

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee of St Ives Town Council
held in the Town Hall on 27 April 2022**

Present:

Chairman: Councillor P Pope

Councillors: N Wells, Dr C Pegoraro, R D'Souza, R Fuller, J Tiddy, S Mokbul, P Hussain (ex officio)

In attendance:

Locum Clerk: P Truppin

Deputy Clerk: C Allison

Amenities Manager: M Price

Councillors: N Dibben, J Kerr

Democratic Officer: S Rawlinson

A94.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

A95.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item A102.00 – Councillor N Wells – non pecuniary other interest as he has a family memorial bench in the nature area of Westfield School.

A96.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident involved with the siting of defibrillators informed Members that good progress was being made with the project.

A97.00 MINUTES

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

A98.00 WILDLIFE PONDS

Council had referred correspondence to the Committee notifying of grant funding available for the creation of new wildlife ponds or improvement of existing ones.

The information had been published in the last edition of *The Bridge*.

A98.01 that the information is received and noted.

A98.02 that Members give consideration to possible sites within the Council's landholdings and pass any suggestions on to the Locum Clerk.

A98.03 that any feedback received from *The Bridge* article be conveyed to Members.

[Councillor S Mokbul joined the Meeting]

A99.00 PIGEONS AT THE ALLOTMENTS

Councillors Hussain and Mokbul reported that the pigeons which had been the subject of a complaint had now been removed from the allotment.

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- RESOLVED:** **A99.01** that the information is received and noted.
A99.02 that some research into other authorities allotment policies be undertaken to determine if a policy on keeping pigeons might need to be added to the Council's policy.
- A99.03** that allotment holders and members of the Allotment Association be consulted on their views about the keeping of pigeons at the site.

A100.00 PURCHASE OF NEW MOWER

Members gave consideration to the purchase of a new mower.

- RESOLVED:** **A100.01** that the report is received and noted.
- A100.02** that a Ransomes Highway 3 mower be purchased at a cost of £28,800 with the existing mower being traded in at an estimated cost of £1500 - £1800 to reduce the purchase price.

A101.00 CEMETERY MATTERS

A101.01 Memorial base dimensions

Members were in receipt of report proposing amendment to the regulations to set a maximum size for base stones.

- RESOLVED:** **A101.01** that the report is received and noted
- A101.02** that a maximum base stone width of 2'6" be set.

A101.02 Plot availability and pre-purchase

Consideration was given to a report seeking the views of members on use of redundant burial ground and whether a maximum number of plot pre-purchases should be set.

- RESOLVED:** **A101.02.01** that the report is received and noted.
- A101.02.01** that a drainage assessment be undertaken to determine whether the redundant ground is suitable for use.
- A101.02.03** that possible sites for a future cemetery be looked into.
- A101.02.04** that no limit be placed on the number of plots it is possible to pre-purchase.

A102.00 NATURE RECOVERY

Members were in receipt of a proposal from the St Ives Eco Group seeking to make the town more wildlife friendly.

Members were uncertain what manner of assistance the Group was seeking from the Council and whether funding would be sought for their proposed project.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Wells, who would be attending their AGM on 12 May, seek further clarification on the group's intentions and report back to Members following that meeting.

A103.00 ROLLING PROGRAMME

The Deputy Clerk informed Members that the poem written for the late Councillor John Davies would shortly be framed and placed in the Chamber. A further suggestion had been that a plaque be placed behind the chair which Councillor Davies always used in the Chamber.

RESOLVED: that the Rolling Programme be received.

A104.00 BUDGET

RESOLVED: that the budget report be received and noted.

A105.00 AMENITIES STRATEGIC PLAN

RESOLVED: that the Strategic Plan be received and noted.

Chairman:

Dated: 25 May 2022

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