

PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways, Roads and Transport Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8 February 2022 at the Church Rooms, Church Street, Padstow at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillors K Freeman (Chairman), Mrs J Dawe, R Higman, A N Rees, M Rickard, D N Vivian and C Watson-Smyth

In Attendance: Mrs K Pemberton (Town Clerk), Mrs S Daly (Support Officer and Minute Taker) and Councillor Mrs T Walter.

- HRT2021/25 **Apologies for Absence:**** There were no apologies for absence.
- HRT2021/26 **Announcements:**** There were no announcements.
- HRT2021/27 **Declarations of Interest:**** There were no declarations of interest.
- HRT2021/28 **Public Participation:**** There was no public participation.
- HRT2021/29 **Minutes: RESOLVED**** that the minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 14 December 2021** be signed as a true record of the meeting.
- HRT2021/30 **Off-Street Parking Service Level Agreement (2022/23) and On-Street Parking Update:**** The Chairman informed Committee that as per the agenda report himself, Councillor Higman (Chairman of Finance), the Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer had met virtually with officers from Cornwall Council (CC) to discuss parking enforcement in Padstow Town Council (PTC) car parks.

Members noted that despite PTC owning its car parks, due to a legislative error by Government only CC could undertake enforcement of these. It was noted that CC could offer the same number of visits for 2022/23 as for this year, as detailed in the report which coincided with their on-street enforcement visits to avoid PTC paying travel costs. CC had also offered a discount on the hourly rates proposed for the 2022/23 Service Level Agreement (SLA). The Chairman confirmed that in addition to PTC paying CC's hourly rate for off-street enforcement, CC retain fees received from any Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) issued. This had been raised at the meeting with CC officers providing an update as to why, as detailed in the agenda report. However, there was still frustration expressed, particularly with the service that could be offered by CC.

The Town Clerk clarified that the budget for off-street enforcement was £5,000. The enforcement costs were roughly 1% of the income generated. CC would be happy to discuss any other visits later in the year once more was known around their resources with recent changes taking place at Cornwall Council.

Comment was made that the oversight should be raised with the local MP. In the meantime, it was felt the terms of the SLA for 2022/23 should be accepted.

The on-street parking update was noted as per the agenda report.

RESOLVED to i) agree to the off-street parking SLA for 2022/23 as per the 4 visits per week to align with CC core visits, as per the discounted rates referred to in paragraph 2.1 of the agenda report and with the same terms as the SLA for 2021/22; and ii) to write to the Local MP to raise concern with the Government oversight in respect of Civil Enforcement in Cornwall.

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Date of next meeting: To be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 6.37 pm