

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Facilities Committee of St Ives Town Council
held in the Town Hall on 27 March 2024 at 7:47 pm**

Present:

Chair: Cllr M King

Councillors: J Tiddy, R Chapman, J Spencer, P Pope (ex officio)

In attendance:

Democratic Officer: A Childs
Three members of the public

F112.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors N Wells, M Burke, S Mokbul (HDC Work Commitments) and Councillor P Hussain (personal).

F113.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

F114.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair of the Flood Action Group (FLAG) spoke regarding the Council budget for the new financial year, stating the budget for 2024-25 is £20,000 but in the past two years the costs have exceeded this amount. The lower budget was queried due to this fact. The Chair also noted the budget for fire extinguishers, with no budget allocated for the upcoming financial year. Also mentioned was the absence of budget allocation for gazebo replacement, which is costly and will likely be needed in the coming year.

The Chair of FLAG also pointed out that the Town lacks a welcome sign to St Ives when approaching the town from the A1096/London Road, which is perhaps the busiest entrance to St Ives. The Chair was thanked for his comments.

F115.00 MINUTES

Councillor P Pope noted that in **Agenda Item F101.00 Declarations of Interest**, by his name it should state 'pecuniary interest' and not 'personal interest'. The amendment was written on the minutes to be signed.

RESOLVED: that, subject to the above amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th February 2024 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

F116.00 ROLLING PROGRAMME

Councillors were in receipt of the rolling programme.
Councillor P Pope noted the positive progress on the various items.

The Chair referenced the newly ordered bench and noted that it was due to arrive on the 22nd March 2024, and was keen to hear an update on its placement.

Councillor J Tiddy requested that Huntingdonshire District Council be contacted to request increased grass cutting in the area by Oxford Road and Crown Close.

RESOLVED: that the rolling programme be received and noted.

F117.00 BUDGET

Councillors were in receipt of the budget report. No queries were raised.

RESOLVED: that the budget report be received and noted.

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Meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Chair: _____

Dated: 24th April 2024

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