

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Civic Amenities Committee held in The Guildhall on Wednesday 3rd March 2010 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors A Killeya (Chairman), R Bickford, P Clements, G Ellison,
C Riches, P Stephens ISM

ALSO PRESENT Councillor D Holley
2 representatives from Saltash Environmental Action Committee
Mrs M Small (Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors M Gee (work), Mrs S Hooper MBE, C Oakes (illness)

**192/09/10 PRESENTATION BY SALTASH ENVIRONMENT ACTION GROUP
(SEA)**

(It was unanimously resolved that Councillor Stephens takes the Chair for this item as Councillor A Killeya declared a personal interest as Chairman of SEA.)

SEA thanked the Town Council for their support on various projects. Their latest project is making Saltash a Transition Town which is looking at the future because of three areas - oil depletion, climate change, depletion of metals.

They outlined various issues of what the transition town status meant. The next project is to encourage Saltash to grow their own food and they also asked the Council to examine environmentally all proposals that are considered by the Council. Councillor Holley suggested that they might talk to the Allotment Association and also to the person at the Union who runs a flower and vegetable show each year.

SEA were encouraged to bring any particular issues back to the Town Council for them to look at and it was **AGREED** that, in conjunction with Hine Brothers, the Town Council would support the planting of some vegetables in amongst flowers on the Council's planters etc.

193/09/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ellison declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Elwell Woods as the applicant on behalf of Saltash Waterside Residents Association.

Councillors Ellison and Bickford declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Festival Funding application for the Regatta, as Chairman and committee member respectively, and will leave the meeting during discussion of this item.

Councillors Stephens and Clements declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the application for Festival Funding for the May Fair Committee, as Chairman and committee member respectively, and will leave the meeting during discussion of this item.

Councillor Stephens also declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Town Crier application, as Chairman of the May Fair Committee, which is to host the Town Crier competition during the May Fair weekend.

Councillor A Killea declared a personal interest in the allotments, as he has been allocated one of the allotments on the cemetery extension land.

All Councillors declared a personal interest in the applications for Festival Funding by Mr Whipp for the Town Crier competition; for the Saltash May Fair Committee; and for the Regatta Committee, as the applicants are known to them.

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FESTIVAL FUNDING

- (a) Application was made by the May Fair Committee for funding for the May Fair to cover the purchase of their own street public announcement system, which would be loaned for a fee, to other groups in the town, a live music PA system that would allow the May Fair to host its own stage area and the purchase of two marquees, which could also be made available to organisations in the town. It was unanimously **RECOMMENDED** that a grant of £3000 is made.

(Councillors Stephens and Clements left the meeting during discussion of this item having declared a personal and prejudicial interest.)

- (b) The Town Crier competition – Mr Whipp proposed to organise a Town Crier competition on the morning of May Fair for senior criers and, in the afternoon, one boy and one girl from each of the Saltash schools to take part in a crier competition. It was unanimously **RECOMMENDED** that a grant of £100 is given, subject to a bank account in the name of the competition being opened.

(Councillor Stephens left the meeting during discussion of this item having declared a personal and prejudicial interest.)

- (c) An application by Saltash Regatta was submitted for the hire of portaloos, St John's Ambulance, security, Cotton's shuttle bus and the road closures. It was **RECOMMENDED** that a grant of £2700 is made.

(Councillors Ellison and Bickford left the meeting during discussion of this item having declared a personal and prejudicial interest,

195/09/10

CHRISTMAS EVENT

The Clerk reported that the Christmas tree lights are at the end of their life and quotations are being obtained for their replacement. It had been suggested by one company that white lights would fit in with the overall colour scheme proposed by them for the main street. It was **AGREED** by 4 in favour of white, 2 against and 1 abstention (Councillor Killea) that quotations are obtained for white lights.

196/09/10 **ELWELL WOODS**

- (a) Councillor Ellison reported that he had spoken with the Planning Officer and there will be a letter coming out, asking for further comments on the planning application for Elwell Woods. It was **AGREED** that, if it is just a letter, then this will be dealt with by e-mail to all Councillors.
- (b) Councillor Ellison reported that he had received a list of 14 queries from the assessor of the funding application. A further tree survey had to be requested and details of this will be reported to the next Civic Amenities Committee together with a request for payment of the invoice. It was also necessary to provide a draft lease of the land owned. The Clerk reported two letters from Cornwall Council regarding the lease and it was **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council meet Cornwall Council's reasonable legal and valuation costs, up to £500 in dealing with the lease.

(Councillors Ellison, Bickford and Clements declared a personal and prejudicial interest in and left the meeting during the discussion of the requirements of the lease.)

197/09/10 **SHOWCASE**

It was felt that there was a higher throughput of visitors than last year, but the real value is in the networking of groups. Councillor Holley suggested that a vertical banner from the side of the Guildhall saying "Showcase Here" would be an advantage. Thanks were extended to the staff for their part in arranging the Showcase.

The Clerk was asked if a banner had been placed at the top of the town and she reported that this was not done in time, although the banner at the bottom did go up. Councillors felt that there is a difficulty in getting banners erected at Victoria Gardens. The Clerk explained that the banner at the bottom of town is covered by the Town Council's insurance, as it is in the caretakers' job description to put them up and, therefore, the insurance company are happy to cover this on the Town Council's public liability. It was **AGREED**:

- (a) that a decision is made later in the year as to whether a Showcase is held next year.
- (b) to write to Cornwall Council again to ask that the Town Council take on responsibility for erecting banners at Victoria Gardens, as their insurance will cover this as a competent person is to erect the banner.

198/09/10 **BUS SHELTERS**

- (a) The Clerk reported that she had again written to Mrs Rebecca Dickson to ask for a meeting at Carkeel, but she is on holiday until 8th March.
- (b) The Clerk reported that Ferndale had replied that they would be happy to supply a shelter at some of the sites, but needed to find locations of the other suggestions. Councillor Holley raised the possible shelters in Callington Road as he was against them being advertising shelters, because of the light pollution to the houses that are nearby. It was **AGREED** that

Councillor Clements will show Ferndale the position of shelters and also enquire of them the specific details for their advertising.

- (c) It was noted that Bus Shelters Ltd have inspected the shelter in Fairmead Road and will be returning to undertake remedial work on 29th March. They have given an assurance that, whilst the shelter is wobbly, it will not fall down. It was **AGREED** that the information be noted.

199/09/10 SIGNS AT HATT AND NOTTER BRIDGE

Councillor Killeya reported that, at the Industry, Commerce, Transportation and Tourism meeting, there had been a discussion on applications to Cornwall Councillors' Community Grant and it was **AGREED** that an agenda item will appear on each committee agenda for an item to consider schemes to be submitted. For the Civic Amenities Committee it had been suggested that the cleaning/replacement of signs at Hatt and Notter Bridge be considered, and that a quotation is obtained in the meantime, a footpath leaflet and Phase IV grounds maintenance.

200/09/10 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE PHASE IV

Councillor Ellison stated that there were four quotations for separate elements of Phase IV. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Ellison will prepare options which will be considered at the next committee meeting.

201/09/10 DOG FOULING

A letter had been sent to Cornwall Council seeking answers to the questions posed by the Rugby Club and a reply is awaited.

202/09/10 SEATS

- (a) It was reported that there were two offers to provide a seat at the Waterside and both people have been written to, to ask if they will accept the position of a seat in Silver Street.
- (b) The Clerk reported that the list had not been sent out, as the seats reported by Councillor Oakes needed to be added. It was **AGREED** that any seats which need repair should be reported to the Clerk.

203/09/10 FOOTPATHS

- (a) A reply was awaited from Mrs Dickson regarding the bridges between Berry Park and Pillmere and, therefore, will be an agenda item next month.
- (b) A reply was awaited from Mrs Rebecca Dickson regarding opening the locked gate, for a trial period, between Gilston Road and Badgers Walk and this will included on the next agenda.
- (c) There were no other issues regarding footpaths which needed to be raised.
- (d) Councillor Killeya reported that it is the intention to invite tenders for footpath maintenance and, therefore, there needs to be consideration as to

whether any alterations are required to the current list. It was **AGREED** that one Councillor from each ward will look at the list in August this year.

204/09/10 TOWN MESSENGER

It was **AGREED** that the next Messenger should be issued in April and articles, therefore, are required by the end of March. The following offered to write an article:

- Saltash Transition Town – Councillor Killeya
- Fair Trade – Councillor Riches
- Town Strategy – Councillor Killeya
- Elwell Woods – Councillor Ellison
- Footpath walk – Councillor Clements
- Promotion of Festival Fund and any other funding available to groups – Councillor Bickford
- Fore Street regeneration – Councillor Austin/ Councillor Bickford
- Cemetery – Councillor Austin
- Community Toilets at the Guildhall

205/09/10 COMMUNITY TOILET SCHEME

- (a) As the Brunel is under new ownership, it was **AGREED** that either Councillor Ellison or Councillor Bickford will have a talk with the new landlord regarding the Community Toilet Scheme.
- (b) It was **AGREED** that when the Cecil Arms is open again, the new landlord to be asked if he would participate in the scheme on a quarterly basis for 2010/11 and reconsider when the toilet at the new cemetery extension could be considered for public use.
- (c) It was noted that the Belle Vue toilets are locked and Councillor Riches stated that there is a deep leak underground, but people are able to use toilet for the disabled in the meanwhile.

206/09/10 ONGOING REPORTS

It was noted that the following issues are ongoing and there was nothing new to report:

- (a) Problem with weeds in town.
- (b) Payments to Town Council from Highways.
- (c) Update on A38 Saltash Tunnel approaches.
- (d) Possible sponsorship of Town Council roundabouts.
- (e) Allotments.
- (f) Street lighting:
 - (i) Update on request to take on new light at Jubilee Close.
 - (ii) Footpaths between Longmeadow Road and Hillside Road.
- (g) Removal of seat at Longlands Lane.
- (h) To consider possible blue plaque scheme.
- (i) Sewerage leaks at the Waterfront.

207/09/10 OYSTER PLAQUE ON WATERSIDE PUB

Now that the oyster plaque has been found and relocated at Saltash Heritage, it was noted that the Waterside pub remains closed and there appears to be no progress in re-opening. In the meantime it was **AGREED:**

- (a) to write to notable restaurant owners, pointing out the attraction of the pub on the Waterside for fine dining with good views i.e. Jamie Oliver, Rick Stein, Michael Caines and Tanner Brothers, giving them the address of Punch Taverns.
- (b) To ask Punch Taverns what the current position is and asking them to push the letting of the pub.

208/09/10 PRESS RELEASES

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

209/09/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 14th April 2010 at 7:00pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: 18th March 2010 _____