support for establishing two paths from Lelant, at Hayle Estuary, as rights of way on the Definitive Map. One from Lelant Station to Carnsew and the other from Lelant Station, across Dynamite Quay and to the old Lelant ferry and houses.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** – that the council was supportive of the Ramblers Association becoming the potential applicant for these two claimed rights of way in Lelant and would support the application where possible, including contacting those who had signed witness statements for the footpath application at Dynamite Quay to ask whether they had also used these two footpaths.

• **Footpath maintenance volunteers:**

It was reported that members of the public had enquired whether they would be able to take on one or two footpaths to maintain, to assist in ensuring that the footpath network for the parish remained in good condition. There was the potential for volunteers to fall within a Cornwall Council scheme or for the Town Council to start its own scheme. During discussion it was noted that the Town Council trims paths on behalf of Cornwall Council and so it would be most sensible for volunteers to liaise directly with Cornwall Council regarding training, risk assessments and insurance.

**RESOLVED** – that the principle of encouraging volunteers to help maintain the footpath network be supported and that volunteers should liaise with Cornwall Council regarding training, insurance and risk assessments.

CA.23 **COMMUNITY GRANTS – CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

The Committee considered the following grant applications.

**Application:** Cornwall Air Ambulance - towards replacement of ageing life saving and monitoring equipment for sale use on Cornwall's Air Ambulance.

**Consideration:** Value of service to the community.---

**Recommendation:** that a grant of £150 be awarded to Cornwall's Air Ambulance for use in accordance with their grant application.

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

CA.24 **OPEN FORUM MEETINGS – PROPOSED DATES AND VENUES**

During discussion it was noted that the Open Forum meetings should be well publicised, linked to local issues, and able to be attended by all Councillors, particularly the relevant ward members. As the meetings were expected to generate additional matters to be addressed, it was agreed that dates should be spread throughout the year.

Suggested meeting dates and venues were provisionally agreed as:

- Carbis Bay (Memorial Hall) – likely a Monday evening in January
- Lelant (Village Hall) – likely a Friday evening in February
- Halsetown (WI Hall) – June
- Penbeagle - July

These to be confirmed once venues and dates were finalised.

RESOLVED – that arrangements be made to finalise the open forum dates and venues.

CA.25 CONSIDERATION OF THIS COMMITTEE'S BUDGET PROVISION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011 / 2012

During consideration of this item, the following was agreed:

Expenditure:

- CCTV – need to contact relevant CCTV officer for advice on expected payments for next year. Otherwise, usual provision of £3,000 and then provision for upgrade contribution if this is still relevant.
- Grants to local organisation - £6,000
- Palemon Best Recreation Ground maintenance - £3,500
- (new) Palemon Best Recreation Ground operational / improvements - £1,000
- Christmas - £2,000
- Allotments - £5,000
- Footpaths (LMP) - £1,500
- Footpaths (TC) (Contribution to CPO Post) - £200

Income – as for current year.

**RECOMENDED** – that budget provision for the financial year 2011 / 2012 for areas covered by the Community and Amenities Committee be as set out above.

CA.26 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

It was reported that following the recent site visit at Palemon Best Recreation Ground, a report would be presented to the next meeting of this committee.

CA.27 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence circulated was noted.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Chairman