

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of The Civic Amenities Committee held at the Guildhall on Wednesday 5th March 2008 at 7:00pm

PRESENT:- Councillors G Ellison (Chairman), R. Austin, R Bickford, N Challen, P Clements, A Killeya, C Oakes, C. Riches, P Stephens, D Yates

ALSO PRESENT:- Mrs M Small (Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES:- Councillors D Holley, Mrs F Knight, Mrs S Lennox-Boyd

138/07/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Bickford and Ellison declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No. 139/07/08(ii) regarding a grant for festival funding for the Regatta as members of the Regatta Committee.

Councillor Bickford also declared a personal interest in Minute No. 139/07/08(a) regarding the May Fair Committee as he has designed their web site and a personal interest in Minute No. 152/07/08 regarding the station as a member of SRUG.

Councillor Clements declared a personal interest in Minute No. 148/07/08 regarding Town Greens. He also declared a personal interest in Minute No. 154/07/08(a) regarding Footpath 17 as he has submitted a Modification Order.

Councillor Killeya declared a personal interest in Minute No. 139/07/08(i) regarding the May Fair Committee as his wife is a member of the Committee. He also declared an interest in Minute No. 152/07/08 regarding the station as a member of SRUG.

139/07/08 FESTIVAL FUNDING

- (i) An application for Festival Funding was considered from the May Fair Committee. It was **RECOMMENDED** that a grant of £2000 is made.
- (ii) An application for Festival Funding was considered from the Regatta Committee. It was **RECOMMENDED** that a grant of £1650.

140/07/08 CHURCHTOWN FARM NATURE RESERVE

It was suggested that a seat is put at the southern end of Point Field at Churchtown Farm Nature Reserve. It was **AGREED** leave the matter with Councillor Austin in the first instance and if funding is not available, the Committee will consider funding a seat. Therefore it will be kept on the agenda for future discussion.

141/07/08 BANNERS – FORE STREET

The Clerk reported that the Town Council administer the erection of any banners at the bottom of Fore Street on behalf of the County Council. Organisations are required to have Public Liability Insurance cover of £2m but this is proving a problem to some smaller organizations. There was also a problem of some banners being put up without permission.

It was **AGREED:-**

- (a) to make enquiries whether the Town Council can insure the banners under their insurance.
- (b) only banners from organizations are permitted
- (c) any banners not having the permission of the Council are to be removed.

142/07/08 PARKING AT LONGSTONE

Councillor Ellison referred to previous discussions regarding extending car parking at Longstone Park. He stated that instead of having a car park with hard core/tarmac, a cheaper option would be installing hexagonal hdp netting. It was **AGREED** to write to the District Council to obtain costs.

143/07/08 CCTV

It was noted that quotations were awaited.

144/07/08 CHRISTMAS SUB COMMITTEE

Letters of thanks for donations received following the December Christmas event were reported from Mr B Carter, the Air Cadets and Maurice Huggins Room. It was noted that the Committee was to meet on the 27th March.

145/07/08 LIGHTING AT MURAL

Councillor Ellison reported that Stansbury electricians had replaced the third defective light at the mural. The meeting to look at the wiring has still to take place.

146/07/08 TOWN CLOCK

This item to be carried forward to the next meeting.

147/07/08 GORSEDD CEREMONY 2009

Councillor Ellison reported that he had spoken to Mrs Fuller regarding the location for the Gorsedd and he will continue to liaise with her.

148/07/08 TOWN GREENS

The Clerk reported that there were approximately 125 completed forms regarding the use of Warfelton Green and these were now being scanned Councillor Bickford. Once this is completed, the application will be made.

149/07/08 SHOWCASE

The feedback on the event was generally good but the major complaint was there was a lack of space in the Council Chamber and people would have liked a full table. It was **AGREED** that consideration is given to putting on the event again next year and possibly spreading into St Nicholas and St Faith Church Hall also.

150/07/08 PUBLIC TOILETS

A discussion was held on the use of toilets in public houses as public conveniences. It was **AGREED** that:

- (a) Councillors Challen and Mrs Lennox-Boyd speak to the publicans of the Railway and Brunel to seek their views on the proposal, including having unescorted children on the premises, and to see if the premises were suitable for disabled access.
- (b) the Clerk to investigate whether the Council could provide a grant to the businesses for allowing use of the premises.

151/07/08 SILVER STREET HANGING GARDEN AND ELWELL LANE WOODS

Councillor Ellison stated that the District Council was now willing to let the Town Council have a 50 year peppercorn lease on Ellwell Lane Woods, Silver Street Hanging Garden and the triangle at Boscundle Row. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the lease is undertaken.

152/07/08 SALTASH STATION

Councillor Bickford reported that work appeared to have started at the station and he understood that it was hoped to start on the roof in the next two weeks.

153/07/08 BUS SHELTERS

- (a) Councillor Ellison reported that he was having difficulty in obtaining a quotation to undertake work on building the shelter in North Road. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would obtain a quotation from the builders who undertake the Council's repairs.
- (b) The insurance company has now accepted the claim for the shelter in Callington Road but it will mean losing two excess amounts as the damage was done on different occasions.
- (c) A letter was reported from Mr Dickson regarding the bus shelter in Wearde Road as he believes the shelter is too large for its location and in particular the canopy of the shelter protrudes into his hedge and damage is now occurring and there is congestion on the pavement, particularly at school leaving times.

It was **AGREED** that:-

- (i) at the next Council meeting, the Police are asked if a PCSO can be in the area between 3 – 3.30 pm and 10 – 10.30 pm
- (ii) Governors of the Community School will raise the issue with the School
- (iii) the Council will investigate whether there is a shorter width canopy available.

154/07/08 FOOTPATHS

- (a) A letter was reported from the County Council regarding an application for a Modification Order on Footpath 17 and asking the Council to comment as a landowner/occupier. Councillor Clements stated that he felt the Council was a joint owner of the footpaths. It was **AGREED** to raise the question of ownership with Linda Holloway at the Footpath meeting.
- (b) The Clerk reported that the Secretary of State's Office had contacted her after the last meeting to say that the County Council had provided them with information but it was insufficient. Therefore they have requested the information and waiting the County's response.

A letter was also reported from the County Council as they have revised the way in which applications to Modify the Definitive Map of rights of way will be determined. Applications were previously determined in chronological order based upon the date on which they were received. Applications are now prioritized so that a higher priority is given to those applications considered to have the most benefit to users of the public rights of way network. The Council's application is now at No. 40 on the list of undetermined applications but is subject to change.

- (c) Councillor Clements stated that whilst good work had been undertaken on Footpath 35, it was not enough. It was **AGREED** to raise at the meeting with Linda Holloway from the County Council.
- (d) The new cutting regimes under the Local Maintenance Partnership have been received and it was **AGREED** to raise at the meeting with Mr Hine.

155/07/08 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

It was noted that a meeting with Mr Hine regarding the contract would be held upon his return from holiday.

156/07/08 TOWN MESSENGER

It was **AGREED** that the next Town Messenger is issued at the end of March. Possible items could be web site, boundary review, trains, bus service, Town Crier, Footpath walk, Longstone Park, waste incinerator inquiry, showcase.

157/07/08 BRUNEL

Councillor Ellison referred to Brunel celebrations next year and asked that the Brunel sub-committee is re-convened. It was **AGREED** that Councillors Austin, Ellison, Holley, Killeya, Riches and Yates form the sub-committee and co-opt as necessary.

158/07/08 PRESS RELEASES

It was **AGREED** that no press releases were required.

159/07/08 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 2nd April, 2008 at 7.30 pm
Future Agenda items: Tree Preservation Orders
Beating of the Bounds in 2009