

**MINUTES of ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2019 at the Stable Block, Pondhu House, Penwinnick Road, St Austell, PL25 5DP at 6pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: Bishop, Brown, Bull, Cohen, Hanlon, Heyward, Jones, Leonard, Rees, Styles and Thompson.

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

**CC/18/64) Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Colwill, King, Pearce and Pears.

**CC/18/65) Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Styles declared an interest in Agenda Item 7 (Small Grants Scheme) by virtue of being a Director of Cosgarne who are a beneficiary of the Cornwall Food Action Charity.

Councillor Jones declared an interest in Agenda Item 7 (Small Grants Scheme) by virtue of knowing a Trustee of the Cornwall Food Action Charity and Agenda Item 8 by virtue of being a Trustee of the St Austell Arts Centre.

Councillors Bull and Heyward declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 by virtue of being a Trustee of the St Austell Arts Centre.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Cohen would take the Chair for Agenda Item 7 whilst the Chairman was out of the room.

*\*\*Councillors Brown and Leonard arrived\*\**

**CC/18/66) Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations received.

**CC/18/67) Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**CC/18/68) Matters to note**

The Clerk advised that further to minute number **CC/18/52** Councillor Walker is due to visit the office later in the week to assist with the publication of the Public Open Spaces survey electronically.

**CC/18/69) Public Participation**

Mr Jonathan Aberdeen advised that he would be happy to answer any questions in respect of the St Austell Arts Centre funding request.

Mrs Wendy Earl asked for an update with regard to the ownership of Clinton House. The Clerk advised that initial enquiries had revealed that it is not in the ownership of Cornwall Council or indeed publicly owned.

### **CC/18/70) Small Grants Scheme**

*\*\*Councillors Jones and Styles reiterated their interest in the next item and left the meeting\*\**

*\*\*Councillor Cohen assumed the Chair\*\**

#### *Cornwall Food Action*

Members reviewed the grant application alongside the grant criteria and felt that although the applicant had not quite met all the criteria, the organisation should be awarded the funding requested due to their excellent work in assisting the vulnerable/disadvantaged in St Austell.

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 to Cornwall Food Action for funding towards the core costs of running their food distribution operation subject to the Clerk contacting the organisation and being satisfied with what the money will be used for.

*\*\*Councillor Heyward abstained from voting on this item\*\**

*\*\*Councillor Jones and Styles returned to the meeting\*\**

*\*\*Councillor Styles resumed the Chair\*\**

#### *Kernow Men's Society*

Members reviewed the grant application and felt that the applicant had not quite met all the criteria. They were however pleased to note that the group meet regularly at St Johns and that they are linked to the social prescribing initiative through St Austell Healthcare.

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 to Kernow Men's Society for funding towards a project to engage men in the locality who are suffering from loneliness, isolation and social exclusion subject to the Clerk contacting the organisation and being satisfied with what the money will be used for.

#### *Friends of Menacuddle Well*

Members noted that the Friends of Menacuddle Well received £250 towards the cost of a new bench at Menacuddle Well at the last Community Committee Meeting and that the current funding request is for the remaining £568. The total cost of the bench to include a plaque was quoted at £818.07 and Treverbyn Parish Council has been asked for the same amount of funding for a second bench.

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £568 to the Friends of Menacuddle Well to enable them to purchase the proposed bench.

*\*\*Councillors Bull, Heyward and Jones reiterated their interest in the next item and left the meeting\*\**

### **CC/18/71) St Austell Arts Centre**

The Town Clerk advised that in July 2018 the Town Council approved a grant to the Arts Centre in the sum of £5,000 by way of pump priming for a grant application in the sum of £49,300 to the Coastal Revival Fund (CRF) for a refurbishment project. Unfortunately, the grant application was unsuccessful at that time and the £5,000 earmarked by the Town Council was absorbed back in to the Town Council's budget.

The Coastal Revival Fund have however re-visited the application and have agreed to award the Arts Centre the full amount of £49,300 subject to contributions of £5,000 from the Town Council and £2,000 from the Arts Centre. The Clerk advised that it would be helpful if the Committee could formally re-approve the grant in the sum of £5,000 by way of pump priming for the CRF funding.

Members expressed their delight and full support for the funding requested and the proposed refurbishment.

It was **RESOLVED** to provide funding in the sum of £5,000 to the St Austell Arts Centre for funding towards the Coastal Revival Fund refurbishment project.

*\*\*Councillors Bull, Heyward and Jones returned to the meeting\*\**

### **CC/18/72) Carlyon Road Bus Shelter**

The Deputy Town Clerk referred to correspondence received from Cornwall Council's Community Link Officer with regard to a proposal to demolish the bus shelter at Carlyon Road due to its poor state of repair and its apparent lack of use. The quotations received from CORMAC indicate that the cost to repair and bring the building up to standard is more than to demolish the structure and therefore the preferred way forward for Cornwall Council is to demolish it.

During discussion Members raised the following issues/concerns:

- The shelter is a key feature in the town
- It is on the edge of the conservation area
- The shelter is used for bus trips
- Network Rail's interest in the land
- Whether or not the Town Council could adopt the shelter if it were to be refurbished.

It was **RESOLVED** to write to Cornwall Council expressing the desire to retain the bus shelter and the potential for the Town Council to adopt the shelter if Cornwall Council refurbish and bring it up to standard.

### **CC/18/73) St Austell and Mevagissey Community Network Area – Traffic Schemes**

*\*\*The three Cornwall Councillors present, Councillors Brown, Bull and Heyward took part in the ensuing discussions but abstained from voting on any proposed scheme\*\**

Members reviewed the proposed traffic schemes as follows:

### *Truro Road*

Councillor Heyward advised that she supported the scheme and drew Members' attention to the time limit proposed for parking for disabled drivers.

It was **RESOLVED** to support this scheme.

### *Trenowah Road 1*

Councillor Brown expressed his support for this scheme on safety grounds.

It was **RESOLVED** to support this scheme.

### *Trenowah Road 2*

Councillor Brown advised that this proposed scheme had been designed following complaints from local residents, many of whom do not have any off road parking and have come to the view that they would not wish to see a no waiting restriction along the whole road. Speeding has been acknowledged as an issue in the area and views have been expressed that a crossing is required.

It was **RESOLVED** to support this scheme subject to the residents' views being taken in to consideration.

### *Tremena Road*

Councillor Bull advised that this area of town was widely used by people to park their cars all day to avoid car parking charges and that the previous parking scheme was not very successful and had resulted in some people being blocked in to their drive on occasions. A view was expressed that the proposed restrictions could be lifted at weekends to allow people to park and use the nearby clay trails.

It was **RESOLVED** to support this scheme subject to the residents' views being taken in to consideration.

*\*\*Councillor Jones abstained from voting on this item\*\**

### *Polkyth Road*

Councillors acknowledged that this area had regular congestion and needed improving. A view was expressed that the 1 hour time limit may be a bit too long and in order for the whole scheme to be successful, good enforcement in the area was needed.

It was **RESOLVED** to support this scheme in principle subject to Cornwall Council's Highways Officers reviewing the 1 hour time limit restrictions proposed.

### *Market Street*

It was **RESOLVED** to support this scheme.

### *Agar Road*

It was **RESOLVED** to support this scheme.

### *Queens Road*

It was **RESOLVED** to support this scheme.

### *Tregonissey Road – Expression of Interest Form*

Arising from the above, the Town Clerk advised that the Highways Officer has been assessing the next round of highways schemes and has asked for some clarification on what improvements the Town Council would like to see in the Tregonissey Road area.

Councillor Bull explained that there is already an improvement scheme proposed for Tregonissey Road to be funded by the West Carclaze development which includes crossings and traffic calming. Members expressed concern with regard to the parking congestion on the junction of Tesco Express and the need for more yellow lines.

Members agreed that in the light of the proposed improvement scheme no further action is required for the time being.

### **CC/18/74) Projects Update**

The Clerk provided an update on the following projects:

#### *CCTV*

All analogue cameras upgraded (except for 1 due to scaffolding issues) and 3 new cameras installed and working. The camera at Poltair Park is awaiting an electrical connection and the Truro Road Park camera is due to be installed in mid April. The first mobile CCTV camera trial in Newquay was unsuccessful. A further trial is planned with Cornwall Council in due course.

#### *Environmental Projects*

- Grass cutting commenced this week (1<sup>st</sup> April 2019)
- Rotary Club have commenced litter picks at Linear Park, Moorland Road and River Walk
- A Town Council litter pick is planned for 18<sup>th</sup> April
- 5000 plants/bulbs have been received from Urban Buzz
- Procurement for the refurbishment of Lostwood Community Garden and Thornpark Road Park has commenced following the successful Pocket Park Funding applications
- Mount Charles Roundabout. Awaiting to hear from Cornwall Council/SABEF with regard to their proposals
- Draft Agency Highways Agreement with Cornwall Council agreed to commence with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019;
- Poltair Park café due for delivery during week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### *Charlestown Leat*

- Charlestown Harbour owners are exploring the reinstatement of the leat from Luxulyan to Charlestown.

#### *Car Park*

- 3 sections of the lower car park have been re-surfaced

- 15 car parking spaces re-painted plus all of the disabled spaces
- Work on the wall to start within the next week

#### *Youth services*

- Young People Cornwall all moved in and progress is being made with the lease.

#### *Anti-Social Behaviour*

- Positive ASB meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> March with all the agencies appearing to work well together.
- New faces in the town being monitored by the ASB case worker
- Safer Cornwall visit to St Austell on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### *Old Vicarage Place*

- A Future High Streets Fund bid has been drafted by the Community Link Officer – outcome awaited.

### **CC/18/75) Dates of Meetings**

It was noted that the next meetings of the Community Committee are scheduled for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.