

PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways, Roads and Transport Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7 March 2023 at the at the Council Offices, Station House, Station Road, Padstow at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors K Freeman (Chairman), P Curgenvan, R Higman, J O'Keefe, A N Rees and M Rickard

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

HRT2022/27 **Apologies for absence:** There were no apologies for absence.

HRT2022/28 **Announcements:** There were no announcements.

HRT2022/29 **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.

HRT2022/30 **Public Participation:** There was no public participation.

HRT2022/31 **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 17 January 2023** be signed as a true record of the meeting.

HRT2022/32 **Committee Works i) Update:** Car Park Relining: The Town Clerk provided further update on this item. It was noted that the choice of contractor had been delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman. The date given by the chosen contractor was April, therefore the other contractor would be contacted to see if they could undertake the work any sooner.

ii) Programme: The programme was noted. With regard to the Camel Trail, no further update was available. Council's health and safety advisor would be available for a site visit in April.

HRT2022/33 **Off-Street Parking Service Level Agreement (2023/24 and 2022/23 Update:** There was discussion on this item. Members agreed that enforcement was required but found the level of visits Cornwall Council (CC) could offer "pitiful", particularly given that enforcement was a revenue generator for CC both from the SLA itself and any penalty charge notices (PCNs) issued. It was noted that for 2022/23 of the PCNs issued, 174 had paid and 64 had appealed, it was not clear how many other PCNs had been issued that remained outstanding.

The Town Clerk advised she had met with the new lead contact for enforcement, Kevin Brader. She raised the following concerns with him:

- Frequency of visits offered;

- Timing of visits being unknown and a desire to feed into when these take place e.g at peak times of use and congestion; and
- Whether the Localism agenda and devolution could be explored so that the Town Council could interject at key times of the day/year.

It was noted the Officer did not think the above would be possible and the offer from CC for 2023/24 was as either i) 4 visits per week Monday to Saturday or ii) 4 visits per week Monday to Sunday.

Under the current SLA visits are 4 visits per week Monday to Saturday, plus visits on Sundays upon request. The Town Clerk was clarifying that option i) would continue to be on the basis of the current agreement, Sundays upon request.

It was noted that due to inflation, CC had advised that prices had increased across the board and the revised fees for visits were noted.

Generally, it was felt that the SLA terms would need to be accepted but it was requested that the Town Clerk raise with Cornwall Councillor Rushworth the issue of not being able to provide more visits, particularly in light of this being an income generator. Also, to raise with enforcement a need for a greater degree of presence, especially during peak times. Members also expressed concern that as more Council's update their orders, more Council's will require this service which is already unable to provide sufficient levels of service.

RESOLVED to i) continue with the SLA for 2023/24 on the same basis as previously, being 4 visits per week – Monday to Saturday, with the option to request Sundays as and when required; ii) to note the increased fees of £32 per hour for visits Monday to Friday, £40 per hour for visits on Sundays (plus travel), and £47 per hour for visits on Bank Holidays; and iii) that the Town Clerk raise with Cornwall Council a) this Committee's concern that CC are unable to provide more visits given it is a revenue stream for them; b) the need for a greater degree of presence, especially during peak times; and c) to ask about future plans to build capacity.

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Date of Next Meeting: RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting, Tuesday 4 April, be rescheduled following Council's Health and Safety Advisor's site visit.

Meeting closed at 7.26 pm