

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee of St Ives Town Council  
held in the Town Hall on 23 February 2022**

**Present:**

Chairman: Councillor P Pope

Vice Chairman: Councillor M King

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

**In attendance:**

Councillor: J Kerr

Amenities Manager: C Allison

Democratic Officer: S Rawlinson

**A65.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors R Fuller and R D'Souza (HDC commitment).

**A66.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Agenda Item A71.00 – Councillor S Mokbul** – as the close relative of an allotment holder.

**Agenda Item A176.00 – Councillor N Wells** – as a neighbour of the resident on whose property the Waits turning sign will be affixed.

**A67.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The new proprietors of the Electric Riverboat Company introduced themselves to Members. The Chairman welcomed them and Members wished them every success with their venture.

**A68.00 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 January 2022 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**A69.00 REQUEST FOR USE OF COUNCIL LAND**

A request had been received from Kidz Zone UK to use Slepe Hall field for a Family Fun Park to be held between 29 April and 3 May.

The Amenities Manager had spoken with the Council's insurers who had advised seeking legal opinion as to whether the Council's insurance would be sufficient to cover the event. It was noted that the organiser's insurance policy was due for renewal in April so it was uncertain at the present time whether they would have an appropriate policy in place for the event and whether it would provide suitable cover.

The Council had previously refused requests from commercial businesses to use Council land unless the event was of benefit to the wider community. There were also concerns about how heavy equipment and vehicles travelling across the site would impact on its surface. There were privacy issues as it was planned to have a 40 ft ferris wheel which would overlook nearby residential properties. Matters such as first aid provision, safeguarding, complying with food hygiene regulations etc were unspecified in the application.

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The Amenities Manager stated that the cost of seeking legal opinion would be considerably higher than the fee which would be realized from permitting the event.

**RESOLVED:** that the application from Kidz Zone UK be refused.

#### **A70.00**

##### **STREET TRADING**

An application had been forwarded to the Council by HDC seeking the Council's opinion on granting permission for a street trader to sell hot drinks from a mobile unit in various locations around the town.

It was noted that the Farmers' Market Supervisor had indicated that there was no space on the Sheep Market for the trader to use on market days and also that there was an existing coffee seller on the market. There would also be a considerable impact on cafes in the town.

The trading areas proposed were not considered suitable but Members identified that there was a need for such a business in the Kings Hedges area where the café had recently closed and there were no other facilities.

**RESOLVED: A70.01** that a response be sent to HDC detailing the Council's objections

**A70.02** that it be suggested to the trader that investigating siting the mobile unit at Kings Hedges be looked into

#### **A71.00**

##### **KEEPING OF PIGEONS AT THE ALLOTMENTS**

Consideration was given to a complaint received regarding the keeping of pigeons at the allotments.

The complainant had indicated that the birds were causing a nuisance to neighbouring allotment holders by destroying produce, eating seeds and attracting vermin. There were also concerns expressed about the welfare of the birds. Consent to keep the birds had not been sought from the Council.

The Amenities Manager stated that there was currently no policy on keeping pigeons on the site.

**RESOLVED: A71.01** that Councillors Hussain and King visit the allotments to determine which other tenants kept pigeons and to discuss the matter informally with them if possible.

**A71.02** that the tenant – the subject of the complaint – be contacted and informed that the keeping of pigeons was currently being reviewed and that a decision on whether to introduce a policy on this would be forthcoming

**A71.03** that Councillors Hussain and King provide a verbal report on their findings to the next meeting.

#### **A72.00**

##### **ROLLING PROGRAMME**

**RESOLVED:** that the Rolling Programme is received and noted.

**A73.00 BUDGET**

**RESOLVED:** that the budget report is received and noted.

**A74.00 AMENITIES STRATEGIC PLAN**

**RESOLVED:** that the Plan is received and noted.

**A75.00 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,

**A76.00 THE WAITS: TURNING SIGN**

Consideration was given to quotations received for the provision of a new sign near to The Waits to direct river traffic.

**RESOLVED:** that the quotation from Create Signs in the sum of £575 be accepted.

**A77.00 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 the Public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Chairman:

Dated: 23 March 2022

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