

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee of St Ives Town Council
held in the Town Hall on 27 October 2021**

Present:

Chairman: Councillor P Pope
Vice Chairman: Councillor M King

Councillors: R Fuller, S Mokbul, J Tiddy, Dr C Pegoraro, P Hussain (ex officio)

In attendance:

Deputy Town Clerk: C Allison
Democratic Officer: S Rawlinson

A32.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors N Wells and R D'Souza (both Personal).

A33.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item A36.00 - Councillor M King – non pecuniary interest as a Member of the St Ives in Bloom Committee.

A34.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

A35.00 MINUTES

Members noted that the apology given to the previous meeting from Councillor R Fuller was due to an HDC commitment and not a business commitment.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 September 2021 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

[Councillor Dr C Pegoraro joined the Meeting]

A36.00 ST IVES IN BLOOM

Consideration was given to requests from the St Ives in Bloom Committee:

A36.01 Planting at the Mausoleum

Members received a plan and costings for drought tolerant planting at the Mausoleum. The costs of plants would be £530.00 and, if agreed, planting would take place in Spring 2022.

The Amenities Manager confirmed that funds were available in the Cemetery Maintenance budget (£2.5k allocated and £430 spent to date).

RESOLVED: that agreement be given to the purchase of plants for a new bedding outside the Mausoleum at a cost of £530. Funds to be allocated from the Cemetery Maintenance budget.

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A36.02 Watering of additional planters

The In Bloom Committee had requested the Council's grounds maintenance team to add 13 planters to their regular watering schedule. All were in the town centre and close to planters already maintained by them.

The Amenities Manager had spoken with the GM team who considered that the current staffing levels would make it difficult to take on the extra duties. It might be necessary at the budget meeting to determine whether additional summer staff might need to be engaged.

Members considered that there was a need to undertake a review of GM duties and staffing levels to determine what was needed and to ensure sufficient staff time was available.

RESOLVED: A36.02.01 that agreement be given, in principle, to the GM team undertaking the additional watering next summer

A36.02.02 that a review of the GM staff work schedules be undertaken to ascertain the correct level of staffing required.

A37.00 MEMORIAL TOPPLE TESTING

Members gave consideration to a report from the Burials Officer detailing an incident where a memorial stone had moved from its original base. Stones post 2005 were ground anchored but this was not a requirement prior to that date.

It was recommended that an inspection be conducted at a cost of between £250 and £270 and a detailed report provided to the Committee.

RESOLVED: that the survey be commissioned with funding being allocated from the Cemetery Maintenance budget.

A38.00 ROLLING PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: A38.01 that the Programme be received and noted.

A38.02 that the Eco Audit item be amended to clarify what the £550k refers to.

A39.00 BUDGET

RESOLVED: that the budget be received and noted.

A40.00 AMENITIES STRATEGIC PLAN

Members received the Strategic Plan.

RESOLVED: A40.01 that the Plan be received and noted.

A40.02

that an action plan be drawn up with the aim of acquiring and planting more trees next year.

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Chairman:

Dated: 27 November 2021

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