

**Minutes of the Meeting of St Ives Town Council  
held at the Town Hall St Ives on Wednesday 11 March 2020**

**Present:**

The Town Mayor: Councillor D Rowe

The Deputy Town Mayor: Councillor J Pallant

Councillors: N Dibben, J Davies, P Hussain, J Tiddy, R Fuller, L Davies, M King, A Ayers-Wilson, B Luter, R Bellamy, A Dickinson *[from Item C239.00]*

**In attendance:**

Town Clerk: A Benfield

Committee Clerk: S Rawlinson

**PRAYERS**

The Town Clerk said prayers prior to the commencement of the Meeting.

**C223.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors P Pope, R D'Souza, T Drye and C Pegoraro (all Personal) and Councillor A Dickinson (late arrival due to HDC commitment).

**C224.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Agenda Item C229.03 - Councillor D Rowe** - Non pecuniary interest as an acquaintance of one of the applicants.

**C225.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No persons present wished to address the meeting.

**C226.00 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the Meeting of St Ives Town Council held on 12 February 2020 are confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

**C227.00 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

The Mayor informed Members that congratulations were due to Councillor Pegoraro on the birth of her son. He also welcomed the new Macebearer, Philip Ganny, to the meeting.

The Town Mayor was pleased to inform Members that had come joint first in the Huntingdon Pancake Day Flipathon.

It was noted that Huntingdon Town Council's Civic Service had been cancelled.

**C228.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following minutes were received:

**C228.01 Planning Committees**

The minutes of 12 and 26 February 2020 were received.

**C228.02 Amenities Committee**

The minutes of 26 February 2020 were received.

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**C228.03 Norris Museum**

The minutes of 4 March 2020 were received.

**C229.00 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**C229.01** The community and volunteer groups supported under MoU's had provided all the required documentation to support their ongoing grants, as follows:

**FEST - £7,150**

**St Ives in Bloom-£3,000**

**St Ives Christmas Lights-£10,000**

**St Ives Carnival and Music Festival - £9,000**

**Disability Information Service Huntingdonshire - £600**

**RELATE - £520**

**Hunts Association for the Blind - £500**

**St Ives Time Bank - £1,100**

**The Bridge Counselling Centre - £1,100**

**The Bridge Money Advice Centre - £1,100**

**CAB Rural Cambs - £2,000**

**Kick Roots Youth Club - £500**

**RESOLVED:** that payment of the above grants is confirmed.

**C229.02 St Ives Town Team - £9,390 (one year grant)**

**RESOLVED:** that the grant be allocated and reviewed in one years' time

**C229.03** Consideration was given to applications received from small local groups. There was currently a budget of £2,500 available for this.

**Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue**

**RESOLVED:** that a grant of £500 be given.

**St Ives & Warboys Cricket Club**

**RESOLVED:** that a grant of £500 be given.

**The Bobby Scheme**

**RESOLVED:** that a grant of £500 be given.

**Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise**

**RESOLVED:** that a grant of £500 be given.

**Hill Rise Dog Walkies**

Members considered that awarding a grant to Hill Rise Dog Walkies group would be inappropriate as the park and dog walk area came under the jurisdiction of Huntingdonshire District Council.

**RESOLVED:** that no grant be awarded

**C230.00 CHANGES TO LHI APPLICATIONS**

The Town Clerk advised that the closing date for applications was 31 May and requested Members to send her details of any projects they considered worthy. She requested that Members provide as much information as possible about their proposed projects.

**RESOLVED:** that proposed bids be discussed at the May meeting.

**C231.00 COMMUNITY PUBLIC ACCESSIBLE DEFIBRILLATOR**

It was noted that the matter had been discussed by the Norris Trust and Members were supportive of the proposal. The Council would undertake ongoing maintenance and the device would be regularly inspected by GM staff and the Norris team. It was hoped training could be arranged for staff and members.

**RESOLVED:** that a defibrillator be sited on an external wall of the Norris Museum.

**C232.00 ORDERS FOR PAYMENT**

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

**C233.00 BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT**

**RESOLVED:** that the Bank Reconciliation Statement be received.

**C234.00 BUDGET REPORT**

**RESOLVED:** that the Budget Report be received.

**C235.00 POLICE MATTERS**

No report was received.

**C236.00 CCTV REPORT**

No report was received.

**C237.00 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS****C237.01 Neighbourhood Plan Working Group**

**RESOLVED:** that the notes of the Meeting held on 2 March 2020 be received and noted

**C238.00 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

The following report was noted:

**C238.01 Town Team**

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

**C239.00 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS***[Councillor A Dickinson joined the Meeting]*

Councillor Fuller apologised he had been unable to attend the Annual Town Meeting. He had, however, provided an update for the Town Clerk to read to the meeting.

He reported no further progress on the Combined Authority Transport Study with nothing further on the proposed river crossing.

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

**C240.00 DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councillor Fuller reported that the speculation that HDC was reliant on its reserves for the next year was untrue. The Council would be setting a surplus budget this year. He reported that £200k had been put into budgets to investigate civil parking enforcement across the District.

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

**C241.00 ROLLING PROGRAMME**

**RESOLVED:** that the Rolling Programme be received.

**C242.00 BUSINESS CONTINUITY/DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN**

The Town Mayor stated that he had some areas of concern with the present plan and intended to go through the document and make recommended changes.

The Town Clerk reported that in light of the current Covid-19 epidemic, steps had been taken to enable staff to work from home if it became necessary. Two new laptops had been purchased and remote-working systems were being put into place.

**RESOLVED: C242.01** that the actions of the Town Clerk in investigating remote working be ratified

**C242.02** that the Town Mayor, Councillor Dibben and the Town Clerk discuss changes to the Plan and bring forward to a future meeting for consideration

Town Mayor:

Dated: 8 April 2020

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