

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Facilities Committee of St Ives Town Council  
held in the Town Hall on 24 January 2024**

**Present:**

Chair: Cllr M King  
Vice Chair: S Mokbul

Councillors: Cllrs J Tiddy, P Hussain, M Burke, R Chapman

**In attendance:**

Locum Town Clerk: L White  
Facilities Manager: T White  
Police Sergeant Caruna  
Three members of the public

**ANTI SOCIAL DRIVING PRESENTATION**

Police Sergeant Caruana attended on behalf of Police Constable Edgell. He noted that work has been carried out with pro-active patrols where warnings have been issued. They have identified a 'cruise' group who are responsible for a large amount of ASB driving on the park and ride. Since this identification, residents have reported a significant decrease since this behaviour. He noted that the Park & Ride is the responsibility of the County Council and the project with solar panels and CCTV coverage has gone quiet. Asked for council support in liaising with the county council about this project.

**F84.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Wells (personal).

**F85.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**F86.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident raised concerns over item F97.00 and suggested that the plans provided were not clear. The Locum Clerk noted that the Planning Committee had looked at the plans in the previous meeting and it was noted that there has been a lack of consultation from the County Council. Cllr Chapman noted that the reason it is on this agenda is due to the proposed location for trees, benches and planters.

Second resident in attendance to talk about the allotments and reiterated points raised in his email sent via the Town Hall office. He raised concern about the lack of inspections of the allotments.

A question was raised whether the plans for CCTV at Warners Park Pavilion would be carried out. It was noted that the working party for this was due to be contacted and this would be raised.

It was noted that St Ives Flag was nominated to be a pilot for resilience forum to work with various agencies to build and design a better community network. A COBRA meeting Terms of Reference need to be set up and meetings arranged.

**F87.00 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of 25 October be signed as a true record.

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**RESOLVED** that the minutes be annotated to demonstrate that a comment made under item F80.00 about defibrillators and paramedics collecting from the Norris Museum was incorrect. The minutes were signed with the annotation.

**F88.00 ROLLING PROGRAMME**

Councillors were in receipt of the rolling programme.

Cllr Burke noted that old rolling programme items had been reintroduced to the agenda. It was noted that feedback is still awaited from County Council about the ownership and responsibility for some bus shelters.

**F89.00 BUDGET**

The budget has been reviewed briefly.

It was noted that external support has been sought to help tidy up some misposting of the invoices. It is anticipated that the report to the next committee will be more accurate.

**F90.00 FENCE REPAIR**

The report requesting funding for replacing the fence was considered by members.

**RESOLVED:** to seek funding and enhance the hedge planting around the cemetery.

**F91.00 BONFIRES**

A report from the Cemeteries Officer was received proposing the banning of bonfires at the cemeteries.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Cllr Burke, seconded Mokbul and unanimously agreed to ban bonfires at all cemeteries.

**F92.00 GRAVE SURROUNDS**

It was noted that the Cemeteries Officer has been waiting for some feedback from the ICCM with respect to the grave surrounds for the older plots. It was noted that this appeared to be taking a long time to come to committee for consideration. It was requested that this report to be brought to the February meeting.

Cllr Hussain left the meeting at 8.48pm

**F93.00 BEECH DRIVE BENCH**

It was proposed by Cllr Burke, seconded by Cllr Tiddy and **RESOLVED** with a unanimous vote to purchase a new bench at £420.21 + VAT.

**F94.00 CROCUS SIGN**

**F94.01** The report from the Facilities Manager about the proposed Crocus sign was considered by members.

**F94.02** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the sign as long as it was made of a durable material. Facilities Manager to liaise with the Rotary club and confirm with councillors the materials.

**F95.00 ALLOTMENT TENANCY AGREEMENT REVIEW**

Cllr Hussain returned to the meeting at 8.51pm.

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**F95.01** It was noted that a revised tenancy agreement had been circulated to councillors.

**F95.02** It was agreed that councillors would send the Facilities Manager any changes they see and for a marked up amended copy be brought to the next meeting.

**F96.00 ALLOTMENT PRICE INCREASE**

Noting that the budget report produced earlier is being corrected, therefore the the item will be referred until the February meeting.

**F97.00 THE BROADWAY SCHEME PROPOSAL**

It was noted that the Planning Committee had discussed this at their meeting earlier in the evening and that the County Council is looking to increase the consultation on the project.

**F98.00 DEFIBRILLATOR**

The proposal for three new defibrillators, and quotations received, was considered by committee members.

It was proposed by Cllr Burke, seconded by Cllr Hussain and **RESOLVED** to purchase two external defibrillators to be located at the Police Station and Mosque and an internal defibrillator to be located at the The Corn Exchange.

It was noted that there is a resident who looks after the checking of the defibrillators on the council's behalf. Members expressed their thanks to this resident for their ongoing suport. It was proposed by Cllr Burke, seconded by Cllr Mokbul and resolved with a unanimous vote that the three defibrillators be purchased through AA Defibs at a cost of £5,796 + VAT for continuity with supplies and understanding of how the equipment works.

**F99.00 BIODIVERSITY FOR ALL: COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME**

Cllr Chapman noted that the council could be missing out if money was not applied through the HDC Biodiversity for All Community Grant Scheme. It was proposed by Cllr Chapman that an expression of interest be placed with HDC, to include planting at Ramsey Road Cemetery and Allotments, Slepe Hall Playing Field and Warners Park.

Meeting closed at 9.18pm

Chair:

Dated: 28 February 2024

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