

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Civic Amenities Committee held in The Guildhall on Wednesday 11th January 2012 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: G Ellison (Chair), R Bickford, P Clements, Mrs H Frank, M Gee, A Killeya (part), P Stephens ISM (part).

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor: B Austin, Cadet Sergeant Chris Tandy – Saltash Air Cadets.
Ray Lane - Town Clerk.

APOLOGIES: Councillors: C Oakes, C Riches.

HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman informed those present of the actions required in the event of a fire or emergency.

132/11/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Name	Agenda Item	Personal/ Prejudicial	Reason
All Councillors	8	Personal	Know applicant and other members.

133/11/12 CHRISTMAS EVENT

The Chairman welcomed Sergeant Chris Tandy who was attending in relation to the Air Cadets involvement in the event.

The Chairman presented a paper for discussion covering the positive and negative points of the event (copy on file).

It was **RESOLVED** that:

1. The Council's thanks be extended to the Air Cadets for their support at the event and a donation of £50.00 be awarded from the Christmas event budget.
2. This year's Christmas event will be held on 1st December 2012.

134/11/12 CURRENT COMMITTEE BUDGET STATEMENT

Members considered the current budget statement as at 31st December 2011.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

135/11/12 BUDGET FOR 2012/2013

Members further considered and set the budget outturn forecast for 2011/12 and the proposed budget for 2012/13 (copy on file).

It was **RESOLVED** that the budget outturn forecast for 2011/12 and the proposed budget for 2012/13 as set be put to Policy and Resources Committee for consideration.

136/11/12 FOOTPATHS

(a) Footpath update (Councillor Clements)

Councillor Clements reported that he was progressing outstanding works with the Footpaths Officer.

He also made members aware of some old maps that had been discovered at the Guildhall which pre-dated the definitive maps.

It was **RESOLVED** that the maps would be made available for members viewing at the Guildhall for two weeks following which they would be given to the heritage centre.

(b) Wainhomes footbridge

The Chairman informed members the issue was ongoing.

It was **RESOLVED** that the item be referred to the next meeting.

(c) Yellowtor Lane/Spire Hill Park right of way – update

Councillor Clements reported that the right of way was still obstructed.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

(d) Any Other Footpath Issues

Councillor Clements informed members that Yellow Tor Villa had been auctioned and referred to farm paths that did not continue after arriving at farms.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

137/11/12 FESTIVAL FUND APPLICATIONS

Saltash Music and Speech and Drama Festival

It was **RECOMMENDED** that:

1. £1,000 be awarded.
2. Saltash Town Council be acknowledged for the award in the programme.
3. The Saltash Town Council support banners be displayed at festival events.

138/11/12 **ELWELL WOODS/ CELTIC CROSS PROJECT**

The Chairman updated members on progress to date which included details of a meeting held with tenderers for the construction of the cross and arrangements for a volunteers woodland works weekend to be held on 28th and 29th January following the commencement of the formal works on 23rd January 2012.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

139/11/12 **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

(a) Phase IV and V – update

The Chairman informed members that phase IV had been completed and phase V was due to commence soon.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact Rotary to request that the rear of the sign on the sponsorship boat be painted.

(b) Standard of roundabout maintenance – update

The Chairman reported that he had received a reply from the Highways Agency with regard to planting and design guidelines which he did not consider helpful therefore a design would have to be worked up for approval.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact:

1. Roger Young Landrovers to request £250 sponsorship for the Latchbrook roundabout.
2. Lidl to request £250 sponsorship for the Pillmere roundabout.

(c) Any Other Items Relating to Grounds Maintenance

None.

140/11/12 **ALLOTMENTS**

(a) Lower Port View – Vernon Court

Councillor Austin reported he had received no further response from Cornwall Council.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact the Housing Officer to request the use of the land for allotments and seek clarification as to the current thinking on the previous Gardens for Allotments scheme.

(b) Any other items relating to allotments

The Chairman reported on a number of complaints he had received which he would investigate.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

Members considered phase II development of allotments at Church Town Cemetery.

It was **RESOLVED** that no further action be taken in this budget year.

141/11/12 **STREET LIGHTING**

(a) Moorland View

Councillor Stephens I.S.M. reported that the work was progressing slowly.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman would pursue progress with Councillor Holley.

(b) Any other issues relating to street lighting

The Chairman reported on a lighting problem at the library steps leading to the health centre.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Austin would progress the issue with Cornwall Council.

142/11/12 **TOWN MESSENGER – UPDATE**

The Chairman updated members on progress to date and requested that their copy be submitted by the end of the week.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

143/11/12 **REPORTS OF OVERHANGING TREES AND PLANT GROWTH**

The Chairman reported on a problem at the corner of Silver Street which he was dealing with.

Councillor Austin reported a problem of a leaning wall on the St Stephens side of Victoria Park.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact Cornwall Council to request an inspection and any remedial works required.

144/11/12 **BLUE PLAQUE SCHEME**

No report.

145/11/12 **NOTICEBOARDS**

(a) Update on Pillmere notice board

The Clerk reported that the residents association were agreeable to displaying notices.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Riches be contacted to determine the progress of the notice board location transfer.

146/11/12 **OLYMPIC TORCH 2012 – UPDATE**

Councillor Frank informed members of positive and productive meetings held with community groups to organise events on the day and that a co-ordinated hub had been organised together with the establishment of a dedicated events web page www.saltashcelebrates.org.uk to promote the torch event and any other events.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

147/11/12 **USE OF THE GUILDHALL FOR ART DISPLAYS – UPDATE**

The Chairman reported that the scheme was ongoing.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

148/11/12 **QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE/BEATING THE BOUNDS – MONDAY 4TH JUNE 2012**

The Chairman reported that there were two aspects to the event:

Picnic in the park at Longstone Park.

Councillor Frank reported that the event would best be linked to the Big Lunch being orchestrated by the Eden Project to be held on Sunday 3rd June 2012 and further reported that music and entertainment was being booked for the event.

Beating the Bounds.

The Chairman reported that the boat and coach had been booked and arrangements were nearly finalised at a total cost of £600.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

1. Tickets for Beating the Bounds would go on sale from Easter.
2. The Clerk book Longstone, Jubilee and Victoria Gardens for the Olympic Torch events on May 19th 2012 and Longstone Park for the Picnic in the Park on 3rd June 2012.

149/11/12 **REFURBISHMENT OF TOWN CENTRE BINS AND BOLLARDS - UPDATE**

The Chairman reported the work was on-going.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

150/11/12 **THE LEVEL OF DOG BIN PROVISION IN THE TOWN**

No report.

151/11/12 **COMMUNITY TOILET SCHEME**

The Chairman updated members on the scheme to which he considered the Railway Pub may soon be included.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

152/11/12 **CORNWALL IN BLOOM**

Councillor Austin referred to the nearly completed phase IV and V grounds maintenance works and in light of the enhanced environment of the town the council should consider submitting an entry into the competition.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman and Clerk submit an entry application.

153/11/12 **CCTV – UPDATE**

No report.

154/11/12 **PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960: To resolve that Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 the public and press leave the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.**

155/11/12 **AS REQUIRED IF NECESSARY**

None.

156/11/12 **PUBLIC BODIES (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960: To resolve that the public and press be re-admitted to the meeting.**

157/11/12 **URGENT NON-FINANCIAL MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR**

None.

158/11/12 **PRESS RELEASES OR ARTICLES REQUIRED**

None.

159/11/12 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

14TH March 2012

Rising at 8.55 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: 2nd February 2012