

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of The Civic Amenities Committee held at the Guildhall on Wednesday 4th March 2009 at 7:00pm

PRESENT:- Councillors G Ellison (Chairman), R Bickford, P Clements,
D Holley, C Oakes, P Stephens ISM

ALSO PRESENT:- Mrs M Small (Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES:- Councillor R Austin, Mrs S Hooper MBE, C Riches

194/08/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Clements declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No. 206(b)/08/09 regarding Footpath 17, and took no part in the discussion as he has submitted an application for a Modification Order.

Councillors Ellison and Bickford declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No. 195/08/09 regarding an application to the Festival Fund by Saltash Regatta Committee as Chairman and Member respectively of the Committee and will leave the room during discussion of this item.

195/08/09 FESTIVAL FUND APPLICATION

An application on behalf of the Saltash Regatta Committee was considered. It was unanimously **RECOMMENDED** that a grant of £2,525 is made.

(Councillors Ellison and Bickford left the meeting having previously declared a prejudicial interest. It was unanimously AGREED that Councillor Holley takes the Chair for this item)

196/08/09 CCTV

The Clerk reported that Mr Vinson at the District Council had agreed that the wording on the application for Community Funding could be amended so that the work to be undertaken will be to extend the arm of the camera on the card shop and move the camera on the Nat West Bank, as this would still improve the camera coverage of Fore Street.

197/08/09 LIGHTING AT MURAL

The Clerk reported that one estimate had been received but this appeared to be more work that was required. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Ellison will obtain another estimate.

198/08/09 TOILETS IN ALEXANDER SQUARE

It was noted that the agreement for a one year licence of the toilets in Alexandra Square had been signed and that the building had been included on the Council's insurance. Saltash Heritage was using the building for storage.

As the District Council's sale of the St Stephens toilets has fallen through, they are offering to lease them to the Town Council on the same basis as the Alexandra Square toilets. It was **AGREED** to obtain the keys to the former toilets at St Stephens and Callington Road and also to enquire whether the sub-station was included. Also to chase Saltash Heritage for a response as to whether they would be interested in the building.

199/08/09 **ELWELL WOODS PROJECT**

Councillor Ellison reported that he is still waiting to hear regarding the flagship application to Community Spaces, which had been submitted in the name of Gateway Community Interest Company for £209,000. An ecological arborial survey will be required.

The District Council's grant of £15,000 from the Community Fund needs to be sent before the end of March. The initial plans and visuals are to come from this. It was **AGREED** that the upgrading of the footpath should also be taken from this sum and delegated authority be given to the Mayor, Councillors Ellison and Clements, and the Clerk to approve.

200/08/09 **SALTASH STATION**

Councillor Bickford reported that Cormac are working at the station on the Riviera project and have relaid the blocked drain and started to lay the extension of the pavement from outside the building to Albert Road. They are now digging up the gully ready for re-surfacing the road. There is no movement on work to the station building itself.

If nothing happens to the buildings before May, Ashtorre have large flags to hang to dress the fence.

201/08/09 **BUS SHELTERS**

- (a) The Clerk reported that she had asked County Highways to look at the possibility of re-locating the bus shelter in Yellow Tor Road to the opposite side of the road.
- (b) The Clerk reported that letters are ready to be sent out to residents at Carkeel. It was **AGREED** to ask First National for the number of people getting on/off the No. 76 bus at Carkeel.
- (c) The Clerk reported that she had received an invoice for the shelter at North Road and the original drawing had shown a seat but this had not been provided. Councillor Ellison stated that if a seat is required this will incur additional expenditure and it was therefore **AGREED** to leave the seat and pay the invoice.

202/08/09 **BEATING OF THE BOUNDS 2009**

Councillor Ellison stated that the Beating of the Bounds arrangements are coming together. The 22 seater bus will pick up in Alexandra Square to go to Waitrose for the start of the walk and then will go from Notter to St Germans. The bus will be take as many trips as are needed. It was **AGREED** that tickets

are sold from the Guildhall at a cost of about £12 for adults and £6 for children up to the age of 16 to be confirmed.

203/08/09 **ALLOTMENTS**

Councillor Ellison expressed his disappointment that the District Council will no longer allow the gardens of Council houses to be used as allotment gardens. However, they had offered some other pieces of land for allotments but the only suitable piece was next to No. 5 Grenfell Gardens. It was **AGREED** to:-

- (a) accept the land next to 5 Grenfell Gardens
- (b) put people in touch with private householders already visited
- (c) advertise in each Town Messenger for more gardens

204/08/09 **WATERING OF PLANTS**

As there is no funding in next year's precept for a water bowser, it was **AGREED** to look at hire costs for hiring a bowser for this year and review the situation at the end of the summer.

205/08/09 **SHOWCASE**

A report back on the Showcase event showed that most comments were about advertising the event. The Clerk stated that it had been included in the Messenger, on the web site and on the banner at the bottom of Fore Street. Other comments related to the frequency of the event.

It was **AGREED** to discuss the next event in September and possibly consider holding it at the Working Men's Club.

206/08/09 **FOOTPATHS**

- (a) The Clerk will check if application forms have been received from the Footpath Officer to make application to include a public right of way on the Definitive map. If the Forder Community Association do not make the application, then the Town Council should.

A letter was read from Mrs Smith regarding the Council's support for a Modification Order and a Tree Preservation Order on the land. It was **AGREED** to respond that the Town Council had agreed to apply for a footpath, for which there is no statutory width but at the most would be a meter and this is compatible with the Tree Preservation Order.

- (b) Councillor Stephens reported that a meeting has been arranged on the 10th for himself and Councillor Austin to meet with Mrs Sue Waters and Mr Graham Greene regarding Footpath 17. A wall has been built which has obstructed the original footpath and this is important enough for enforcement action to be taken.
- (c) There was nothing to report on the proposed Modification Order from Waterside to Coombe Road

- (d) Councillor Oakes stated that he had received a complaint regarding the footway from St Stephens Road to the swimming pool and school. There was concern about a shed which had been erected in the hedge line and a step which was cracked. It was **AGREED** that no action is taken on the shed and the District Council is advised of the cracked step.
- (e) Councillor Clements reported that Councillor Reid had contacted the developer building the houses at the former sewerage works regarding Footpath 48 who say that they will not do anything to stop people walking. It was **AGREED** that this is added to the agenda for discussion with Linda Holloway.

207/08/09 FEEDING OF SWANS

Councillor Ellison reported that Saltash Waterfront Residents Association has had an A5 leaflet printed giving advice on where to feed the swans. These will be distributed free of charge from Ashtorre. It was also noted that the pubs are selling swan food. It was **AGREED** to take this item off the agenda.

208/08/09 OUTSIDE LIGHT AT OAKLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that some time ago the Council had agreed to take on the energy costs of a light installed outside the Community Centre but no money had been paid to date. The Committee of the Centre were now seeking payment and were not keen to keep the light and in fact had turned it off. The cost of an unmetered supply to one street light was £30 per annum

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council pay £65 this year, and 2 years backdated and then ongoing until further notice.

209/08/09 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT

Councillor Austin had submitted a paper on the Sustainable Communities Act and it was **AGREED** that the Town Council should register.

210/08/09 PROPOSED BROADWALK AT WATERSIDE

Councillor Ellison stated that Saltash Waterside Residents Association and Gateway Community Interest Company will be consulting on an idea for a boardwalk starting at the granite steps by the pier. As yet there is no funding in place.

211/08/09 SEATS

It was **AGREED** to update the list of seats. Councillor Ellison will report on Pill Ward, Councillors Bickford/Stephens on St Stephens Ward and Councillors Clements/Challen on Burraton Ward. Councillor Oakes had completed Essa Ward.

212/08/09 **LEAFLET**

Councillor Bickford asked if the Town Council would agree to support an advertisement from the Caradon Community Fund for an advertisement for the Saltash Heritage Trail. It was **AGREED** that £75 is used from the Community Fund.

213/08/09 **ANNUAL MEETING WITH PARISHIONERS**

Following earlier discussions, it was **RECOMMENDED** that as the last meeting of Caradon District Council is to be held on the evening of the March Council meeting, the Annual Meeting with Parishioners is postponed until the April meeting.

214/08/09 **PRESS RELEASES**

It was **AGREED** that Councillor Ellison puts out a press release on Beating of the Bounds.

215/08/09 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 1st April 2009 at 7:00pm