

**Minutes of a Meeting of St Ives Town Council
held on Wednesday 9 March 2022 in the Corn Exchange**

Present:

Town Mayor: Councillor P Hussain

Deputy Town Mayor: Councillor P Pope

Councillors: A Dickinson, N Dibben, S Mokbul, J Kerr, N Wells, C Smith, J Tiddy, Dr C Pegoraro, R D'Souza, M King, R Fuller, J Pallant

In attendance:

Cambs County Council: Hilary Ellis

St Ives Cares II: Jane Jenner

Former Locum Clerk: N Sewell

Democratic Officer: S Rawlinson

The Town Mayor's Chaplain said Prayers prior to the start of the Meeting.

C188.00 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors T Drye (Personal), D Rowe (business commitment). A further apology was received from Councillor J Parkin (ill health) which was not given at the meeting.

C189.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item C196.00 – Councillor Dr C Pegoraro – non pecuniary interest as the director of the consultancy firm is a neighbour.

Agenda Item C202.01 – Councillor N Wells – non pecuniary interest as he assists with the Town Team's website.

Agenda Item C201.02 – Councillor P Pope – other interest as a Licensee in the town who might potentially become involved in the matter.

Agenda Item C202.01 – Councillor M King – other interest as a member of the Town Team.

C190.00 FLOODING

C190.01 The Town Mayor welcomed Hilary Ellis of Cambridgeshire County Council to the meeting.

Ms Ellis provided a summary of the problems encountered last December. The main problems being that 34.5 mm of rain fell in one day with the ground already wet and that several watercourses had not been adequately maintained resulting in blockages and overflow.

Site visits had been undertaken by the County, together with the Environment Agency and Anglian Water. They had worked together to clear some watercourses and cleaned gullies. A 2-year programme for cleaning gullies had been set in place and a Flood Action Plan established.

It was planned to improve the website to provide clearer information to residents and also to improve the flood reporting system.

Grants to community groups would be made available to assist with the voluntary clearing of watercourses.

C190.02 Councillor J Kerr updated members on the work of the Flood Action Group.

The Council's Flood Action Plan was still being developed and it was hoped it would be ready for consideration and adoption at the next Council Meeting.

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The Group was checking watercourses for blockages.

C191.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Flooding

A resident informed members that the ditch alongside the mobile home park was blocked and there was some flooding on the site. The FLAG group noted this information.

C192.00 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 February 2022 are agreed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

C193.00 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A schedule of the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor's engagements was received and noted.

The Town Mayor welcomed Jane Jenner, the co-ordinator of the St Ives Cares II project.

He thanked Admin Assistant, Emma Egginton, for her initiative to collect donations for Ukraine. He had been overwhelmed by the generosity of townspeople. He also thanked Councillor Kerr and Mr Setchell for helping deliver the goods received.

The Locum Clerk had left the Council to join another authority and the Amenities Manager was retiring at the end of the month. He thanked them both for their service when the Town Clerk was absent with ill health. He, and members, wished them both the best of luck for the future.

C194.00 COMMITTEE AND GROUP REPORTS

The Minutes of the following committees were presented and consideration given to any Recommendations therein:

C194.01 Amenities Committee

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 February 2022 were received and noted.

C194.02 Planning Committees

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 9 and 23 February 2022 were received and noted.

Consideration was given to the **Recommendation** from the meeting on 9 February that CIL funding be allocated for a new bus stop on Houghton Road.

The approximate cost was around £10k for a basic bus stop.

RESOLVED: that a maximum of £15k be allocated from CIL for this project.

C195.00 LOCAL HIGHWAYS INITIATIVE FUNDING

C195.01 LHI Panel

Councillor Fuller reported that he had taken part in an LHI Panel meeting on 2 March.

The scoring for the Council's proposed projects would not be known for a while as they were being assessed. He had been joined in the meeting by a resident who had put forward the concerns of residents in Houghton Road.

C195.02 Speed Reduction, Houghton Road

Consideration was given to the Feasibility Study from Cambridgeshire County Highways and the applicant contribution of £2,000.

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Members considered that making a higher contribution would be beneficial.

RESOLVED: that a contribution of £4,000 be offered towards this project.

C196.00 PHASE 2 LOW CARBON SKILLS FUND GRANT

The heat decarbonisation plan had not yet been received. Members considered that this could be presented to the Amenities Committee on 23 March for consideration prior to submitting to Salix before the 31 March deadline.

RESOLVED: that the matter be delegated to the Amenities Committee to be held on 23 March.

C197.00 REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS FROM LOCUM CLERK

C197.01 Work Schedule update

The Schedule was received and noted.

C197.02 Financial Regulations

The financial regulations were received and adopted.

C197.03 Risk Management

The updated Risk Management Plan was received and adopted.

C197.04 CAPALC Membership

RESOLVED: that the Council's membership subscription to CAPALC be renewed in the sum of £1600.82.

C197.05 Huntingdonshire Day

RESOLVED: that the Huntingdonshire Flag be raised on 25 April to mark the day but that no further events be arranged.

C197.06 Defibrillators

Councillor D'Souza had proposed this item for discussion. She informed members of the high statistics for heart attacks in the region and how having more defibrillators could potentially save lives.

Kings Hedges and The Quay were two heavy footfall areas in the town which did not currently have defibrillators.

It was noted that lots of charities were willing to enter into partnership to fund the purchase of defibrillators and help with their maintenance. All Saints Parish Church was keen to work with the Council to provide a defibrillator at the Kings Hedges shops.

RESOLVED: that a working group comprising Councillors D'Souza, Kerr, Mokbul, resident Mr Setchell, and Father Mark investigate possible locations for defibrillators; investigate costs and liaise with local charities to seek partnership arrangements.

C198.00 PLAQUE ON HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

Consideration was given to the request from a local family for a plaque to be placed on a building in the town to mark that the premises were used for many years by members of the family who were prominent medical practitioners who served St Ives.

The family would meet any costs involved and would seek any necessary planning/conservation area consents as the building was Grade II listed.

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RESOLVED: that Members support this proposal conditional upon the plaque being of the same size and design as others located around the town centre.

C199.00

PARK AND RIDE SITE

Members received information from Cambridgeshire County Council on the installation of solar panels at the Park and Ride site.

RESOLVED: that the Council states its support for this project and enquire about ongoing maintenance and for how long the County Council would support the new system.

C200.00

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Consideration was given to a request from Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue for a grant of £820.00 towards funding kit and equipment for water and flood rescue.

RESOLVED: that a grant of £820.00 be awarded.

C201.00

CLEAN UP INITIATIVES

C201.01 Great British Spring Clean

The Council had been invited to participate in the Great British Spring Clean initiative.

RESOLVED: that a clean-up be organised prior to the Platinum Jubilee.

C201.02 St Ives Against Rubbish

Correspondence from the STAR group had been received which related to cigarette littering in the town.

Councillor D'Souza reported that the District Council were looking into the matter. She would speak to HDC officers and report back to the next meeting on progress.

Councillor Pope stated that HBAC were also taking this forward. He would speak with them and other licensees about the problem.

RESOLVED: that the information is received and noted.

C202.00

REPORTS/INFORMATION FROM OTHER BODIES

C202.01 St Ives Town Team

Consideration was given to a request from the Town Team for support with the installation and maintenance of the Queen's Jubilee Bandstand proposed for The Waits.

While supporting the proposal, in principle, Members requested more information on the design of the bandstand; how it would be fixed at its base and an indication of the level of future maintenance required.

RESOLVED: that the Town Team be asked to provide the information requested by Members.

C203.00

ROLLING PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: that the Rolling Programme is received and noted.

C204.00

ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that the Orders for Payment schedule be received and noted.

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C205.00 BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

RESOLVED: that the Statement be received and noted

C206.00 BUDGET

RESOLVED: that the budget be received and noted.

C207.00 CCTV REPORT

The Report emailed to Members was received and noted.

C208.00 POLICE MATTERS

No report was received.

C209.00 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

No report received.

C210.00 DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

No matters were raised.

Town Mayor:

Dated: 13 April 2022

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