

MINUTES of the MEETING ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 3 October 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D Stevens - Chairman
Councillor C S McClary – Vice-Chairman

Councillor Mrs S James Councillor M Nicholls
Councillor F Morris Councillor Mrs S Olds

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

Also in Attendance

Mick Stallworthy – Scottworthy Estate Services
Bob Robinson – National Trust

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

E&TC.07 Apologies for Absence

None received.

E&TC.08 Declarations of Interest

None received.

E&TC.09 Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on 20 June 2011 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

E&TC.10 Local Maintenance Partnership (LMP) - Footpaths

Mick Stallworthy, Scottworthy Estate Services attended the meeting and gave the Committee an overview of how this year's footpath contract was progressing.

All the planned cuts on the gold paths had been completed, and the Committee considered the remaining £1,461.00 (Silver Paths) allocation within the LMP budget should be spent as this element of the budget was discretionary.

The Committee felt that it would be beneficial to carry out a third cut on the gold paths and to focus on those silver paths which were regularly used by the public.

Mick Stallworthy also commented on minor problems concerning errors on the cutting paths, which had caused some confusion and generally on the changes to the contract

and the type of work that a contractor was able to undertake, which was mainly restricted to soft clearance of vegetation. Due to health and safety legislation contractors were no longer able to re-site marker posts. He also commented that he had offered to replace directional signs that were needed, but that he had not received the signs from Cornwall Council.

The Committee expressed their thanks to Mick Stallworthy for the work that he carried out on the Town Council's behalf, and stated that it was happy to take up any issues in respect of the LMP contract with Cornwall Council. The Committee hoped that Scottworthy Estate Services would continue as the Town Council's contractor.

RESOLVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COUNCIL : That

1. The remaining £1,461.60 in the LMP Budget 2011 / 2012 for silver paths be used to carry out a third cut on the gold paths, and
2. Clearance of some of the silver path network (such as No Go By) be undertaken, footpaths to be agreed between the contractor and Town Clerk. Cost to be kept within the Town Council's agreed budget provision for 2011 / 2012.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

E & TC.11 Allotments

The Chairman reported on progress in respect of the proposed allotments at Kenidjack Valley and Bosavern Farm. Unfortunately, there had been little feedback from the Allotment & Growers' Association in recent months concerning the allotments at Kenidjack, but he confirmed that he would try to make contact with the Association this week with a view to moving the project forward. Bob Robinson confirmed that the site was still ready for use, subject to the formal agreement / lease process being completed.

Regarding Bosavern Farm, the Chairman reported that he was talking to PCDT about a possible funding application to the West Cornwall LAG on 4 November 2011. If the application was successful it would be conditional on obtaining planning consent for the new access.

(Action by : Cllr Dave Stevens)

E & TC.12 Public Seats

The Town Clerk reported that the contract for the repair and maintenance works to the Council's public seating had been signed by P N Hancocks and that the works should be completed by mid October.

Meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

Chairman