

PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leisure, Tourism and Open Space Committee meeting held on Tuesday 1 February 2022 at the Council Offices, Station House, Station Road, Padstow at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors C Watson-Smyth (Chairman), R Higman, J O'Keefe and A N Rees

In Attendance: Mrs K Pemberton (Town Clerk), Mrs T Trestain (Support Officer and Minute taker)

- LTOS2021/23 Apologies and Announcements:**
i) Apologies were received from Councillors A P Flide, D N Vivian and Mrs T Walter; and ii) There were no announcements.
- LTOS2021/24 Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
- LTOS2021/25 Public Participation:** There was no public participation.
- LTOS2021/26 RESOLVED** that the **minutes** of the meeting held on **Tuesday 19 October 2021** be signed as a true record of the meeting.
- LTOS2021/27 Clerks Report/Works Programme:** The report was noted for information.
- LTOS2021/28 Weed Spraying:** Committee was referred to the agenda which advised that Cornwall Council has instructed that no weed spraying take place on CC property/land, as yet they had not been forthcoming as to how they would like the weeds managed. It did however, pose the question as to what Council would like to do on Padstow Town Council's own land, with the agenda report outlining details of interested to help in Committee's considerations.

The Council Support Officer offered further advice at the meeting that if Committee did consider that PTC weed spray that it be early in the day. She outlined that between the hours of 8pm and 8am were the best times when the bees were not foraging. Also to take into consideration the time of year such as early spring before the flowers were in bloom attracting bees.

Overall, it was considered that for the amount of spraying the Council did on its own land was small and it was hugely beneficial in keeping weeds at bay and reducing the need to strim as much. It was noted that training had lapsed due to COVID, upon advice re-fresher training would need to take place before this re-commenced.

RESOLVED that i) weed spraying take place on Town Council land 2-3 times a year on the proviso it is undertaken when flowers are not in full bloom and between the hours of 8pm-8am and appropriate training undertaken and in place.

LTOS2021/29

Bandstand Performances: Committee was requested to give consideration to the agenda report. Mention was made as to whether Council wanted to continue with the summer schedule of band performances, or instead do more community led events. It was noted that the benches were now in situ and that this should remain. It was outlined at the meeting that Sundays were most popular with it being harder to book the Wednesday slots. Due to COVID there had been a lapse with the appropriate training therefore due to timescales involved it would be difficult to have this in place too early in the season.

There was much discussion in this regard overall, it was felt that it would be good to continue with the band performances, but as Wednesdays were problematic to keep to the Sundays offering both an afternoon and evening performance. A Councillor mentioned about Falmouth 4x4 Responder who could be approached to undertake road closures/management as this could be an option worth exploring.

The Council Support Officer referred Committee to paragraph 2.1 of the report outlining approaches that had been made locally and that it would not be possible to provide road closures for these due to training not being in place.

RESOLVED that i) the benches remain in situ; ii) investigations be undertaken with Falmouth 4x4 Responder as to a possible company that could undertake road closures and report back findings to a future meeting; iii) the Council Support Officer ascertain next available training dates and book staff on for road closure training; iv) that the Town Council continue with band performances but only on Sundays (two performances) from July to August; v) that the RNLI days requested as per the agenda report be agreed and noted they manage these days with no assistance from the Town Council required for a road closure except for Sea Sunday however, Sea Sunday would be subject to appropriate training and road closure being in place; and vi) Marie Curie be offered the bandstand but only for collection purposes as it would not be possible to provide a road closure due to timings and training not in place.

LTOS2021/30

Information Boards: Committee was referred to the agenda report and work which the Council Support Officer had undertaken in researching the same. Views of the Committee was welcomed in being able to take this forward.

There was much discussion in this regard particularly relating to the board at Trevone which had the most out-of-date information. It was noted that Cornwall Council had put in place rubbish bins and that it felt that a concrete base, same as at George's Well would tidy the area up.

RESOLVED that i) new information boards for Trevone (x1) and Padstow (x2) be progressed on the basis that the maps are of an aerial

view (same as they are at present) but with the information/clip boards (as per the map depicted in Appendix 2 of the report - Polzeath Beach) with font being verdana to match other Padstow Town Council boards; ii) that Committee members provide clarification on any information that needs amending/updating to the office team, in particular Trevone as information was outdated; iii) matter be considered by Committee at a future meeting; and iv) a concrete plinth be made for the bins area at Trevone Green.

LTOS2021/31 **Allotments:** Committee was referred to the agenda report. There was much discussion on this item with the Town Clerk confirming that since Padstow Town Council had taken on the allotments it was working to how Cornwall Council managed them. For consistency it was considered helpful to have in place a protocol.

In response to a member, the Town Clerk clarified that allocation was an administrative task and it was based upon Cornwall Council's approach and that it was helpful to have the protocol in place to ensure consistency was followed.

Concern was raised at the number of days grace on people to respond to either being on the waiting list (para 3ii) or being offered an allotment (para 4v). Committee felt that more time should be given, in case the person was on holiday for instance and could miss out. It was felt this should be changed from 14 days to 21 days.

Mention was made about the age of allotment holders. The Town Clerk clarified that any agreement would need to be an adult and that if two people on the agreement, then both would need to sign.

RESOLVED to recommend to Council the adoption of the Allotment Protocol subject to changing 3ii) and 4v) to 21 days instead of 14 days.

LTOS2021/32 **MUGA:** The Town Clerk advised that unfortunately she had yet to talk through this matter with the Project Manager, she would chase up with a view to updating Committee on the way forward, including costings etc and timescales.

LTOS2021/33 **Date of next meeting:** to be confirmed.

Meeting closed 7.40 pm