

**Minutes of the Meeting of St Ives Town Council
held at the Town Hall St Ives on Wednesday 12 June 2019**

Present:

The Town Mayor: Councillor D Rowe

The Deputy Town Mayor: Councillor J Pallant

Councillors: J Davies, R Bellamy, T Drye, M King, R D'Souza, Dr C Pegoraro, B Luter, P Hussain,
R Fuller, N Dibben, A Ayers-Wilson, L Davies

Absent: Councillor P Pope

In attendance:

Police: Sgt A Draper

Amenities Manager: C Allison

Committee Clerk: S Rawlinson

PRAYERS

The Town Mayor's Chaplain, Rev Dr Catherine Ball, said prayers prior to the commencement of the Meeting.

C35.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors J Tiddy and A Dickinson (both Personal).

C36.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item C46.00 - Councillor B Luter - non pecuniary interest as a member of the CIC and husband of a Director of the CIC.

Item C46.00 - Councillors P Hussain and Dr C Pegoraro - non pecuniary interests as Directors of the CIC.

Item C37.00 - Councillor D Rowe - non pecuniary interest as an acquaintance of Councillor Kadewere and **Item C46.00** - non pecuniary interest as was a Director of the CIC during the relevant period.

C37.00 PRESENTATION

Members welcomed Councillor Patrick Kadewere to the meeting.

Councillor Kadewere was a member of Huntingdonshire District Council and Huntingdown Town Council. He was Chairman of the Twinning Committee in Huntingdon and was a member of the Local Government Association for Tourism. He was accompanied by Felicia from the Zimbabwe Embassy and Terence from Tourism.

He stated that the Zimbabwe government was keen to twin with other towns in the UK. Chinhoyi was a resort area with sound educational, health and agricultural infrastructure. The hope was that by twinning the towns could gain links via the youth of both towns and also encourage exchange visits, sporting events and medical and business exchanges.

The Town Mayor thanked the three representatives for their attendance and stated that he looked forward to receiving further information in due course.

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C38.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Wellington Street/The Quay

A representative from Neighbourhood Watch stated that there had been an increase in antisocial behaviour in the area with many instances of abuse and damage to property. He had spoken with the Police Sergeant and considered that seeking a Public Spaces Protection Order would be the best way forward in controlling this behaviour. He requested that the Council support an application for a PSPO.

Corn Exchange

A resident with strong links to the Corn Exchange as a volunteer and former director expressed strong objection to item C46.0.

The Town Mayor thanked everyone for their comments.

C39.00 MINUTES

Members duly noted that District Councillor Fuller had said that the Local Plan adoption was *one of the fastest* in the country and not actually *the fastest*.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings of St Ives Town Council held on 10 April and 8/9 May 2019 are confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

C40.00 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor's engagements list was noted.

C41.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following minutes were received;

C41.01 Planning Committees

The minutes of the 9 and 22 May 2019 were received and noted.

C41.02 Amenities Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2019 were received and noted.

Consideration was given to a **Recommendation** at A15.00 that the Council agree to adoption of the revised plan for the Mausoleum which would provide additional spaces and an opportunity for wider use of the facility for ashes interment.

RESOLVED: that support be given to the proposal from the Amenities Committee to adopt the revised plan for a larger Mausoleum.

C41.03 Norris Museum

It was noted that the additional Meeting scheduled for 29 May was not held.

C42.00 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Members were in receipt of Schedule of Council and Committee Meetings for 2019/20.

RESOLVED: that the schedule be received and noted.

C43.00 REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES/EXTERNAL BODIES

The following changes were made to membership of Committees/Groups:

C43.01 Amenities Committee

Councillor L Davies was to stand down from the Amenities Committee and be replaced by Councillor R D'Souza.

C43.02 Personnel Committee

Councillors A Ayers-Wilson and L Davies had stood down from the Personnel Committee and three further members were sought.

Councillor B Luter agreed to join the Committee. The Town Mayor requested that any members interested in filling the two remaining vacancies on the Personnel Committee contact the Town Clerk.

C43.03 Norris Trust Management Group

Councillor A Ayers-Wilson had stood down from this Group and Councillor R D'Souza would replace her.

RESOLVED: that the above changes be noted and ratified.

C44.00 DEFIBRILLATORS

Members were in receipt of update on provision of defibrillators.

RESOLVED: C44.01 that the report be received and noted.

C44.02 that plans continue to adopt and utilise one box on the Sheep Market and one on The Broadway to house defibrillators.

C45.00 TWINNING VISIT : 6-9 SEPTEMBER

Members were in receipt of a report concerning a proposed visit in September of representatives from Stadtallendorf.

RESOLVED: that an invitation be extended to the Mayor of Stadtallendorf to visit the town between 6-9 September.

C46.00 MOTION TO COUNCIL : CORN EXCHANGE PRICING POLICIES

Consideration was given to a Motion put by Councillor T Drye that a report be requested from the Corn Exchange CIC on the way in which the Corn Exchange's pricing policies have been implemented over the past four years.

The Town Mayor stated that the matter could be discussed at the CIC AGM where pricing was discussed. He agreed to raise the question on behalf of the Council and report back to Members.

RESOLVED: that the Town Mayor raise the question at the CIC AGM and report back to members in due course

C47.00 SUNDAY MUSICAL EVENTS AT THE DOLPHIN

A report from Councillor Luter informed Members of recent loud musical events at The Dolphin Hotel which had resulted in complaints from residents.

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RESOLVED: that the matter be referred to HDC's Environmental Health Department.

C48.00 RISK MANAGEMENT

Members were in receipt of Annual Risk Management Action Plan.

RESOLVED: that the information be received and noted.

C49.00 VE DAY 2020

Correspondence from SSAFA, the Armed Forces Charity, informed Members of proposals for events to commemorate VE Day 75 over the weekend of 8-10 May 2020.

RESOLVED: C49.01 that the information be received and noted

C49.02 that the Council be supportive of this event and await further information

C50.00 HUNTINGDONSHIRE STREET PARKING PLACES ORDER 2019

Information on proposed changes to on-street parking was received from Cambridgeshire County Council.

RESOLVED: that the information be received and noted.

C51.00 ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that the schedule of Orders for Payment be received and noted.

C52.00 BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

RESOLVED: that the Bank Reconciliation Statement be received and noted.

C53.00 BUDGET REPORT

RESOLVED: that the Budget Report be received and noted.

C54.00 POLICE MATTERS

Sgt Draper stated that the issue of antisocial behaviour at the Bus Station was ongoing although it appeared the group concerned may have moved onto The Quay. She had held meetings with Neighbourhood Watch and would continue to focus on the issue as a priority.

Acquiring a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) was being looked into and as it was necessary to provide substantial evidence to justify its implementation it was important that all incidents be documented.

A drug arrest warrant had been successfully executed and there had been no further incidences of racist stickers appearing around the town.

The Town Mayor thanked Sgt Draper for attending the meeting.

C55.00 CCTV REPORT

The CCTV Report was noted.

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C56.00 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

The following report was noted:

C56.01 Needingworth Quarry Liaison Meeting

RESOLVED: that the notes of a Meeting of the Liaison Group held on 3 June 2019 be received and noted.

C57.00 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

There were no matters to report.

C58.00 DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Fuller reported that the Local Plan had been adopted on 15 May. The first working group meeting on the Master Plan had been held the previous week.

The Council was to begin discussions with Marshalls following its announcement that RAF Wyton might be a potential site for the company's relocation.

He informed Members that should a PSPO be obtained for St Ives it would prevent all drinking in the town centre, including outside public houses.

RESOLVED: that the information be received and noted.

C59.00 ROLLING PROGRAMME/COUNCILLOR SURGERY REPORT

RESOLVED: C59.01 that the Rolling Programme be received and noted.

C59.02 that the report from the Councillor Surgery held on 1 June 2019 be received and noted.

C60.00 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members noted the grant application from the organisers of International Children's Day requesting £500 towards the cost of toilets for the event.

It was considered that as this was an annual event, consideration should be given to it when setting budgets each year.

RESOLVED: C60.01 that retrospective approval be given to the payment of £500 for provision of toilets at the event

C60.02 that a grant for this group be considered at budget setting each year.

C61.00 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.

C62.00 QUOTATIONS: INTERNAL AUDIT

Consideration was given to quotations received for provision of internal audit services for the next four financial years.

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RESOLVED: C62.01 that the quotation from Moore Stephens be accepted at an annual fee of £1,250 for 2019 with annual RPI increases calculated on 31 March each subsequent year

C62.02 that Moore Stephens be requested to provide a different auditor each year.

C63.00 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.

Town Mayor:

Date: 10 July 2019

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