

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of The Civic Amenities Committee held at the Guildhall on Wednesday 3rd June 2009 at 7:00pm

PRESENT:- Councillors A Killeya (Chairman) R Bickford, P Clements, G Ellison, Mrs S Hooper MBE, C Oakes,

ALSO PRESENT:- Mr Neil Dixon (National Allotment Trust for Minute No. 46/09/10)
Mrs T Fulcher (Saltash Town Band for Minute No. 47/09/10))
Mrs M Small (Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES:- Councillors D Holley, C Riches, P Stephens ISM
Mr M Down

44/09/10 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs Hooper takes the Chair for this item)

Councillor Ellison stated that he wished to stand down as Chairman of the Committee as he had held the post for many years and Councillor Mrs Hooper congratulated him on his Chairmanship and the work he had undertaken during this time.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** by 5 in favour and 1 abstention (Councillor A Killeya) that Councillor Adam Killeya be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

45/09/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Clements declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No. 48/09/10 relating to a Festival Fund application by the Royal British Legion as he is a member of the organising committee. Councillor Ellison declared a personal interest in the same application as he is a member of the Royal British Legion and is working with them regarding an event at the Regatta.

46/09/10 PROVISION OF ALLOTMENTS

Mr Neil Dixon from the National Allotment Trust discussed the provision of allotments and options open to the Council. He suggested that Cornwall Council should be approached for finance towards provision of allotments. He also suggested that provision of allotments could be added to the Local Plan.

(Councillor Killeya declared a personal interest as his name is on the allotment waiting list)

It was **AGREED** to:

- (a) send Mr Dixon a copy of the agreement being used in connection with private allotments for his comment on the agreement.

- (b) an allotment sub-committee comprising of Councillors A Killea, G Ellison, P Clements and the Clerk is set up to meet with Mr Dixon and reporting back to the full committee.

47/09/10

CHRISTMAS EVENT

- (a) It was suggested that Laurence Reid of Radio Cornwall is contacted to open the event.
- (b) At the next meeting, it should be discussed whether the Totnes market traders could be invited to have stalls on a commercial basis.
- (c) Edward Jacobs to be asked to attend the next meeting to discuss the involvement of the children in the event.
- (d) The Mayor's Chaplain to be invited to attend meetings nearer the date of the event.
- (e) Add the date of the event to the Town and Mayor's diaries.
- (f) The Christmas event to be discussed as the first item of the Civic Amenities Committee and not as a separate sub-committee.

48/09/10

FESTIVAL FUND APPLICATION

An application from the Royal British Legion was considered for Festival Funding for their Festival of Remembrance. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the full amount of £563 as requested is granted.

(Councillor Clements left the meeting during voting on this application having declared a prejudicial interest.)

49/09/10

ELWELL WOODS PROJECT

Councillor Ellison reported that work on the second stage of the bid will be done by the end of December and the decision will be made in January 2010. He explained that the thinking was that the woods above the footpath was envisaged to be grass land but there is now a suggestion that the Celtic cross could be located on this area. Councillor Ellison stated that the project team will probably be himself, Liam Bradley, Karen Ord, Peter Clements, Derek Holley and Martin Gee and Councillor Killea stated that he would like to be a member also.

It was **AGREED** to go ahead with the drawing up of the landscape plans at a cost of £900 as already approved by Devon and Cornwall Groundwork as a preliminary to the public consultation which will be held on one of the Councillor Saturday mornings in Fore Street.

50/09/10

BEATING OF THE BOUNDS 2009

Councillor Ellison reported that 60+ people had attended and that the Gateway Community Interest Company had made a profit. It was **AGREED** to:

- (a) write to St Germans Sailing Club Committee apologising for the lack of notice in docking the boat but it had been assumed that as it was commercial company they would have gained the necessary permissions.
- (b) consider holding the Beating the Bounds event every two years but in any case in 2012 for the Golden Jubilee.
- (c) The Clerk reported that she had received an invoice from the Town Crier for handing out notices on the Tuesday prior to the event but this had not been booked, only an enquiry made. It was **AGREED** that the invoice should not be paid.
- (d) A letter of thanks to be sent to Mr Lister for his help on the walk. The Mayor extended thanks to Councillors Ellison and Clements and the Community Interest Company for making this possible.

51/09/10

CIGARETTE ENDS AND GUM DROPPINGS

Councillor Mrs Hooper showed a pouch which can be kept in a handbag or pocket to stub out cigarettes or to put chewing gum to save dropping them on the pavement. If they are to be sold not for profit they can be obtained at 50p and 60p each.

It was **RECOMMENDED**:-

- (a) that SEA is asked if they would work in conjunction with the Town Council for distributing the pouches for a small donation to their funds and promoting their use. Pouches would also be available from the Guildhall.
- (b) by 5 in favour and 1 abstention (Councillor Bickford), that the Town Council purchase fifty of each pouch at a total cost of £55 from the Council's Environment budget.

52/09/10

TINCOMBE NATURE RESERVE

The Clerk reported that Councillor Holley had written to the children at St Stephens School and was now arranging a meeting with Cornwall Wildlife Trust.

53/09/10

FOOTPATH MEETING

Councillor Clements reported on the footpath meeting with Linda Holloway who had come with her assistant Katie Jose. There had been a discussion about problem areas and paths in general. Councillor Clements had reported issues raised with paths on the Beating the Bounds walk and it was **AGREED** that:

- (a) the Town Council forward these comments to Linda Holloway for further action.

- (b) one of the pictures of the Beating The Bounds is forwarded to Linda Holloway plus the Cornish Times article in order that the County may use these in any future publicity.
- (c) Linda Holloway would welcome any further notices regarding work on silver paths.

54/09/10 WEEDS

A request was submitted from Councillor Holley and two letters were noted on problems with weeds around Saltash. It was **AGREED** to place on the next agenda and in the meantime Ward Councillors report roads which were particularly bad and if possible to take pictures to forward to the Cornwall Council.

55/09/10 PRESS RELEASES

It was **AGREED** to issue a press release regarding the weeds asking the public to let their Councillor know of roads which were particularly bad.

56/09/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 1st July 2009 at 7:00pm

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: 18th June 2009 _____