

**MINUTES of ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022 in the Council Chamber, Cornwall Council Information Centre, 39 Penwinnick Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5DR.**

**Present:** Councillors: Clemo, Cohen, Fox, George, Guest, Pearce, Stephens, Thompson and Young.

**Also Present:** Councillor Styles

**In attendance:** David Pooley (Town Clerk), Steve Skinner (Operations Manager).

**CC/22/01) Election of Chair**

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Thompson be elected Chair of the Community Committee for the 2022/23 Civic Year.

**CC/22/02) Election of Vice-Chair**

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Cohen be elected Vice-Chair of the Community Committee for the 2022/23 Civic Year.

**CC/22/03) Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Double, Lanxon, Nott, Pears and Rowse. Councillor Guest advised that he had to leave shortly.

**CC/22/04) Declarations of Interest**

None.

**CC/22/05) Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations received.

*\*\*Councillor Guest left the meeting\*\**

**CC/22/06) Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**CC/22/07) Matters to note**

The Clerk advised that he had nothing to add.

**CC/22/08) Public Participation**

The Chairman advised that he would allow the members of the public present to speak when the Committee considered their items.

**CC/22/09) St John's Methodist Church - Defibrillator**

Mr Keast introduced his report and reminded Members that the Council had agreed a grant of £250 towards the cost of provision of a defibrillator in Priory Car Park.

He asked that the Town Council consider funding the annual maintenance costs of £190 per annum.

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Town Clerk to enter into an agreement for the maintenance of the defibrillator for up to 5 years and then review.

### **CC/22/10) Daisy Dukes CIC**

Mr Delara spoke about the role of the Daisy Dukes CIC and the assistance given to local people in need. He explained that he wanted to open a furniture store in the unit next to his shop to allow furniture to be donated and sold to help people struggling to furnish their homes. He explained that he had had furniture donated from a number of sources and if managed carefully the furniture store would complement the existing shop. Members praised the valuable work undertaken by Daisy Dukes

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £3,000 to Daisy Dukes CIC to reconfigure the existing shop in Victoria Place and create a furniture store next to it to recycle furniture to support those in need.

*\*\*Councillor Stephens arrived during the above item\*\**

### **CC/22/11) Small Grants Scheme**

#### *St John Ambulance*

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 towards the cost of the new defibrillator to be located at Stennack Road.

#### *Friends of St Austell Station*

Members considered correspondence about the various possibilities for achieving a planting scheme at St Austell Station. It was suggested that an option costing £408 with a little support in kind from the Town Council's staff was the preferred solution.

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £408 towards the cost of planting at St Austell Station in accordance with option 1 in the correspondence attached to the report.

#### *Stepping Stones*

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 towards the cost of new kitchen equipment.

### **CC/22/12) SABEF Artwork**

The Town Clerk introduced correspondence received from St Austell Bay Economic Forum (SABEF) requesting that the Town Council assumes responsibility for the artwork known as "Earthly Delights" which is located on a private wall close to East Hill Gardens. Members were sympathetic to the request.

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Town Clerk to undertake further research and if practicable to negotiate and enter into an agreement for the on-going maintenance of the artwork.

## **CC/22/13 Harry Billinge MBE**

Members considered correspondence from Steve Double MP requesting that the Town Council considers naming a street after Harry Billinge MBE.

It was **RESOLVED** that a letter should be sent to Cornwall Council requesting that a new street be named after Harry Billinge MBE.

## **CC/22/14) Projects Update**

### *Town Centre Revitalisation Project*

The Town Clerk advised that this project was taking up a lot of officer time and that following a comprehensive tender exercise consultants had been appointed and work has commenced. An informal Council meeting was planned for the 13<sup>th</sup> June to consider this project in more detail and the future of the Penwinnick Road site.

### *CCTV*

The Town Clerk advised that all 20 cameras in the town centre and the mobile camera in Chapel Field are working. He explained that monitoring hours had increased for the summer.

### *Poltair Park*

The bat surveys required before demolishing the old toilet block are being arranged. Trees near the play areas have been lifted making visibility better and a new sign for the front of the park is being explored. The café has been revamped and it is hoped that it will open next week.

### *Woodland Road Park*

The Town Clerk provided an update on the meetings of the Working Group tasked with considering the joint use arrangements at Woodland Roads Park. He explained that Councillors and the School were unable as yet to reach an agreement.

### *Car Park*

Car Park income is partially recovering but there have been some sporadic issues with the G4S cash collection service which would be escalated this week.

### *Youth Services*

Young People Cornwall are operating back at The House, radon testing has delivered acceptable results and outreach work is taking place at a number of the Council's parks.

### *Anti-social behaviour*

There are early signs of an increase in street drinking and gatherings in the town centre which have been reported to the Police and Cornwall Council's ASB Caseworker. It is hoped that patrols will be increased to manage this upsurge.

### *Library*

The Library continues to perform well and is still the second busiest in Cornwall. Recent Platinum Jubilee events at the Library were well received and included the unveiling of a commemorative Red Windsor apple tree.

### *Bethel Park*

An expression of interest form has been submitted to Cornwall Council's Community Infrastructure Levy Fund seeking funding for improvements to Bethel Park. If first stage approval is received then a more detailed scheme will be drawn up. Members will be consulted on any proposals developed.

### *Grounds Maintenance*

The Clerk advised that the fourth grass cut of the year had started, summer bedding plants were received today, one new recruit started today and the two apprentices have passed their exams leaving just a few practical tests to be completed.

### **CC/22/15) Dates of Meetings**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Community Committee is scheduled for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

The meeting closed at 7.29pm.