

**Minutes of the Meeting of St Ives Town Council
held on Wednesday 12 October 2022 in the Town Hall, St Ives**

Present:

Town Mayor: Councillor P Pope

Councillors: C Smith, R Chapman, A Thompson, M King, M Setchell, M Mallol Wright, B Luter, M Gleadow, C Morgan, L Valla

In attendance:

Responsible Officer: D Bayliss

Locum Clerk: M Price

St Ives Cares Coordinator: J Jenner

St Ives Eco Action: H Dye

Democratic Officer: S Rawlinson

PRAYERS

The Town Mayor's Chaplain said prayers prior to the commencement of the Meeting.

ST IVES CARES

The Town Mayor welcomed Jane Jenner and Helen Dye to the meeting.

The St Ives Cares project was a follow on from Neighbourhood Cares. During the pandemic a support hub was formed when it was realised that there was no central information point and that lots of services were coming from outside of the town.

The project sought to co-ordinate support networks and support local people in living well.

St Ives had more senior citizens than the national average – 27% of the 17,000 population were aged over 60. A main aim of St Ives Cares was to keep people living independently for longer.

Recruitment was needed now to take the project to the next stage. Involvement from councillors was sought with the hope that they would become involved in case work relative to their wards.

If any members wished to participate they should contact the coordinator, Jane Jenner.

The Town Mayor thanked Mrs Jenner and Ms Dye for their presentation and for all the work they had put into the project.

C76.00 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N Wells, M Burke, S Mokbul and J Kerr (HDC commitment) and from Councillors P Hussain and J Tiddy (both personal).

C77.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item C85.00 – Councillor M Setchell – non pecuniary interest as Chairman of the FLAG Committee.

C78.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Agenda Item C80.00 - The Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Group stated that the proposals put forward in the St Ives Masterplan were unlikely to disappear completely and could re-surface in some form in the future. It was important, therefore, that a Neighbourhood Plan was put in place which could protect the things that residents most valued.

In a consultation the previous year, there was 75% support for the reduction of cars and pedestrianisation in the town centre; a possible innovation hub had also received support and there had not been much opposition to development around the bus station site.

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He expressed the hope that townspeople would think in a positive way about the things they would like to see in the town in future.

C79.00 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 July and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 28 September 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

C80.00 PARISH MEETING

Members were in receipt of minutes of the Parish Meeting to discuss the St Ives Masterplan held on 5 October.

RESOLVED: **C80.01** that the minutes be received and noted.

C80.02 that authority be delegated to the Planning Committee on 26 October to compile the final submission on the Masterplan to HDC.

C81.00 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members received the engagement list for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The Town Mayor thanked all those who had involvement with the town event held to commemorate the funeral of Her Majesty the Queen.

C82.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Members were presented with the Minutes of the following meetings, which were received and noted:

C82.01 Amenities Committees held on 27 July and 28 September 2022.

C82.02 Planning Committees held on 13 July, 27 July, 10 August and 28 September 2022.

C82.03 Personnel Committee held on 10 August 2022.

C82.04 Property Committee held on 27 July 2022.

C82.05 Norris Trust held on 20 July 2022.

C83.00 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

C83.01 St Ives Library

RESOLVED: that the sum of £550 in support of the Children's Summer Reading Scheme be granted.

C83.02 Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise (COPE)

RESOLVED: that the sum of £1,000 to support the Group's work in the community be granted.

C84.00 APPOINTMENT OF WARD COUNCILLORS

The three co-opted Members were allocated to wards.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Valla represent the West Ward; Councillor M Gleadow the North Ward and Councillor M Setchell the South Ward.

C85.00 ST IVES FLOOD PLAN

Members gave consideration to the formal adoption of the draft Flood Plan.

It was considered that several additions to the Plan should be made over time, such as:

- Working with St Ives Cares to improve communication with senior citizens who may not have internet access
- Linking with the Neighbourhood Plan on the issue of building on flood plains

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- Researching natural flood management issues
- Discussing with HDC whether sustainable drainage could be incorporated into land in its ownership

The Town Mayor thanked everyone involved in the production of the Plan which he expected would be regularly looked at and updated.

RESOLVED: that the Council formally adopt the draft Flood Plan.

C86.00 LHI - ERICA ROAD FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENT

Members were in receipt of revised proposals for improvement of the Erica Road footpath.

The previous scheme which featured a raised table and considerable widening had proved to be too expensive and a scaled down version had been produced.

RESOLVED: that the proposed plans be approved in principle and the County Council be asked to provide costings for the scheme.

C87.00 ROLLING PROGRAMME

The Rolling Programme was received. It was noted that the period for deferral of Corn Exchange roof works should read 'Summer 2023'.

RESOLVED: that the Programme be received and noted

C88.00 ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that the Schedule of Orders for Payment is received and noted.

C89.00 BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

RESOLVED: that the Statement be received and noted.

C90.00 BUDGET

An apparent overspend of £18k on Christmas Lights was noted. The Locum Clerk explained that this was due to the timing of the receipt of payment from the Lights Committee. The Finance Officer and himself would look into ways of resolving the situation in future years.

RESOLVED: that the Budget Report be received and noted.

C91.00 POLICE MATTERS

A report from the new Police Inspector for Huntingdonshire was received and noted.

C92.00 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

No report was received.

Members were keen to hear from County Councillors for St Ives, particularly regarding the proposals for changes in The Broadway.

RESOLVED: that an invitation to every Council Meeting be sent to County Councillors for St Ives in advance of the meeting, requesting either their attendance or a report on County activities relating to the town.

C93.00 DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

No report as all representatives were attending the HDC Council meeting that evening.

Town Mayor:

Dated: 14 December 2022

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