

PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leisure, Tourism and Open Space Committee meeting held on Tuesday 10 September 2019 at the Council Offices, Station House, Station Road, Padstow at 7.00 pm

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

In Attendance: Mrs K Pemberton (Town Clerk), Mrs S Daly (Support Officer and Minute Taker) and 2 members of the public

LTOS2019/20 Apologies for Absence: There were no apologies for absence.

LTOS2019/21 Announcements: There were no announcements.

LTOS2019/22 Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

LTOS2019/23 Public Participation: Two members of the public attended the meeting to speak about agenda item 10: Bandstand. Comments included:

- Consider there are a disgusting amount of traders along the side of the harbour and the bandstand area which increases each year;
- Disgusted that nothing has been done to sort the problem before the season began, has spoken with local MP who had advised he wanted to bring the matter before parliament but was unsure when this would be;
- Concern that an accident will happen;
- Concern that street traders make emergency access difficult due to equipment and customers as experienced this summer by fire engine attending shop fire;
- Cars are unable to pass around the Bandstand area and people are unable to see bands performing due to trading equipment and customers;
- Appreciate that some people like street traders as they are being used but consider the situation needs controlling;
- Suggested that in Mevagissey Harbour Commissioner has confiscated trader equipment until 4pm on grounds of trading being dangerous;
- Would like to see some action taken in Padstow, has asked MP to "lean" on relevant authorities but no traceability or accountability forthcoming;
- Suggested that Padstow Town Council or Padstow Harbour Commissioners could be culpable if an accident occurred as doing nothing to restrict street traders.

LTOS2019/24 RESOLVED that the **minutes** of the meeting held on **Tuesday 11 June 2019** were a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the chair.

LTOS2019/25 **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. They hoped to arrange this soon to move this forward.

It was noted that a recent MUGA development on private land in St Merryyn had become acrimonious amongst residents with regard to noise concerns. It was suggested by a member therefore that as soon as a proposal is formed engagement with local residents, especially those of School Hill, be undertaken.

LTOS2019/26 **Council Vehicles:** Members gave consideration to the agenda report which outlined recommendations for the replacement of the Isuzu Grafter and the Piaggio work vehicles. Generally, members were supportive of the proposals but wished to see all Town Council vehicles appropriately sign written.

RESOLVED to i) purchase a second-hand diesel-powered John Deere Gator XUV 855D from Masons Kings at a cost of £11,450 plus VAT as detailed in the agenda report; ii) part-exchange the Isuzu Grafter for the Peugeot Expert from Hawkins Motors with additional extras as detailed in the agenda report for a total cost of £10,444 plus VAT; iii) all vehicles to be sign written with Padstow Town Council details at additional cost; and v) progress the sale of the Piaggio by private sale on a "sold as seen" basis.

LTOS2019/27 **Skate Park Issues:** Members were referred to the agenda report, it was noted that issues of vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the skate park area had continued despite the installation of a PIR light and that the police were keen for Committee to consider CCTV.

It was suggested by a member that Newquay Skate park be contacted with regard to any anti-social behaviour they may have experienced and any measures they had taken to address this. It was noted that the investigation into the installation of CCTV, it's policies, procedures and data protection issues would take time to work up and it was suggested that this be undertaken alongside contacting Newquay Skate park and they both be brought back to a future meeting for consideration.

A member raised that 2 benches had been placed in the skate park which they felt was encouraging the wrong use of the area. It was also suggested that the maintenance team undertake their morning checks of this area at an earlier time as the member had noticed a lot of debris and glass on a number of mornings.

It was noted that the skate park use during the day was very positive and the Town Clerk added that during a visit to Padstow School to award the skate park poster prizes, further positive feedback had been received. Generally, it was agreed that the skate park had been

successful but that Committee wished to “nip the anti-social behaviour in bud”.

RESOLVED that i) Newquay Skate Park be contacted with regard to anti-social behaviour they may have experienced and any measures taken to address; ii) that the Town Clerk begin to investigate policies/procedures required for the use of CCTV together with options and costings; and iii) that both findings be brought back to a future meeting of the Leisure, Tourism and Open Spaces Committee.

LTOS2019/28

Core Building: Following consideration by members on a way to progress the possible future use of the Core Building it was **RESOLVED** that in consultation with the Town Clerk Councillors Vivian, Flide and Bealing give thought to the future use of the Core Building including potential improvements to the space itself and report back to a future meeting of the Leisure, Tourism and Open Spaces Committee.

LTOS2019/29

Bandstand: The Town Clerk provided an update on this item. She had clarified with the Harbour Master that Padstow Harbour Commissioners (PHC) owned the Bandstand and he was now looking into whether any of the Harbour Commissioner byelaws could be used to enforce the area in respect of street trading. Both parties were keen to try and proactively tackle the issue.

The Town Clerk advised that she had recently spoken to local MP, Scott Mann but had not felt that the issue would be addressed in the immediate future through this route. Mention was made of the St Ives byelaw which had provided a dedicated area for traders to go upon purchase of a license fee, however having spoken to St Ives it was found that when Cornwall Council (CC) increased this fee, the byelaw became unworkable.

The Town Clerk advised of a proposed meeting between herself, the Harbour Commissioner, Cornwall Councillor Buscombe and an Officer of CC to look at the street traders’ issue. It was thought it may be possible to share costs for a potential enforcement officer using existing legislation i.e PHC byelaw and CC enforcement. She added that it was just exploratory at this stage but considered it a good first step.

There was general discussion around at what point people and objects were considered an obstruction by the police. It was noted that Cornwall Councillor Buscombe would bring a report to a later meeting regarding discussions he’d had with a local police officer about this matter during a walk around the town they had undertaken after the bank holiday weekend.

Members of the public were advised of Cornwall Council’s Street Trading Policy consultation which was open until the end of October.

LTOS2019/30

Dog and Waste Bins: Members gave consideration to the agenda report. It was felt that no further bins were required and members

were happy that dog waste and general waste be mixed. One member queried whether all dog bins should be removed and replaced with general bins as these would be more sightly and less confusing. This however was thought to be quite costly.

RESOLVED to investigate improved signage on the general waste bins, along similar lines to CC, to notify the public that dog waste can be disposed of in general waste bins as well as well as in the red dog bins.

LTOS2019/31 **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 5 November 2019 at 7.00pm was noted.

LTOS2019/32 **It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.**

LTOS2019/33 **North Quay and Cory Toilets Refurbishment Tenders:** See confidential minutes.

Meeting 19.57 pm