

PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leisure, Tourism and Open Space Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6 March 2018 at Council Offices, Station House, Station Road, Padstow at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors C Watson-Smyth (Chairman), F J Bealing, A P Flide, A Rickard and D N Vivian

In Attendance: Mrs K Pemberton (Town Clerk) and Mrs S Daly (Support Officer and Minute Taker)

LTOS2017/62 **Apologies for absence:** were received from Councillors R Buscombe and R Clark.

LTOS2017/63 **Announcements:** The Town Clerk announced that South West Water had advised they needed to undertake urgent CCTV inspection works on the sewage system passing under the Railway Car Park. Access would be via existing manholes and the extent of the investigations would reach from the Camel Trail to the New Business Units. Works were expected to take two weeks, exact start date to be confirmed.

LTOS2017/64 **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.

LTOS2017/65 **Public Participation:** There was no public participation.

LTOS2017/66 **RESOLVED** that the **minutes** of the meeting held on **Tuesday 16 January 2018** were a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the chair.

LTOS2017/67 **Clerks Report/Works Programme:** The update was noted for information. The Town Clerk added that the cemetery removable bollard had been ordered, it had been agreed that the contractor would install the bollard at the same time as completing the resin surface outside Station House. To date the weather had not been suitable to complete these works.

The Town Clerk advised that further clarification had been sought from Cornwall Council regarding the replanting of trees, in line with planning conditions to replace one that had to be removed. They had confirmed it was necessary to replant, as per planning, even though the reasons for their removal was concerns with overcrowding. The Town Clerk confirmed all trees had now been replanted.

LTOS2017/68 **Hanging Baskets:** Committee were pleased that attempts had been made to source local suppliers for the town hanging baskets following the retirement of the current supplier. They considered it regrettable that a response had not been received locally, despite efforts by Council staff to seek a quotation.

In response to a query, the Town Clerk clarified that previously the availability of the baskets had been advertised but that the same

businesses applied each year. Therefore they were no longer advertised but offered directly to previous recipients. New businesses were welcome to request a hanging basket from the Council offices.

It was considered a good idea that this year a metal plaque be included stating that the baskets were donated by Padstow Town Council. It was felt fair that businesses be responsible for the fixtures and brackets.

RESOLVED that the hanging baskets be purchased from and delivered by Goonhavern Garden Centre as per the costs in the report. Further, that metal plaques be supplied with each basket and the number of baskets per establishment be managed by the Council Office.

LTOS2017/69

Skate Park Update: The update was noted as per the agenda report. In respect of the percolation test the Town Clerk further advised that Alan Roberts' services had been engaged to undertake the excavation works.

The Town Clerk advised that following the Schools confirmation that they did not require the Lawn play equipment she was still pursuing a response from Cornwall Council. Further, the contractors would quote for removal of this equipment when on site for other works.

The Town Clerk advised that the Wheal Jubilee Parc Trustee would contact their grant funder to ascertain whether the trust could donate their £10,000 grant for a skate park to the Town Council. Question was raised as to whether this would hold up progress on works. She considered this would not hold up progress. The main issue was the outcome of the percolation test and the potential cost implications any works may have, if a larger drainage scheme was required. Project manager, Shaun Watts was still chasing Bendcrete to ascertain if there were any variations in their cost as it had been some time since it was submitted. He was hopeful that this scheme could be progressed and finished this year

The Town Clerk confirmed that she would request the results of the percolation test as soon as possible. She advised members that the contractor had been made aware of the planning conditions on the site to ensure their report meets the necessary criteria.

LTOS2017/70

MUGA Proposal: One member who had not been present at the previous meeting expressed disappointment that the Leisure Centre scheme had not be taken forward. He considered that more work on potential grant funding could have been explored before making this decision.

Councillor Flide addressed the committee regarding the MUGA proposal. He considered it important that the development be future proofed to ensure the site remained in use and relevant after any initial impetus had worn off.

There was much discussion regarding the possibility of setting aside a percentage of the Council's income to invest and develop the MUGA over time with suggestions including the provision of a roof, changing facilities and flood lights. Caution was expressed regarding committing the Council to funds that were not guaranteed in the future. The Town Clerk advised that the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) considered that as net profit was an unknown figure, committing to a percentage of net profit was not advisable.

The Town Clerk added that the RFO advised another option could be to set an Ear Marked Reserve for Leisure and Recreation during the budget setting process. It was also noted that the proceeds of the sale of Unit 5b were required to be put into a capital project.

Generally there was much support for a way of future proofing the proposal and other ideas including introducing coached sessions as well as physical investments. It was felt that proposals be "worked up" for presentation to a future meeting to tie in with any future budget considerations. It was also considered a good idea that any proposal be shared with the Highways, Roads and Transport Committee who were looking to redevelop the Lawn Car Park. This would provide opportunity to consider economies of scale and synergy between the two projects.

Councillor Flide added that Sport England could offer support for ideas and future proofing. He was sure that such advice would be free.

RESOLVED that Councillor Flide with the Town Clerk contact Sport England to develop a proposal for a year round MUGA facility that could be improved and developed over a 10 year period.

LTOS2017/71

Updates:

- a) Winter Works Programme: The Town Clerk tabled a copy updating progress on the current winter works programme. It was noted that the Long Luger was in need of repair.

The Town Clerk updated that she and Councillor Rickard had not yet been able to progress the Victoria Shelter works due to weather. They would look to arrange a site visit with Council's surveyor, Shaun Watts in the next few weeks.

- b) Play Equipment Inspections: The annual play equipment inspections were noted. All findings in the report were of low or very low risk. Copies of the reports were available at the meeting for perusal.

LTOS2017/72

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 22 May 2018

Meeting closed 7.40pm