

PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leisure, Tourism and Open Space Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11 June 2019 at the Council Offices, Station House, Station Road, Padstow at 7.00 pm

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

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

LTOS2019/10 Apologies for Absence: were received from Councillor R Buscombe.

LTOS2019/11 Announcements: There were no announcements.

LTOS2019/12 Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

LTOS2019/13 Public Participation: There was no public participation

LTOS2019/14 RESOLVED that the **minutes** of the meeting held on **Tuesday 21 May 2019** were a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the chair.

LTOS2019/15 Clerks Report/Works Programme: was noted for information. The Town Clerk and Councillor Flide confirmed that they had yet to meet up to progress the MUGA questionnaire. They hoped to arrange this soon to move this forward.

The Town Clerk advised the Victoria Shelter works were due to have been signed off by the Project Manager however she had not received confirmation in this regard and would chase.

It was noted that the replacement signs requesting dogs be kept on leads had arrived. It was suggested that screws which cannot be undone be used to avoid further theft.

LTOS2019/16 North Quay and Cory Toilets Refurbishment: Committee was referred to the Schedule of Works written by the Project Manager as per the scope previously approved by Committee. The Town Clerk had sought assurance from the Project Manager that the plans outlined on agenda pages 42 and 43 would be more refined when sent out with the tender documentation. It was noted that agenda page 42 showed the family room wall moved across in order to provide more room in the ladies toilets handwash area, as this was currently cramped and hampered the door from opening and shutting. It was also noted that a long urinal would be installed in the North Quay gents as requested. The Town Clerk also highlighted the plans for change in Cory to provide a family room.

One member was pleased to see that tiles would be used on the floor and skirting. It was noted that the cubicle partitions needed to be heavy duty and robust. Comment was made that in the Railway Toilets water ingress in the bottom of the partitions had been a

problem. It was felt going forward these should be installed 4" above the floor to help with cleaning and that they should be cut and sealed off site.

RESOLVED to Approve the Schedule of Works for the Refurbishment of Cory and North Quay Public Toilets subject to clarifying that the cubicle partitions should be of high quality, heavy duty and pre-cut and sealed off site. If this were not the case, then to update appropriately and that any changes to the works be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Committee Chairman.

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Council Vehicles: Members gave consideration to the tabled report having been circulated and read. The report recommended that replacement vehicles for the Isuzu Gafter and the Piaggio be investigated. The Outside Services Supervisor had outlined that this be looked into sooner rather than later following advice from the local garage as they could fetch more money with them having either 12 or 6 months MOT respectively.

It was suggested by a member that the initial rationale for the purchase of the Gafter had been to accommodate hand wash facilities and it was asked whether this need had changed. The Town Clerk and other members were not aware that the Maintenance Team used a hand washing facility in the Gafter.

Members discussed purchasing an electric vehicle considering that it may be possible to apply for grants to purchase the same. It was noted that the current vehicle mileage was minimal. It was felt that as such, fuel savings would take a long time to show any benefit against the cost of an electric vehicle. It was mentioned that fuel operated vehicles would have only a small carbon footprint due to the low mileage.

Members agreed that replacements for the 2 vehicles should be explored but that all options should be evaluated including electric, petrol and diesel. For purchase, trade-ins and the second-hand market could be viable given the low mileage the vehicles would do and it was noted these could be purchased with warranties. In addition, it was felt that a good price could be achieved for the Gafter and as such looking at both part exchange and selling could be advantageous.

RESOLVED that the Outside Services Supervisor investigate replacement options for the Isuzu Gafter and the Piaggio to include i) all fuel options including electric; ii) various sourcing options; iii) possible grants available for electric vehicles; and iv) best value be obtained for the current vehicles. Further, that proposals be brought back to a future meeting of the Leisure, Tourism and Open Spaces Committee.

Updates for Consideration:**a) Skate park**

CCTV and PIR: The Town Clerk advised that following some concerns raised by a member of the public through Cornwall Councillor Buscombe regarding anti-social behaviour at the skate park, a meeting between Councillor Buscombe, the Local Police, Councillor Higman and the Town Clerk had taken place. Reports of drug taking had been received and there had also been some issues with vandalism. The Town Clerk advised that the police had offered their assistance in informing a report in respect of CCTV for the skate park as they considered that in light of the issues raised this should be considered. The Town Clerk felt that their advice should be taken onboard and welcomed the Committee's views in this regard before undertaking this piece of work. She further added that Mount Hawke Skaters could be approached to provide support in speaking with local schools on skate etiquette etc and perhaps this is something that could be done alongside Wadebridge Town Council, for instance. There was some discussion on this issue, some members felt that CCTV was unnecessary and invasive to users of the skate park.

The Town Clerk suggested the installation of a PIR light on Council's blockhouse. This could be done quite quickly and easily which might act as a deterrent as well as light the pathway from Link Road to the Lawns. It was noted this could be supplied and installed by a local electrician at a cost of £162.95 ex VAT. A member expressed concern that the PIR may be damaged by anti-social behaviour and should be sited on a pole above the garage.

RESOLVED to install a PIR light on the side wall of the blockhouse at the Lawns Car Park at a cost of £163.95 ex VAT and that the effectiveness of the light in respect of antisocial behaviour be assessed at a later date and if necessary the option for CCTV could be investigated.

Section 106 Funds: Members noted the agenda report in this regard. The Town Clerk added that should members become aware that the trigger for payment is met before Cornwall Council advise her of the same, then to let her know and she would inform Cornwall Council.

Skate Park Name: Members gave consideration to the list of nominations for the skate park name. These had been submitted via an anonymous ballot box made available at the official opening.

The Town Clerk clarified that space had been intentionally left above the skate parks "conditions of use" sign to accommodate a sign for the park's name once chosen.

RESOLVED that the Skate Park be named "Padstow Sk8" and a sign be ordered and sited.

b) Outside Works Update: The Town Clerk provided a verbal update from the Outside Services Supervisor. It was noted that the Stile Field wild flowers were starting to grow though some areas were a little

slow. The wood for the planters and fencing required in the play area as part of the skate park planning conditions had been ordered. Recently the team had needed to undertake works to the North Quay toilets.

In response to a query, the Town Clerk would clarify whether the wild flower planting was being continued along the cemetery bund. One member commented on how good the poppies planted along the hedge along the Trevone Green looked.

LTOS2019/19 **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 3 September 2019 at 7.00pm was noted.

Meeting 7.29 pm