

PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leisure, Tourism and Open Space Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15 January 2019 at the Council Offices, Station House, Station Road, Padstow at 7.00 pm

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

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

LTOS2018/40 Apologies for absence: were received from Councillors R Buscombe and A Rickard.

LTOS2018/41 Announcements: There were no announcements.

LTOS2018/42 Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

LTOS2018/43 Public Participation: There was no public participation

LTOS2018/44 RESOLVED that the **minutes** of the meeting held on **Tuesday 20 November 2018** were a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the chair.

LTOS2018/45 Committee Works Programme: The agenda update was noted. In response to a member query, the Town Clerk advised that she would be meeting with the Project Manager in the next few weeks to progress a refurbishment scheme for the North Quay and Cory toilets, she hoped to provide further update at Committee's March meeting.

LTOS2018/46 Skate Park: The Town Clerk advised that Bendcrete had not returned on the dates expected to start the reinforcement and concrete works. She had been informed that 2 of Bendcrete's other projects had unexpectedly continued into the New Year due to poor weather. The revised date to return to site was 21 January 2019 and the Town Clerk had sought assurances that they would then remain on site for the duration of the project.

It had been brought to the Town Clerk's attention that a cost for signage had been included in the contractor's budget for the skate park and that Bendcrete needed the detail of the signage as soon as possible. It was noted that a standard Health and Safety sign was needed as well as a sign with the parks name, hours of operation and Padstow Town Council information. A suggested option was that one, or both, of the signs could be organised by the Town Council at a later date to allow more time for consideration of content to avoid

rushing and making mistakes. It was suggested that the Town Clerk go back to Bendcrete to ask for more detail surrounding necessary signage and their timescale.

A member considered that current delays to the schedule could see the project's completion date revised to the end of March. The Town Clerk advised that the Project Manger would be raising the same with Bendcrete and at Committee's request she would ask that he be cautious with any payments at this early stage of works. It was noted that no payments had been made to date.

A member expressed concern that access across the Link Road Car Park could be affected if delays continued into the school holidays with consequential loses if the project was not progressed quickly. The Town Clerk confirmed this issued had been raised with the Project manager noting that collectively they had worked hard to achieve access permission, which had been granted free of charge. It was therefore felt that should any fees be incurred due to prolonged access, this cost should be borne by Bendcrete.

It was noted that delays to the project had impacted on the schedule for the electric and drainage works which had been pushed back. There was concern that a cold weather snap could further delay works; weather that was too cold would impede the pouring of concrete.

The Town Clerk referred members to the proposed tree planting scheme to lift the last planning condition. The proposal would see the replanting take place away from the skate park structure but still within the lawns area. She had sought the informal opinion of the planning officer whom considered it a pragmatic approach, likely to be approved. It was noted that fencing would be required to protect the trees in the early years, the cost of which would be relatively inexpensive. It was thought that once established and the fence removed, the scheme would actually enhance the area being that the children could explore in and around the trees.

RESOLVED to accept the tree planting scheme proposal as provided by Colin Hawke Forestry and submit the same in a planning application to lift planning condition 3 in respect of the Lawn's Skate Park.

Members gave consideration to an official skate park opening. Generally it was felt that this should be a large,

well-publicised event given the length of time the project had taken. Suggestions included:

- Local media including TV and radio;
- School involvement e.g competition to determine a name with prize and ribbon cutting for the winner;
- Key people in initial conception of project be included;
- Involvement of stakeholders in the area e.g social club, core building
- Skate park instructor in attendance e.g Mount Hawke. Provision of £1,000 in 2019/20 Budget for this purpose.

It was considered prudent that there be a period between handover and the opening to identify any teething areas and that this be organised through the Town Council.

RESOLVED to i) approach Padstow School to seek their interest in involvement in the naming of the skate park; ii) that a budget of £1,500 be set for the purpose of an official skate park opening to be taken from the Skate Park and Skate Park Instructor budgets; and **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL** iii) that any shortfall for the skate park opening be made available from an appropriate budget.

LTOS2018/47 **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 5 March 2019 was noted.

Meeting closed 19.20 pm