

MINUTES of ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 16th JANUARY 2017 at the Stable Block, Pondhu House, Penwinnick Road, St Austell, PL25 5DP at 6.00 pm.

Present: Councillors: Bull, Colwill, Double, Heyward, Keast (Chairman), Lake, Leonard and Pears.

In attendance: David Pooley (Town Clerk), Sara Gwilliams (Deputy Town Clerk).

CC/16/42) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Krishnan and Stewart.

CC/16/43) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

CC/16/44) Dispensations

No requests received.

CC/16/45) Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st November 2016

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st November 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record.

CC/16/46) Matters to note

Councillor Keast advised that the recommendations contained in the minutes dated 21st November 2016 were approved at the Council meeting on the 20th December 2016.

CC/16/47) Public Participation

None.

In order to aid the smooth running of the meeting, the Chairman proposed that agenda items 12, 10, 14 and 11 be considered first.

CC/16/48) Small Grants Scheme

Cornwall Air Ambulance

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 to the Cornwall Air Ambulance.

For Funx Sake

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 to the For Funx Sake Dance Group.

CC/16/49) Britain in Bloom – Pride in Parks Award 2017

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that Poltair Park transferred to the Town Council in November 2016 and that it was at a good enough standard to consider entering it into the Britain in Bloom – Pride in Parks Award. Members agreed that the entry of Poltair Park into the competition could complement the BID In Bloom portfolio as well as emphasise the Town Council's commitment to maintaining the parks to a high standard.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk be authorised to enter Poltair Park in to the Britain in Bloom - Pride in Parks Award 2017.

CC/16/50) Grass Cutting Schedule

Members expressed their gratitude to the Grounds Maintenance Team for their excellent work on the Mount Charles Roundabout.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the grass cutting schedule.

CC/16/51) Probation Service – Environmental Projects

The Deputy Clerk advised that following the very successful church railings re-painting initiative, there was still funding in this year's budget to commission a further project and asked Members for ideas.

Members discussed a number of potential projects for the Probation Service including:

- The cleaning and tidying up of the Asda Subway
- The tidying up of the path parallel to Vosper's
- Painting of the Bethel Park railings
- Painting of the Poltair Park railings
- Painting of the Station railings
- Street sign cleaning

CC/16/52) Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Health and Social Care Plan 2016 – 2021

Members considered the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Health and Social Care Plan 2016-2021 and made the following comments/observations:

- The need to make huge savings;
- The lack of capacity within GP practices;
- The need to consider the rationing of health services and how this might be done fairly;
- The fact that most of the actions should be being done now and are obviously not for various cultural, organisational or management reasons which need to be overcome;
- The impact of obesity and an aging population on health services generally;
- Issues regarding bed blocking and urgent care.

Members felt that emergency care appeared to be very good when needed but had major concerns with regards to the quality of urgent care.

Members generally agreed with the priorities identified, and felt that many of the aspirations with regards to pathways of care and system reform should be something that health service managers are considering and addressing constantly.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should write a letter in response to the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Health and Social Care Plan 2016-2021 outlining Members' comments and observations expressed during the meeting.

CC/16/53) Non-Emergency Patient Transport – consultation document

Members were generally supportive of the proposal and felt that the measures to address disparate operating practices and the lack of recent management/challenge of historic practices were sensible. There was concern that any new changes should be managed sensitively and protection given to the most vulnerable people in our community. Members were mindful that Cornwall is a very large county and that patient transport is really important to many people in our community.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should write a letter in response to the Non-Emergency Patient Transport consultation document outlining Members' comments and observations expressed during the meeting.

CC/16/54) Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2017-2020

Members considered the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2017-2020 and made the following comments/observations:

- The strategy was very long and ambitious;
- The lack of resource within Cornwall Council to deliver the proposals;
- More "analysis than action" within the document.

Members generally supported the priorities and outcomes proposed, but felt that Cornwall Council needed to be seen to be doing more to tackle anti-social behaviour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should write a letter in response to the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2017/2020 document outlining Members' comments and observations expressed during the meeting.

Councillors Double and Pears left the meeting

CC/16/55) Sandy Hill Park – Mining Investigations

The Town Clerk advised that the drilling work report for Sandy Hill Park had been delayed until next week due to an urgent mining issue elsewhere in the county.

CC/16/56) Projects Update

CCTV

- No issues have been reported.
- Recent visit to the CCTV monitoring suite by the Town Clerk, Operations Manager and BID Manager.
- There is the need for a camera replacement programme to be put in place.

- Newquay Town Council has let a new maintenance contract for the cameras to SSE.
- The camera monitoring hours have been re-scheduled to provide better coverage during the winter months.

ASB Working Group

- Next meeting scheduled for the 24th January 2017.
- Extra Police resource should be available for the St Austell Sector in time for the summer season.

Allotments

- Allotment clearance works at Alexandra Road due to take place shortly
- 3 plots have been let at Landrew Road

Environmental projects

- Over 1,000 bulbs have been planted in Poltair Park, Linear Park, Truro Road Park, a grass verge near Mount Charles roundabout and a bank outside Bucklers Village.
- Two flower beds planted out in Poltair Park.
- One flower bed reinstated in Poltair Park.
- A neglected corner by the skateboard park has been cleared in Poltair Park.
- Mount Charles and Asda roundabouts are being worked on.
- Benches are regularly being brought in for repairs and a re-paint.
- ROSPA Annual Inspection carried out. Operations Manager drafting a schedule of works based on the report received.
- The red pots in the town centre are now managed by the BID.
- The South Street floral feature is still managed by the Town Council's contractor.

Sports Clubs

- The freeholds of Poltair Park and the Bowls Club have been transferred over to the Town Council.
- The terms of the lease for the Football Club is due to be considered shortly with a view to it being transferred to the Town Council in April 2017.

Youth Services

- A Steering Group meeting at The House is scheduled for the end of the week.
- The lease details for The House is still awaited from Cornwall Council.

Town Heritage Scheme

- Town Clerk visited HLF in Exeter with Cornwall Council Officers.
- Phase 2 BID due to be submitted in February 2017.

- The Conservation Area Appraisal consultation is due to be carried out during January and February.
- Still lots of work to do.
- Concern that the project is under resourced.

Public conveniences

- Cleaning contract working reasonably.
- Still a few issues with the coin mechanism.
- Regular blocking issues.
- Proving quite costly to run.
- Anti-Social Behaviour problems ongoing.

Footpaths

- Contract due to be re re-let in the spring.

Weed spraying

- Contract due to be re-let in the spring.

Cemetery Park

- Large beech tree identified by Cornwall Council as being diseased and potentially dangerous.
- Town Clerk and Operations Manager to meet with Cornwall Council to discuss its removal or remedial action.

CC/16/57) Dates of Meetings

It was noted that the next meetings of the Community Committee are scheduled for Monday 27th February 2017 and Monday 3rd April 2017.

The meeting closed at 7.24pm.