

**Minutes of the Emergency Meeting of the Property Committee of St Ives Town Council
held in the Town Hall on Tuesday 18 July 2023**

Present:

Councillors: J Tiddy, M Gleadow, M King, A Riddell, P Hussain, C Smith, P Pope (ex officio)

In attendance:

Democratic Officer: A Childs

Facilities Manager: T White

PR25.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

PR26.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

PR27.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

PR28.00 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.

PR29.00 ST IVES CORN EXCHANGE AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM

[The Mayor entered the Chamber]

The Committee were provided with a report from the Facilities Manager on the proposed air conditioning repair and installation, along with relevant quote information.

Councillors J Tiddy and M King were strongly in favour of the works being carried out as soon as possible. Councillor A Riddell asked to ensure that the Council had received the three quotes with full details. He was in agreement that the repair and installation are essential, but stated that the Council has a fiduciary duty to ensure public funds are spent wisely and that budgets are adhered to in a responsible manner. He stressed that it must be clear which budget this potential spend would be allocated to, and that consideration must be given to other essential property projects and how these can all be financially managed to avoid a future increased insurance precept.

Councillor P Hussain agreed with Councillor A Riddell's statements, and stated that the Corn Exchange serves as a community hub within the town and the works should be carried out. A lack of a working air conditioning system could pose the risk of affecting the building's business and income streams (eg. café customers).

Councillor M Gleadow agreed the works needed to be carried out, and queried which budget the funds should come from. Councillor J Tiddy suggested the general reserves; Councillor A Riddell responded asking for clarification if it should come from the earmarked reserves and which specific budget line. He added that earmarked reserves should be utilised after other budget lines have been exhausted, as serve as a contingency measure.

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Councillor A Riddell proposed the approval of the repair of the air conditioning system, and that the amount be paid to the Airway Group; with £5,000 coming from budget code 9336 (Corn Exchange Refurb) and the remainder, up to the value of the quote, to come from item 3227 of the earmarked reserves (EMR - Corn Exchange Refurb).

This proposal was seconded by Councillor M Gleadow, and there was a unanimous vote.

RESOLVED: that the report be received and noted.

that the Airway Group be appointed contractor for the works at a cost of £8,575.

that the funds be taken from budget code 9336 (Corn Exchange Refurb) with an amount of £5,000 and the remainder amount taken from the earmarked reserves line 3227 (EMR – Corn Exchange Refurb).

PR30.00 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.

The meeting concluded at 7:36 pm.

Chairman:

Dated: 26 July 2023

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