

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee of St Ives Town Council  
held in the Town Hall on 22 March 2023**

**Present:**

Chairman: Councillor M Burke  
Vice Chairman: Councillor S Mokbul

Councillors: M Mallol Wright, R Chapman, C Smith, N Wells

**In attendance:**

Town Clerk: M Price  
Democratic Officer: S Rawlinson  
Administration Officer: A Childs

The meeting commenced with an introduction of the new Facilities Manager, Trevor White, who will start the role at St Ives Town Council on 3 April 2023.

**A78.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr M King and Cllr J Tiddy (both personal), and from Cllr M Mallol-Wright (late arrival).

**A79.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Councillor S Mokbul** – non pecuniary interest in Agenda Item A87.00 as a St Ives in Bloom committee member.

**Councillor R Chapman** – non pecuniary interest in Agenda Item A87.00 as a St Ives in Bloom committee member.

**A80.00 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 January 2023 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. The meeting scheduled for 22 February was not held.

*Cllr Mallol-Wright arrived to the chamber*

**A81.00 ROLLING PROGRAMME**

01 - Rolling Programme

The new Facilities Manager will be involved with the inspection of play areas, and there will be an unannounced audit that will coincide with this.

The Chair noted that a meeting surrounding net zero planning has not yet been held, but that there will be an upcoming meeting for this subject and they will meet to form a joint statement.

**RESOLVED:** that the rolling programme be received and noted.

a net-zero planning meeting will be scheduled to discuss and form a joint statement on the topic.

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**02 - The Cemeteries Rolling Programme**

The Chairman has compiled and proposed a detailed plan that could be implemented to serve as the Cemeteries Rolling Programme, which aims to create an aesthetic, environmentally-conscious setting for local cemeteries. The plan includes twenty-one components which could contribute to the cemeteries' environment.

**RESOLVED:** that the proposed plan be circulated prior to and discussed at the next meeting.

**A82.00****BUDGET**

The budget was reviewed, and attention was drawn to the fact that there was an increase in the farmers' market income substantially above the anticipated figure. Questions arose regarding the cause and implications of this increased amount. The Town Clerk confirmed that the number of stalls had not increased.

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

that the Town Clerk report back to the committee regarding the cause and implications of the increased farmers' market income.

**A83.00****INCREASE IN FEES**

The financial report proposes an increase in fees based on the RPI of 12.0%, and the Town Clerk noted that this increase is solely in respect of general inflation and not indicative of our core prices rising.

The Chairman mentioned that the council's fees are being examined in comparison with other councils and cemeteries. The Town Clerk agreed and stated that current cemetery fees are lower than all other areas in a 10 mile radius.

A secondary report will be drawn up by the Cemeteries Officer to outline any increases in cemetery-related costs.

**RESOLVED:** the increase was proposed and seconded – to take effect 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. There was a unanimous vote.

the future Cemeteries financial report will be created in the next 6 months.

**A84.00****TREE PLANTING STRATEGY**

The Chairman suggested an open discussion regarding future strategy and action plans. The goal is to develop a plan that can be worked towards and to be presented at a Full Council meeting to be ratified and implemented accordingly.

A suggestion was made to replace the proposed 1:1 planting strategy with a 2:1 approach. The members agreed that if this strategy were to be adopted, consideration would need to be made regarding tree audits and watering measures. The Chair acknowledged the latter would likely relate to an increase in cost and therefore need to be factored into the annual budget.

The Town Clerk agreed and noted the Grounds Maintenance team would need a structured approach to ensure all actions are completed.

The tree planting strategy refers to land the council is responsible for, and there would be a need for policy endorsement. There is a need to examine any public areas that do not currently have trees that could benefit from this proposed strategy.

**RESOLVED:** that a tree audit be conducted and presented to a future meeting for consideration.

**A85.00**

**SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES**

The Chairman acknowledged the concerns of speeding frequency on Marley Rd despite the presence of SIDs. The committee agreed that public reminders should be made to highlight this as an area of concern regarding speeding and potential traffic incidents.

The Town Clerk expressed the need for an improvement in the batteries; in high traffic areas vehicles are draining the batteries. Lithium batteries and solar panel charging were both proposed and discussed as potential solutions.

**RESOLVED:** that the report be received and noted.

that the installation of solar or wind powered devices be investigated along with potential costings and presented to a future meeting for consideration.

**A86.00**

**APPLICATION FOR USE OF LAND**

The Chairman presented the request from the Leanteam Bootcamp for the use of Slepe Hall Field. The committee agreed it was an excellent use of outdoor space, and positive to see the field being used by local residents for health and fitness purposes.

**RESOLVED:** that the request for land use be approved.

**A87.00**

**CEMETERY GARDEN**

The verbal report was not delivered to the committee as there were topics included which were not resolved or complete. The Chairman stated it would need to be held at a later date as all verbal reports and presentations must be complete before being presented to the committee.

Any background information should be circulated in advance so members are able to make informed decisions.

The Chairman proposed this item become an Amenities Community Project and be included in the Cemeteries Rolling Programme.

**RESOLVED:** the item was pulled from the agenda

that the verbal report be delivered at a later meeting once completed.

the Chair will meet with the Vice Chair to review information, then hold a subsequent meeting with the St Ives in Bloom committee to discuss any outstanding issues.

Chairman:

Dated:

26 April 2023

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