

MINUTES of the MEETING ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 20 June 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D Stevens - Chairman

Councillor Mrs S James
Councillor C S McClary

Councillor F Morris
Councillor M Nicholls

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

E&TC.01 Election of Chairman

RESOLVED : That Councillor Stevens be appointed as Chairman for the Municipal Year 2011 / 2102

E&TC.02 Apologies for Absence

None received.

E&TC.03 Election of Vice-Chairman

RESOLVED : That Councillor McClary be appointed as Vice-Chairman for the Municipal Year 2011 / 2102

E&TC.04 Work Programme

The Committee considered the detail of its work programme for the current year.

It was agreed that the Town Council be **RECOMMENDED TO APPROVE** the work programme as set out below:

- Local Maintenance Partnership (Footpaths) Mick Stallworthy to be invited to the next meeting to report on the operation of the scheme;
- Review operation of the extended TIC provision during the summer in St Just;
- Public Seating – Annual inspection of the Town Council's seating to be carried out on annual basis in October / November each year, in advance of the Precept Meeting in December. It was also AGREED that a strongly worded letter be sent to Cornwall Council advising of the condition of the public seating in its ownership; and
- Continue progress on the delivery of allotments within the parish

In respect of the public seating the Town Clerk reported that a recent inspection of the seating had been undertaken and reported on those areas where attention was required. It was agreed that the Town Council be

RECOMMENDED TO APPROVE that quotations in respect of the works be obtained.

E&TC.05 Renewable Energy

Councillor Mrs James reported that she had been in discussion with Rob Pickering, Community Energy Plus regarding renewable energy schemes. The Committee was advised that community meetings had been well received, but that the Solar Club scheme was not progressing as intended as commercial companies were less than willing to pass on discounts to interested home owners.

However, the Community Building & Assets project which was being co-ordinated by Cornwall Council, and which was supporting the installation of wind turbines etc was looking for six / seven communities to participate in the research into the viability of such renewable forms.

The Chairman also suggested that there would be benefit in inviting a representative from Cornwall Council's Planning Department to explain the planning regulations in respect of renewable energy project / schemes, particularly in relation to conservation areas and World Heritage Sites.

It was agreed that the Town Council be **RECOMMENDED TO APPROVE** that Dan Nicholls, Cornwall Council be invited to a future meeting of the Town Council to give a presentation on the Community Buildings & Assets project, as well as information on the planning regulations in respect of schemes within conservation areas and World Heritage Sites.

E & TC.06 Allotments

The Town Clerk provided the Committee with an update on the meeting which had been held on 26 May 2011 with the National Trust and the Allotment & Growers Association regarding the allotments at Kenidjack Valley.

Unfortunately, the allotments had not, as yet, been delivered because the Allotment & Growers Association was still in the process of becoming a formally constituted group, it was anticipated that the legal process would be completed by the end of June. There was also some concern at the take up of the plots at Kenidjack, which needed to be confirmed. In view of this it was unlikely that the allotments would be delivered in the near future.

The Chairman expressed his disappointment at the current position and it was agreed that the matter be left in abeyance until further information was received from the Growers Association.

With regard to the allotment at Bosavern Farm, the Chairman reported that a meeting had been held with Clare Leverton (LAG) and Kate Shore (PCDT) regarding funding for the project. The project had passed the expression of interest phase of the LAG process which meant that it could now proceed with a funding application.

The Committee was advised that LAG funding had been suspended, but that it now appeared likely that it would be unfrozen in the short term and that it would be prudent to move forward as a full project with the help of PDCT. However, a requirement of the LAG funding was that the planning permission in respect of

the new access had to be obtained in advance of submitting the application to the LAG.

Councillor Mrs James advised the Committee that the decision on the future of Bosavern Farm would be known in January / February 2012.

It was agreed that the Town Council be **RECOMMENDED TO APPROVE** that

- (1) A full project scheme be developed with the assistance of PCDT for submission to the LAG; and
- (2) The planning application for the new access is submitted by the Town Council as soon as practicable.

Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Chairman