

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee of St Ives Town Council
held via Zoom on Wednesday 24 February 2021**

Present:

Chairman: Councillor P Hussain

Vice Chairman: Councillor M King

Councillors: Dr C Pegoraro, J Tiddy, J Pallant (ex officio), N Wells

In attendance:

Market Square Group: Mr P Kennedy

Town Clerk: A Benfield

Amenities Manager: C Allison

A54.00 MARKET SQUARE GROUP

The Chairman welcomed Mr Paul Kennedy, MD of the Market Square Group to the Meeting. Mr Kennedy provided Members with further information on the holding of a food and drink festival in St Ives which was, in summary:

- The Group would place 3-4 event vehicles on the site for the duration of the festival
- They would need to investigate where visitors could park
- They would seek to include local traders such as those from the Farmers' Market
- The event would be family focused with children's entertainment, no loud music or alcohol
- Event would be free to enter
- The event would be better held when social distancing measures are over
- They look to have 20-25% regional participation
- Such events take time to become established and popular
- On-site electricity preferred but do have quiet generators available
- Expected attendance of 5,000 visitors
- Events usually set up from midday Thursday and cleared by late Sunday evening
- Currently have events at The Meadow in Stamford and at the Corby Sausage and Cyder Festival

The Chairman thanked Mr Kennedy for attending the meeting.

A55.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors R Fuller and J Davies (HDC commitment).

A56.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

A57.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one wished to address the Committee.

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A58.00 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 27 January 2021 are agreed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman at a future date.

A59.00 BUDGET

RESOLVED: that the budget be received and noted.

A60.00 ROLLING PROGRAMME

Eco measure update – there were two lights on The Waits still to be replaced. Work on the Bridge lighting was continuing.

Toilets – HDC was conducting a feasibility study on the best use of funding for the toilets.

RESOLVED: that the Rolling Programme be received and noted.

A61.00 AMENITIES STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

RESOLVED: that the Plan be received and noted.

A62.00 ADULT GYM EQUIPMENT

Members were in receipt of report and the result of the recent consultation and were generally in support of the introduction of adult gym equipment.

It was suggested that the first installation should be in Warner's Park.

RESOLVED: A62.01 that the report is received and noted

A62.02 that a feasibility study be carried on the installation of equipment in Warner's Park

A62.03 that following the study a recommendation be made to Council for allocation of funding.

A63.00 CEMETERY PEDESTRIAN GATE

Consideration was given to the installation of a pedestrian gate at the Hill Rise/Ramsey Road Cemetery.

Members considered that residents should not be restricted from visiting their family graves.

RESOLVED: A63.01 that the report is received and noted

A63.02 that a pedestrian gate not be installed.

A64.00 DECARBONISATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

Consideration was given to the allocation of £5,750 from the 2021/22 budget to fund the balance of a decarbonization feasibility study.

Following discussion it was:

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- RESOLVED:** **A64.01** that the report is received and noted
- A64.02** that Varsity Consulting Ltd undertake a feasibility study at a total cost of £15,750
- A64.03** that £5,750 be allocated from the Amenities budget towards this Cost
- A64.04** that the results of the study together with proposed actions and costings be reported back to a future meeting.

A65.00**ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH CLOCK**

Consideration was given to the refurbishment of the Parish Church clock and chimes.

- RESOLVED:** **A65.01** that the report is received and noted
- A65.02** that Gillett and Johnston be appointed to undertake a Full refurbishment of the clock and chimes at a total cost of up to £7,812.50
- A65.03** that the works be undertaken in the 2021/22 financial year.

A66.00**PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the Meeting.

A67.00**TREE CONDITION SURVEY**

Consideration was given to quotations received for undertaking a survey of all the trees in the Councils ownership.

- RESOLVED:** **A67.01** that the report is received and noted.
- A67.02** that Global Tree Solutions Ltd be appointed to undertake a tree condition survey and provide photographs of each tree in Council ownership at a cost of £3,950.

A68.00**PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: that the confidential business having been concluded, the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting.

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