

## SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Industry Commerce Transportation and Tourism Committee held at the Guildhall on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7:00pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors D Yates (Chair), R Austin, R Bickford, D Holley (late arrival), A Killeya, M Killeya, B Reid

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr P Dickerson (Chamber of Commerce)  
Mrs D Ashton (Temporary Town Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Clements, Ellison, Oakes  
Mr W Cotton (Chamber of Commerce)

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**56/10/11      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Bickford, A Killeya and M Killeya declared a personal interest in items relating to rail services as they are members of SRUG.

**57/10/11      BUSES**

- (a) Cllr Yates reported to members that he had investigated bus 'Dayrider' schemes already offered by the bus companies. He and Cllr Reid felt that there was no great demand from bus users for a further ticket of this type due to what exists already.

Cllrs A Killeya and Bickford felt that there is a need for a ticket of this kind to assist those just travelling in Saltash such as students and that a Saltash only ticket would be much cheaper than what is available now. Cllr A Killeya thought that bus companies could market a ticket such as this in 6<sup>th</sup> form colleges.

Cllr Yates said he would undertake further investigation.

- (b) Cllr Austin updated members that this is still ongoing with works expected to commence approx. at the beginning of September. As Fore Street may need to close, works will be done on a Sunday to minimise the impact of any Town Centre disruption.

Members suggested that the Town Council notify the community once final details of when work is to commence have been confirmed.

- (c) Cllr Yates asked about the Pillmere bus stop which was requested by residents of this area when a bus service was put in place there.

Cllr Austin said that this was still ongoing and has written to First Bus. They are awaiting Cornwall Council to make a stand for this. Cllr Austin is in contact with Rebecca Dickson.

Members asked if this could be added for to the list of other bus shelters in the scheme that is to be considered.

Members were informed that new timetables have now been issued for the 43A service which is replacing the 26 service.

**58/10/11**      **INDUSTRIAL ESTATES**

- (a) Cllr Austin updated members that two quotes had now been received and is in the process of obtaining a third. Members asked if the third company was licensed to erect highways signs. This was to be clarified.
- (b) The Town Council had received two communications recently from potential companies who would like to set-up and trade in the area, inviting comments from members. Members felt that it would be inappropriate to comment until such time further details were obtained as part of any planning application process.

**59/10/11**      **TOURISM**

- (a) The Clerk reported that the mosaics on the bridge linking Fore Street to North Street were, in some places, requiring attention as pieces of tile were falling off. Members **AGREED** that the Clerk contact the original artist, Emma Spring, for advice.
- (b) The Clerk informed members that the maintenance contract for the Waterside mural was up earlier in the year. A plan of maintenance already existed. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the existing plan be maintained but with inspections quarterly only and management of this plan be delegated to the Clerk in conjunction with the Chair of this committee.
- (c) The Clerk informed members that Mr Cosgrove had been contacted and was due to inspect the finger signs. He would then advise the Caretakers.
- (d) Cllr Bickford advised members that the information was all up bar on one notice board at the leisure centre and that the pins were working well.

With regard to Cornwall Council's directive to remove all information from boards as first raised in the last meeting (minute 42/10/11(a)), Cllr D Holley is still pursuing this.

- (e) Members were advised that a letter from Mr Whipp, the Town Crier, had been received offering to provide stocks for public events. The letter indicated that the Town Council would incur no cost for these stocks.

Members were supportive of Mr Whipp doing this but did want to clarify who will own them and insure them. The Town Council would need to know that proper and adequate insurance is in place for these stocks by Mr Whipp. Members also felt that Mr Whipp should undertake a full and proper consultation with the Town Council as to when and where they would be used.

It was **AGREED** that Cllr A Killeya would draft a letter for the Town Council to send to Mr Whipp.

- (f) Members were informed that Sound Cruising has now cancelled the Saltash to Plymouth ferry service.

Cllr Bickford said that he had contacted Tamar Cruising to inform them of this too and that if they had any plans to run a service, the Town Council would be very pleased to see this happen.

Members agreed that they would be delighted too and perhaps even a regular bus service in Saltash to the ferry.

Cllr Austin said that the Community Network Area group were trying to encourage an increased water taxi/ferry service in the area.

- (g) Members discussed an idea put forward by a member of the public for a 'Best Garden in Saltash' competition.

Members thought it a good idea and discussed how it could be done. Members were reminded that the Town Council has a Community Chest fund if any community member/group wanted to initiate an event such as this. Members said they would welcome any suggestions for groups that would like to undertake such a competition.

Cllr Yates said he would be delighted to speak with the member of the public that came up with the idea with Cllr Yates and the Clerk to undertake a feasibility study on if was possible for the Town Council to undertake such an event.

- (h) Cllr A Killeya asked about a recent CALC meeting that Malcolm Bell has spoken at. Cllr Reid informed members that little had come from that meeting.

**60/10/11**      **FOOTBRIDGE CONSULTATION**

Cllr Clements had distributed prior to this meeting via e-mail to all members a response from Sheryll Murray MP on this matter. Members **NOTED** this e-mail and wished to thank Cllr Clements for his time on this.

Cllr A Killeya also updated members on a letter he had sent to the Highways agency expressing disappointment was not available at this time.

**61/10/11**      **MILESTONE**

Cllr Clements informed members that the milestone has now been repaired and repositioned in a much safer place. It is now 5 metres closer to Saltash.

**62/10/11**      **SALTASH STATION & RAIL SERVICES**

Cllr Bickford said there was very little info forthcoming with regard to the column upgrades. He said he would keep persisting for information.

Cllr Bickford had attended meetings on timetabling and said there may be chance to improve the Sunday Service at some point in the future.

With regard to the Station building and Mr Speed, a response is still being awaited.

Cllr Bickford spoke of the ongoing problems with the level of the platform. Members asked Cllr Bickford if he could confirm whether passengers were able to exit the train safely.

**63/10/11**      **PETROL PRICES IN SALTASH**

No further update was available. Cllr Bickford said he would obtain an update from Cllr Ellison.

**64/10/11**      **S106 PAYMENT BY WAITROSE**

The Chamber of Commerce had met with Mr John Parker, manager of Saltash Waitrose, who had explained that Waitrose still had an s106 payment obligation to fulfil. Cars in the car park are counted in order to calculate how much payment to make.

Cllr A Killeya felt that this was linked to supporting a community bus from the town to the supermarket and had contacted Mr Parker but was still awaiting a reply as he was away on leave.

**65/10/11**      **TAMAR TAG**

Cllr Austin said that there was nothing further to report as there had been no meeting since the last ICTT meeting in June.

Cllr Yates said he would supply the Clerk and Cllr Austin with the last letter he had drafted and sent on this matter.

**66/10/11**      **CORNWALL COUNCILLORS' COMMUNITY GRANT**

No nominations were received.

**67/10/11**      **PARKING**

- (a) The Clerk updated members on a reply from Ms Rebecca Dickson, Cornwall Council Area Highway Manager) on trailer parking, Ashtorre area. Ms Dickson confirmed that any restriction signage erected in the trailer park would not be enforceable by Cornwall Council and would be for information only.

Cllr A Killeya asked whether it was worth funding a sign that couldn't be enforced as it could be said that non-enforceable signs are prone to being ignored. Cllr Austin thought a sign would be beneficial as parking was on the highway. Cllr Killeya asked if clarification for the wording of a polite sign could be obtained.

Cllrs Bickford and Reid felt that parking was not such an issue in this area. Cllr Austin thought that if this was the case then no signs needed to be purchased.

Members felt that the parking in this area should be monitored over a period of time with perhaps a reminder in the local paper.

Members **AGREED** that the situation be monitored over the summer and be reported back in September with perhaps other community groups monitoring the situation too.

With regard to parking charges rising to 50p for the first hour and Saltash/Torpoint being classified differently, Cllr Yates said he would clarify the situation further with Cllr D Holley.

Cllr Holley arrived later in this meeting and was able to supply further information on this:

He said that he was going to propose to Cornwall Council that the policy on increasing charges should go on hold and that the Torpoint/Saltash classification was agreed at Committee level but overturned at Full Council.

Cllr Holley asked if the Town Council would write to the Chair and Committee members to explain the importance of such a category due to the proximity of Plymouth.

As Mayor of Saltash, Cllr A Killeya volunteered to do this and liaise with the Mayor of Torpoint too. The drafted letter would be copied to Cllr Yates, Holley and the Clerk.

**68/10/11**

### **FORE STREET SHOPS**

Cllr Bickford thanked all for their help recently and that the premises now looked good. He mentioned that The Tamar Protection Society were now aware of the facilities available to them too.

Members discussed when the premises would be available for others to use. Cllr Bickford updated members that an exit strategy had now been agreed with Saltash Heritage and who would be potentially next with the schedule being open just prior to Christmas. Members agreed that something suitable should be in for this period.

Cllr Bickford reported that he had entered negotiations to try and use the old Jobcentre premises until such time the owners have more permanent plans.

Cllr Bickford said he had recently done an interview with the Cornish Observer on this.

Cllr Holley reported that he had asked for enforcement action to be taken on premises that would be considered as an untidy site. However, no action is going to be taken. Cllr Holley will contact enforcement again on this matter. Members agreed that the whole shop was in a sad state and wondered if the Town Council could do anything for a minimal cost such as put a false front on but it was felt though that Town Council funds should not be spent on a private property. Members felt that if an arrangement could be made with the owner to use the shop window for a display that would be different though there had been little response from the owner.

**69/10/11**      **A388 SPEED VISOR**

Results of a speedvisor deployment at Carkeel had been distributed by the Clerk just prior to this meeting to all members. Cllr Yates felt that although this item had just come in, he asked if members were in agreement to discuss this matter now as it needed to be brought to their attention - members were in full agreement.

Members discussed the results which indicated that the average speed limit was above the legal speed limit for that area.

Members heard that the current 30mph signage in the middle of the village was in actual fact illegal as it was incorrectly made which means the police cannot take enforcement action for speeding. The police would like to see this sign removed and replaced with a legal one. However, residents do not want the sign removed quite possibly as they may not understand that it will be replaced. Members heard that it unlikely that a speed camera will be funded as money is scarce.

**70/10/11**      **PRESS RELEASES**

The following press releases were agreed:

- (a) Cllr Bickford - The Town Council is working to improve passenger access on to trains.
- (b) Cllr Yates – The Town Council initiated repair and safe relocation of the milestone.

**71/10/11**      **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010 at 7.00pm

Rising at 8.43pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
5<sup>th</sup> August 2010