

PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 16 July 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Council Offices, Station House, Station Road, Padstow

Present: A P Flide (Chairman for the meeting), F J Bealing, M Evans, K Freeman, R Higman, H M Saunders, Mrs A E Symons and Mrs T Walter

In Attendance: Mrs K Pemberton (Town Clerk), Mrs S Daly (Support Officer and Minute Taker) and 1 member of the public

2019/52 To receive apologies for absence and announcements: i) Apologies were received from Councillors R Buscombe, A Rickard, D N Vivian and C Watson-Smyth; ii) There were no announcements.

2019/53 Declarations of Interest: None

2019/54 Dispensations: There were no dispensations.

2019/55 Public Participation: There was no public participation. In attendance was Council's Project Manager who was invited by the Chairman to provide his update to Council during Agenda Item 6: Lawns Car Park Improvement Works, Agenda Item 8: Lawns Car Park Improvement Works Tenders and Agenda Item 9: Cory and North Quay Toilets

2019/56 Padstow Carnival Request: RESOLVED i) to approve the request to use the Railway Car Park and Bandstand for the 2019 Padstow Carnival as per the arrangements approved last year and as outlined in the "to follow" agenda papers; and ii) that approval be subject to receiving relevant PLI and risk assessments and Council's insurers and health and safety advisors being satisfied.

2019/57 Lawns Car Park Improvement Works: At the invitation of the Chairman, Council's Project Manager provided an update on this matter. It was noted that the section 278 application had been submitted, this related to making amendments to the highway which would be necessary to improve the car park entrance. The Project Manager advised that Highways had come back with some technical questions which had been answered. Regarding timescales for the decision, it was estimated that a decision would be made within 2 – 3 months and it was noted that it had now been 8 weeks since the application was made. The Project Manager did not feel there was any indication that there would be issues with the application.

The Project Manager advised that the Lawns Car Park planning application was currently on hold and an extension of time agreed. Concern had been raised by the Planning Officer over the scheme's loss of trees some of which were subject to Tree Preservation Orders. A map of the trees in question was tabled for members. Of most concern was the tree marked no 3 on the map, as in order to improve the entrance the tree needed to be moved. Tree 2 was of least concern as changes to the steps on the left hand side of the entrance were no longer required at this stage.

A tree survey had been undertaken and it was felt that if the layout could be altered to remove the 7 parking spaces to the right of the entrance, this would allow 2 trees of concern to remain and couple behind to enable the two way system to work. This was the Project Manager's recommended revision, it was felt that once onsite additional spaces may be found, as was the case during the Railway Car Park works. It was noted that another option could be to use tree root barriers in the scheme, however the Project Manager consider that this was an expensive solution and could cause long term issues when the barriers begin to break down.

With regard to timescales, it was noted that advice from the Planning Officer was that subject to receiving the tree report and submitting a revised plan, a decision might be made within 3 weeks.

The Town Clerk further added that the Tree Inspector whom Council had worked with previously considered that without showing a willingness to try and rework the scheme in consideration of the trees, it was likely the application "as is" would not be supported. It was noted that tree 4 on the tabled map was not growing well and a further 2 trees may well die in 10 years. The Project Manager added that an estimated "worst case" scenario was that the improvements would create an additional 20 parking spaces. Council's thoughts on the revised scheme and working with the Tree Inspector in order to work up an acceptable proposal to the Planning Authority was now sought.

Members felt there was good justification for improving the entrance, noting that traffic was often queued on the road in both directions and safety was a concern for the area.

RESOLVED to approve the revised scheme for the Lawns Car Park Improvement Works as per the Project Manager's recommendation to remove the parking spaces as discussed. Further, the Town Clerk and Project Manager work with Council's Tree Inspector to work up acceptable tree proposals in order to submit a tree report in support of the planning application.

2019/58 **It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.**

2019/59 **Lawns Car Park Improvement Works Tenders:** See confidential minutes.

2019/60 **Cory and North Quay Toilets:** See confidential minutes

The Project Manager left the meeting and did not return.

2019/61 **Workshop Unit – Lease Issue:** See confidential minutes.

Meeting closed at 7.40 pm