

**MINUTES of ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2019 at the Stable Block, Pondhu House, Penwinnick Road, St Austell, PL25 5DP at 6pm.**

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

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

**CC/19/01) Election of Chairman**

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Pearce be elected Chairman of the Community Committee for the 2019/20 Civic Year.

**CC/19/02) Election of Vice-Chairman**

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Cohen be elected Vice-Chairman of the Community Committee for the 2019/20 Civic Year.

**CC/19/03) Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brown and Pears.

**CC/19/04) Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Heyward declared an interest in agenda item 9 (Small Grants Scheme – Cornwall Heritage Trust) by virtue of being a member of the Cornwall Heritage Trust.

**CC/19/05) Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations received.

**CC/19/06) Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**CC/19/07) Matters to note**

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that further to minute number **CC/18/70** Cornwall Food Action have confirmed that their grant funding would be used towards volunteer mileage expenses, rent and utility costs and that the Kernow Men's Society have confirmed that their grant funding would be used towards advertising and room hire expenses. The Town Clerk added that he was satisfied with the use of the monies that both organisations had stated.

With regard to minute number **CC/18/73** the Clerk advised that a few residents at Tremena Gardens are not happy with the highway's proposal for Tremena Road and that a petition against the proposals is likely to be forwarded to Cornwall Council shortly.

Councillor Bull advised that she was aware of the concerns but felt that there are more people in favour of the scheme than against it.

In answer to a question, the Clerk advised that the outcome of the Future High Streets Fund was not known at the present time. He added that Old Vicarage Place has a new owner who is willing to provide favourable rental terms for a service organisation who could bring footfall in to the town centre.

### **CC/19/08) Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

### **CC/19/09) Small Grants Scheme**

*\*\*Councillor Heyward, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk advised that they are members of the Safer St Austell Group and took no part in the ensuing discussions\*\**

#### *Safer St Austell*

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Wonnacott to the meeting who outlined the Safer St Austell Young Person's Programme to Members. She advised that the Phoenix Team of Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service had developed a specialist programme to engage young people, living in St Austell, who are on the cusp of criminal activity or involved with anti-social behaviour. It is anticipated that there will be three weeks of engagement work for 36 young people. The programme will include self esteem building, team working, drug awareness, anger management and career development advice. Specialist elements of the programme will be provided by the Youth Offending Service, Devon and Cornwall Police, Public Health, the Anti-Social Behaviour Team and the Youth Intervention Officer. Three schools are engaged in the programme, two of which have agreed to assist with funding. Mrs Wonnacott confirmed that other sources of funding are currently being sourced including Community Led Local Development Funding and the Cornwall Councillor Community Chest.

Members expressed their support for the project and thanked Mrs Wonnacott for her presentation.

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £1,500 to Safer St Austell for funding towards the Safer St Austell Young Person's Programme.

#### *Cornwall Heritage Trust Ltd*

Members reviewed the grant application and although supportive, felt that due to the location of the project the funding of the project should lie with Cornwall Heritage Trust Ltd and Luxulyan Parish Council.

It was **RESOLVED** not to award a grant towards the Treffry Crib Hut Project.

#### *Saints St Austell Walking Football Club*

Members expressed their support for the Saints St Austell Walking Football Club, particularly as it supports the Transformation Agenda.

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £145 towards collapsible competition football goals and nets.

### *Go St Austell Shop Mobility*

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that following the death of Mr Paul Scott, Go St Austell Shop Mobility is still operational in St Austell and that the Trustees are in the process of reinvigorating the initiative by way of a re-branding exercise as well as applying for grant funding to assist with revenue costs. She explained that the Clare Milne Trust provided a revenue grant to the organisation in 2018 and the Town Council provided a grant in December 2018 towards the servicing of the scooters and wheelchairs. She explained that the scooters and wheelchairs are due a further service shortly and that the Trustees are looking for financial assistance towards the costs involved.

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 towards the servicing of the mobility scooters and wheelchairs.

### *Restormel Dithmarschen Twinning Association*

Members expressed their continued support for the Twinning of Dithmarschen in Germany and Restormel which was established in 1990. The proposed activities during the Twinning Week in August/September 2019, including the Bergfest were noted.

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 towards the Restormel Dithmarschen Twinning Bergfest due to take place during the Twinning Week in August/September 2019.

### **CC/19/10) Projects update**

The Clerk provided an update on the following projects:

#### *CCTV*

All analogue cameras upgraded (except for 1 due to scaffolding issues) and 5 new cameras installed and working. All cameras are now digital and picture quality is much improved. An example of how the cameras and the monitoring staff have helped to solve a serious crime recently was provided by the Clerk.

#### *Environmental Projects*

- Grass cutting – second cut was almost complete
- Contractors are being recruited in June to help with grass cutting
- The need to have a clear policy on grass cutting was highlighted
- Summer bedding plants are due next week
- Small scale sponsorship deal approved for three flower beds
- Rotary Club has agreed to undertake further litter picks during July and August
- 100 trees awarded to the Town Council by the WI
- 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
- Agency Highways Agreement with Cornwall Council agreed and signed for 3 years commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019;
- Poltair Park café installed but further work required before formal handover

- Options for waste management being considered

#### *Allotments*

- One vacant plot is currently being allocated
- Applicants also being referred to Sawles Road site where vacancies exist

#### *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 is progressing on the wall

#### *Youth services*

- Young People Cornwall have moved in to The House and progress is being made with the lease.
- Lots of good work being undertaken and YIAC service in place.
- A presentation/update is planned for the July Council meeting.

### **CC/19/11) To consider excluding the press and public**

It was **RESOLVED** that under Section 1 (ii) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the remainder of the business of the meeting in view of the commercially sensitive of the business to be transacted.

### **CC/19/12) Land at Jubilee Meadow**

The Clerk advised that a neighbouring property owner has expressed a wish to purchase land at Jubilee Meadow to extend the garden/parking area and referred Members to the three purchase options of varying sizes of land that the property owner had put to the Town Council.

The Clerk read out an e-mail from Councillor Brown supporting the neighbour's proposals and asked that Councillors support one of the options outlined.

During discussion, Members strongly opposed selling the land to the neighbouring property owner as they felt that the Town Council's public open space should be protected and that the land at Jubilee Meadow could in due course be an area to plant trees or create a community orchard in support of the climate change agenda.

It was **RESOLVED** not to sell the land at Jubilee Meadow.

*\*\*Councillor Thompson voted against this proposal\*\**

### **CC/19/13) Polmarth Close – land ownership**

The Clerk advised that notice of an adverse possession claim for a small parcel of land off Polmarth Close had been received and that enquiries to date of former Restormel Borough Council and Cornwall Council staff suggested that the claim could not realistically be challenged. He advised that the encroachment was screened by trees and under-growth but appeared to be well established. The importance of checking the boundaries of the Council's land was highlighted.

It was **RESOLVED** not to oppose the adverse possession claim unless Cornwall Council officers can find evidence to support a challenge and to authorise the Clerk to employ a suitably qualified person to survey the Council's boundaries.

*\*\*Councillors Bull and Thompson abstained from voting on this item\*\**

### **CC/19/14) Woodland Road Park – Joint Use Agreement**

The Clerk advised that terms had been negotiated with the Cornwall Education Learning Trust for a joint use agreement to regularise the existing arrangements with Mount Charles School at Woodland Road Park including a contribution from the school towards running costs.

It was **RESOLVED** to:

1. Approve the draft Terms of Reference;
2. Authorise the Town Clerk to instruct a Solicitor to draft a Joint Use Agreement based upon the Heads of Terms;
3. Authorise the Town Clerk to negotiate minor amendments to the Heads of Terms as necessary to complete the legal documentation.

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

### **CC/19/15) Dates of Meetings**

It was noted that the next meetings of the Community Committee are scheduled for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019.

The meeting closed at 7.27pm