

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of The Civic Amenities Committee held at the Guildhall on Wednesday 3rd December 2008 at 7:00pm

PRESENT:- Councillors G Ellison (Chairman), N Challen, P Clements, M Gee,
Mrs S Hooper MBE, C Oakes, P Stephens ISM

ALSO PRESENT:- Councillors R Austin (for part of meeting) and D Yates
Mrs T Fulcher(Town Band for Minute No. 156/08/09)
Mrs M Small (Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES:- Councillors R Bickford, D Holley (Mayoral Duty), C Riches (Caradon
DC meeting)
Mr M Down

155/08/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Hooper declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 159/08/09(a) regarding a bid for Festival Funding by the Saltash Music Speech and Drama Festival Committee and will leave the meeting during discussion. Councillors Clements and Oakes declared a personal interest in the same Minute as they are "Friends of the Festival".

156/08/09 CHRISTMAS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs Fulcher stated that she thought the event was well organised and holding it on a Saturday had been a great success. She felt that something else was needed for the younger children.

Councillor Challen stated that he felt the event was too spread out and could have been compacted into the top half of Fore Street with the arena further up. The Clerk stated that shops at the bottom end of Fore Street would probably object as people wouldn't go beyond the arena. It was felt that if the arena was further up the street, the PA system could go in both directions and therefore stalls could be the full length of the street.

Councillor Austin stated that there was a problem with traffic going down Victoria Road and this should be looked into for next year.

An e-mail was read from Andy Rance on behalf of the young people of Livewire who felt that there was a lack of regard for them as a band as from the beginning it felt like a tack on to the end of the event and was not mentioned in press releases. Also, they had been told that the Caradon Caravan would be there and that is why they agreed to bring the large PA system. When it came to the band's slot, Hospital Radio kept turning the microphones down. Andy also commented on Livewire's involvement with May Fair and the Regatta events and the background to these comments were outlined by Councillors Stephens and Ellison respectively.

(Councillor Mrs Hooper declared a personal interest as President of Livewire)

All agreed that Hospital Radio had not been a success throughout the event and that next year it should revert to the Caradon trailer if it is still available. Also, that there should be no entertainment after the Carol Service. However, the reason for stopping part way through the band's entertainment was that it had started to rain and the crowds were dispersing. Councillors expressed their regret that the band was upset and the Clerk stated that the Mayor would be going to see them.

The Clerk reported that Elfic had given the Council £20 from his collection.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that a donation of £100 is given to the Air Cadets for their help throughout the event and £30 to Maurice Huggins Room for opening.

It was **AGREED** that:-

- (a) the date of the 2009 Christmas event will be Saturday 28th November with road closure at 12 noon and the first event on at 1 pm
- (b) arrangements for the event revert to being part of the Civic Amenities meeting.

157/08/09 PRECEPT FOR 2009/2010

The precept for the Committee was re-considered as requested by the Policy and Resources Committee.

It was noted that bid to the District Council for the additional camera proposed for the top of Fore Street had been approved. In addition the bids for the upgrading of the Control Room and the cameras in Liskeard and Saltash had been approved. Councillor Yates circulated details of four possible options for the CCTV cameras in Saltash. It was confirmed that the Gateway Community Interest Company (CIC) do not yet know the plan for Fore Street but they are aware of the plans for the cameras.

It was **AGREED** that:

- (a) the District Council is asked what the plan is for the future of the CCTV Control Centre under One Cornwall.
- (b) the amendments made to the budget are submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee, giving a Committee budget of £70,750.

158/08/09 TREES

The Clerk reported that the Tree Preservation Orders were ready to be submitted.

(Councillor Austin left the meeting)

159/08/09 FESTIVAL FUNDING

Applications for Festival Funding were considered from:-

- (a) Saltash Music, Speech and Drama Festival to be held from 26th January to 7th February 2009 and having examined the accounts, it was **RECOMMENDED** that a grant of £1,000 as requested is approved.

(Councillor Mrs Hooper left the meeting during discussion of this item having previously declared a personal and prejudicial interest)

- (b) Saltash Fair to be held on the 2nd and 3rd May 2009 and having examined the accounts, it was **RECOMMENDED** that a grant of £3000 as requested is approved. However, it was noted that the funds are now rising and suggest that next year the Committee will get a loan or can demonstrate that they are looking for funds elsewhere also, or produce a business plan to make the event even bigger and better.

(Councillor Stephens declared a personal and prejudicial interest as Chairman of the Saltash Fair Committee and left the meeting during discussion of this item)

160/08/09 PARKING AT LONGSTONE PARK

Mr Masters from the District Council had estimated that to create additional parking at Longstone Park would be in the region of £31,000. It was **AGREED** that this is brought back to the March meeting of the Committee for further discussion.

161/08/09 CCTV

This was discussed when considering the precept.

162/08/09 LIGHTING AT MURAL

The Clerk reported that no further estimates have been received.

163/08/09 TOILETS IN ALEXANDER SQUARE

It was noted that this is still proceeding with the District Council.

164/08/09 ELWELL LANE WOODS

Councillor Ellison reported that he is meeting Mr James Shepherd from Groundwork to talk about major funding available from Community Spaces.

165/08/09 SALTASH STATION BUILDING

A report from Councillor Bickford was reported stating that a planning application has now been lodged for the former station building. Workmen have been seen moving building materials into the building. The Riviera Project is moving on with some quotations being received for works by Cormac and CCTV installers and work is scheduled to be completed by April 2009.

166/08/09 ALLOTMENTS IN SALTASH

Councillor Ellison reported that he is still waiting to hear from Mr Adrian Pengelly at the District Council. It had been confirmed that as the allotments at the cemetery are being provided on a temporary basis, they will be able to be taken back for cemetery use by giving one year's notice to the tenants.

167/08/09 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

There were no issues arising which needed discussion.

168/08/09 BUS SHELTERS

- (a) The shelter in North Road will be started in January and a copy of the insurance certificate has been received.
- (b) Councillor Clements reported that he had received a request for the bus shelter at the north end of Yellow Tor Road to be moved to the opposite side of the road as the bus no longer goes in the direction to be able to use the shelter. It was **AGREED** that Ward Councillors will look at the shelter and investigate which way the shelter should face.
- (c) It was reported that the shelter in Wearde Road had graffiti on it and Councillor Oakes will inspect and report back.

169/08/09 TOWN GREENS

The Clerk reported that the District Council had had to re-submit their application for Town Green status at Warfelton as the requirements changed whilst the application was being completed and was re-submitted on the 20th November.

170/08/09 GORSEDD 2009

Councillor Ellison reported that there had been a meeting regarding the Gorsedd with Mrs Fuller and it had been agreed that the Gorsedd Ceremony will be held in Longstone Park and other events like the Bard's Tea and Assembly, and the concert will be held at the Wesley Church.

Councillor Ellison reported that there was a meeting of the Gorsedd Committee on Monday 8th December at 6.00 pm at The Guildhall.

171/08/09 BEATING OF THE BOUNDS IN 2009

The Clerk reported that provisional estimates for boat hire have been received from Tamar Cruising and Sound Cruising but further detailed information is required to obtain a fixed price. It was **AGREED** that consideration of this item is deferred to the January meeting.

172/08/09 BOUNDARY STONES

The Clerk reported two quotations had been received to provide moulds of the Town Seals and prepare seals for the boundary stones. The bid to Caradon

District Council for the boundary stones had been approved. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the quotation from Westward Mouldings Ltd at Gunnislake is accepted in the sum of £742.50p

173/08/09 TOWN MESSENGER

The Clerk reported that the Scouts felt unable to deliver a Town Messenger so near to Christmas and therefore it was **AGREED** that a Messenger is prepared for early January and the Police are offered half a page to report back on the analysis of the PAT cards.

174/08/09 FOOTPATHS

- (a) A letter was reported from Mr P Clements asking that in the light of Mr Couper's comments submitted to Cornwall County Council on the evidence in support of Mr Clements application to modify the Definitive Map of Footpath 17, the Town Council should ask Mr Couper to clarify or amend the information he provided in his letter to the Town Council on the 25th July 2007. It was **AGREED** that no action be taken.

Copies of additional information regarding the proposed Modification of the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way by the addition of a footpath from Footpath 17 to the County Road were received. It was **AGREED** to respond that the Town Council continues to support the application.

(Councillor Clements declared a prejudicial interest and spoke for information as a member of the public before leaving the meeting prior to the discussion)

- (b) With reference to the Undercliff at Forder, Councillor Clements asked if the Town Council would consider requesting a Modification to the Definitive Map as a restricted by-way. It was **AGREED** that a request is submitted.

175/08/09 BIKE GATE

A request has been received to put a bike gate on the path between Alamein Road and Church Road to stop motorbikes being driven up the path. It was **AGREED** to request the County Council to investigate.

176/08/09 PRESS RELEASES

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

177/08/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 7th January 2009 at 7:00pm