

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 2 July 2012 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

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

Councillor F Morris Councillor M Nicholls
Councillor N McFadden Councillor Mrs S Olds

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

Also in Attendance

Chris Goninan, Cornwall Councillor
Tom Marks, Cormac Solutions
Donald Martin, Cornwall Council's Public Spaces Team

E&TC.1 Election of Chairman

RESOLVED: That Councillor Stevens be elected Chairman for the municipal year 2012 / 13.

E&TC.2 Apologies for Absence

None received.

E&TC.3 Election of Vice-Chairman

RESOLVED: That Councillor McClary be elected Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2012 / 13.

E&TC.4 Declarations of Interest

None received.

E&TC.5 Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Committee held on 19 March 2012 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 30 April 2012 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

E&TC.6 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) the committee to continue to oversee the delivery and operation of the footpath contract;
- 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 in October / November, in advance of the Precept Meeting in December; and
- Continue progress on the delivery of allotments within the parish.

E&TC.7 Shelter – St Just Recreation Ground

The Committee discussed the Town Council’s resolution of 14 May 2012 (minute no.TC12/12 refers) regarding a replacement shelter at the recreation ground.

Donald Martin, Cornwall Council’s Public Spaces Team advised the Committee that the budget in respect of play spaces was severely restricted with limited funds available for reinvestment. A countywide audit was currently being carried out which would determine a service standard for all parks and gardens and form the basis of a future capital programme. He added that as yet no additional budget provision had been approved and that the financial position was likely to remain uncertain in the short term.

However, Mr Martin agreed to investigate if there was any funding available from S.106 contributions which could be used for a replacement shelter and would advise the Town Clerk accordingly. He suggested that a positive first step in the process would be for the Town Council to determine its local priorities through consultation with the local youth via the local schools and youth groups, perhaps by the formation of a project group.

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that the Police supported the provision of a new teen shelter as it would help to reduce problems with anti-social behaviour within the town as groups of young people were congregating in the bus shelter at the Lafrowda Close, Car Park.

The Committee felt that it was important to seek the views of the local community in advance of any decision being taken and to investigate other potential funding sources.

RESOLVED: That

1. The Town Clerk be asked to contact Cape Cornwall School and the Nancherrow Centre to seek their views on the provision of a youth shelter at the St Just Recreation Ground;
2. Cornwall Council be asked to investigate the availability of S.106 monies to support a project for a new shelter; and
3. The Town Clerk is requested to report on progress to the next meeting of the Committee.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

E&TC.8 Skate Park – St Just

Tom Marks provided an update on the timetable for the completion of the repair works to the skate park following the Town Council's and Councillor Goninan's decisions to provide financial assistance towards the cost of the repairs.

The equipment had been ordered with delivery by the end of July and the repairs would take three days to complete. It was envisaged that the skate park would be fully operational by the beginning of August.

E&TC.9 Plen-an-Gwarry – Grass Cutting Contract

The Committee reviewed the operation of the current grass cutting contract for the Plen-an-Gwarry which was currently being operated by Far West Gardening Services and was due to expire on 17 July 2012.

The Committee also considered extending the contract to include maintenance of the border and hedges in the vicinity of the car parks at Lafrowda Close, St Just and St John's Terrace, Pendeen and Boscaswell Corner, Pendeen.

The Committee felt that the one year contract had proved very successful and **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE TOWN COUNCIL** that the Town Clerk be authorised to award a further three year contract to Far West Gardening Services with effect from 18 July 2012 and that the contract be extended to include maintenance of the border and hedges at the car parks at St Just and Pendeen and Boscaswell Corner, Pendeen.

E&TC.10 Allotments – Update

Councillor Stevens gave an update on progress in respect of the new allotments at Kenidjack Valley and the planning and funding applications for the proposed additional allotments at Bosavern Farm.

Quotations had been received for the new shed and car parking area at Kenidjack at a cost of £4,750(VAT incl.) and £6,964.59 (excl. VAT) respectively. The Committee was advised that the quotation for the shed could be reduced by £600.00 provided that some of the preparatory work was undertaken by the allotmentees.

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that there was approximately £11,500 left in the projects budget for the allotments at Kenidjack which would leave a shortfall of just over £1,000 if the Committee decided to recommend that the Town Council accepted the quotations as received and that financial provision would have to be found from reserves.

The Committee felt that the quotation for the car parking area using a grassblock system was too expensive and, as planning approval had been consented for a hard core and scalplings finish, a further quotation should be obtained.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE TOWN COUNCIL that

1. The quotation from the Cornwall Shed Company be accepted; and
2. A further quotation for the car parking area,(using hardcore and scalplings) is obtained for consideration by the Town Council at its meeting on 9 July 2012.

(Action by : Dave Stevens)

E&TC.10 Footpaths

The Town Clerk reported that the first cuts on the gold paths had been completed and that the second cuts would commence in the next few weeks.

As in previous years, the Committee was also asked to consider commuting the budget allocation for the silver paths to carry out a third cut on the gold paths.

The Committee was advised that no problems had been reported despite the unseasonable weather conditions. However, a request had been received for a number of silver paths to be cleared in the No Go By and Lower Bostraze areas (FP 133/ 134 & 68) and it was agreed that the footpath contractor be asked to undertake this work.

In addition, Footpath 133 No Go By was also severely overgrown with overhanging hedgerow and gorse. However, this work was not covered by the LMP grant and would need to be funded by the Town Council unless the landowner was willing to undertake the work. Councillor N McFadden agreed to visit the site to determine who owned the land and would advise the Town Clerk accordingly

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

1. That the LMP budget allocation for silver paths be used to carry out a third cut on the gold path network; and
2. That in the event that the landowner adjoining FP133 No Go By is not willing to undertake the gorse clearance, Scottworthy Estates be asked to carry out the work on behalf of the Town Council.

Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Chairman