

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

Present:

Chairman: Councillor P Pope

Vice Chairman: Councillor M King (left after item A86.00)

Councillors: Dr C Pegoraro, N Wells, J Tiddy, S Mokbul, R Fuller,
R D'Souza

In attendance:

Amenities Manager: C Allison

A78.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors P Hussain (personal).

A79.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item A89.00 – Councillor S Mokbul – as the close relative of an allotment holder.

A80.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public advised that they had attended a recent meeting. Concerns were expressed about the cycle racks near the Manor House and the bridge as these are Grade 1 listed. The intention is that the cycle racks will be sited for approximately 18 months. They are removable and transportable. Will be installed under a temporary traffic order and sited on the highway in place of parking and loading bays. The aim is to see whether they are successful. After 18 months the cycle racks will be removed and used elsewhere.

A81.00 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 February 2022 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

A82.00 REQUEST FOR USE OF COUNCIL LAND

Requests were received as follows:

A82.01 International Childrens Day – 29th May, Warners' Park

RESOLVED: that approval be given.

A82.02 Boot Camp – April-September, Slepe Hall Field

RESOLVED: that approval be given.

A82.03 FEST (Picnic in the Park) – 19th June, Warners' Park

RESOLVED: that approval be given.

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A83.00**CYCLE PARKING**

Members discussed the possibility of situating cycle parking around the Victoria Jubilee Memorial roundabout. It was noted that clearance was needed for lorries turning. The Community Café on Broadway would be a good place to have a cycle rack. Cycle parking in the town was welcomed together with proposals for increased provision. Cycle Hoops were being provided under Active Travel funding. Broadway and Stocks Bridge will have permanent cycle racks, the Town Centre racks will be temporary. Cycle parking will also replace parking and loading bays and other car parking in favour of cycle useage.

RESOLVED: that feedback from the meeting be provided to the County Council Project Delivery Manager - Cycling

A84.00**PHASE 2 LOW CARBON SKILLS FUNDS GRANT**

Members noted that discussion on this would take place at the Ext. Council meeting immediately following.

RESOLVED: that the information is received and noted.

A85.00**BUS STOP**

Consideration of costs to repair bus stop in Houghton Road:

Councillors discussed the general condition of bus shelters in St Ives and noted other are also deteriorating. Members suggested the Grounds Maintenance team regularly inspect those owned by the Town Council and that if replacement Perspex is needed, the whole shelter be replaced for a consistent appearance.

For the future, a joined approach with other partners responsible for bus shelters in the town would also be of benefit for consistency of type.

RESOLVED: that the report is received and noted and the cost of £610 be approved.

A86.00**ROLLING PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED: that the Rolling Programme is received and noted.

A87.00**BUDGET**

RESOLVED: that the budget report is received and noted.

A88.00**AMENITIES STRATEGIC PLAN**

RESOLVED: that the Plan is received and noted.

A89.00**PIGEONS AT ALLOTMENTS**

Members noted that this would be moved to the next meeting's agenda.

Cllr Hussain and Cllr King have been unable to visit the allotments.

The Amenities Manager reported that a letter had been sent to all allotment holders regarding consent for the keeping of livestock and birds. Responses requested by 11 April 2022. To date, six requests for consent to keep chickens had been received and consent given. No requests to keep pigeons had been received.

A90.00 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,

A91.00 OUTDOOR GYM TENDERS

The provision of an outdoor gym was supported and would be good to have in the north of the town. Cllrs were pleased to see progress. The joint partnership working with HDC and natural landscaping surround was welcomed.

RESOLVED: A91.01 that the report is received and noted.

A91.02 Tenders considered. Approved the appointment of Fresh Air Fitness to supply and install outdoor gym equipment at a cost of £15,997. Noted there was a budget of £17,000 leaving a remainder of £1,003 for biodiversity landscaping.

A91.03 Approved that SITC and Fresh air Fitness commence consultation with HDC on the preferred site and the gaining of a licence/ permit by the Town Council for use of the land. Consultation would include the successful supplier and residents as appropriate for the site(s) identified

A92.00 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE OPERATIVES

The need for an increased grounds maintenance staff resource had already been identified and allowed for in the 2022/23 budget. It is recommended that the Grounds Maintenance team be given the resources needed to undertake the full range of tasks allotted to them.

RESOLVED: A92.01 that the report is received and noted

A92.02 that approval is recommended to the next Personnel Committee.

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: 27 April 2022

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