

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee of St Ives Town Council
held in the Town Hall on 25 January 2023**

Present:

Chairman: Councillor M Burke
Vice Chairman: Councillor S Mokbul

Councillors: M Mallol Wright, M Gleadow, R Chapman, C Smith [from Item A74.00]

In attendance:

Locum Clerk: M Price
Democratic Officer: S Rawlinson

A64.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor M King (Personal) and C Smith (late arrival).

A65.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor R Chapman - non pecuniary interest in Agenda Item A74.00 as a member of the litter picking group and Agenda Item A75.00 as a Member of FESt.

A66.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

A67.00 MINUTES

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

A68.00 ROLLING PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: that the rolling programme be received and noted.

A69.00 BUDGET

The Town Clerk reported that he was still awaiting sight of the lease for the public toilets.

RESOLVED: that the budget report be received and noted.

A70.00 FARMERS' MARKET

The Chairman stated that work needed to be carried out to improve the running of the Farmers' Market.

He wanted to see the market staffed throughout its duration in order that any incidents could be effectively dealt with.

He also asked Members to give consideration to possible ways of enhancing the Market. Whether it should be expanded; more new traders sought to provide variety or looking at other venues around the town in which to hold the Market.

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RESOLVED: that Members give consideration to ways of improving the Farmers' Market for further discussion at a future meeting.

A71.00**ROSPA**

The Town Clerk reported that previously the GM Team inspected the play parks at the beginning and end of each week, these are basic inspections to ensure that the equipment is operational and safe.

He had now qualified as a RoSPA instructor and goes out once a month to report back to RoSPA directly, checking the equipment for wear on a more detailed level. This is to maintain insurance cover. RoSPA themselves only make an annual inspection.

He noted that usage of the play areas was diminished, with one park hardly used at all. He would be considering alternative uses for the land or changes to provide facilities for a wider range of users.

A72.00**TREE PLANTING STRATEGY**

The Chairman suggested that the strategy should be reviewed with a proposal put to Council for any changes identified.

The current policy for tree replacement was one for one although discussions had been held on increasing this to two for one. He asked if Members believed this should be increased further and new planting areas identified.

RESOLVED: that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.

A73.00**ST IVES IN BLOOM**

The Chairman stated that there was a need to clarify the relationship and system of working between the Council and the In Bloom Committee as there was currently no formal procedure in place and, on occasion, some tasks had been duplicated.

Roles and responsibilities needed to be defined and possible a partnership agreement of some kind created.

The Chairman agreed to call a meeting with representatives of St Ives in Bloom to discuss this further.

A74.00**LITTER PICKING SUPPORT**

The Chairman informed Members that a Licence was needed for litter picking. The District Council provided equipment and support.

RESOLVED: that a representative from HDC be invited to a future meeting to clarify the process.

A75.00**APPLICATION FOR USE OF LAND**

A request had been received from FES to use Warner's Park on 25 June for their annual Picnic in the Park event.

RESOLVED: that consent be given to FES to hold this event in Warner's Park.

A76.00 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.

A77.00 GLOBE PLACE TOILETS – ELECTRICAL WORKS

Consideration was given to quotations received for the above works.

RESOLVED: A77.01 that the report is received and noted.

A77.02 that St Ives Electrical Limited be appointed to undertake the remedial work for Globe Place Car Park at a cost of £435.00.

A77.00 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSISON TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 – READMITTANCE 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: 22 February 2023

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