

## SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held at The Guildhall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 7:30pm

**PRESENT:-** Councillors M Gee (Chairman), R Austin, N Challen, D Holley,  
A Killeya, C Riches

**ALSO PRESENT:-** Councillors R Bickford, P Clements,  
Mrs M Small (Town Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:-** Councillors D Yates, Mrs S Hooper MBE, P Stephens, Mrs F Knight

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#### **96/07/08      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were declared.

#### **97/07/08      EXTENSION TO CEMETERY**

Councillor Austin presented a plan which had been drawn up by the District Council. It was **AGREED** that:-

- (i) The road should go around at the bottom to allow vehicles to drive around without having to reverse. The current turning areas can then be used as burial plots.
- (ii) A meeting of the Burial Board to be called as soon as possible to view the plan.
- (iii) Councillor Austin to continue negotiations with Antony Estates and Mr Masters from the District Council and that an estimated cost of the project is obtained.

#### **98/07/08      ONE CORNWALL**

An invitation was received from the District Council for The Clerk and two Councillors to attend a meeting at The Guildhall on the 21<sup>st</sup> January to discuss ideas on arrangements for the future. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk and Councillors Austin and Holley attend, but that the District Council are asked if more places could be available, in which case Councillors Riches and Gee would also attend.

#### **99/07/08      SUB-COMMITTEE FOR LAND AND PROPERTY**

Consideration was given to the formation of a sub-committee to look at taking over property and land currently owned by the District Council. It is **RECOMMENDED** that:-

- (a) The Town Council consider setting up a committee(s) reporting directly to the Town Council and not to current committees, to look into specific themes relating to One Cornwall, including the possibility of a

committee to look at taking on property and land from the District Council.

- (b) County Councillor Mrs B McTaggart is asked if she has been able to obtain details of land in Saltash owned by the County Council.

**100/07/08**      **COUNTY FIRE BRIGADE SERVICE PLAN**

The Clerk circulated a summary leaflet of the plan and advised that full details are on the County Council's website, which shows the 26 objectives on which they are consulting. As the closing date is the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008, it was **AGREED** that this is included on the next Committee agenda.

**101/07/08**      **COUNTY COUNCIL'S STREET LIGHT POLICY**

The County Council is consulting on its Street Lighting Policy and submit 3 options for consideration:-

- Option 1      -      A dusk to dawn policy
- Option 2      -      Part night operation
- Option 3-      The preferred option - an integrated operation which would include dimming on strategic routes, part night operation (switching off from 12.30am until 5.30am) and dusk to dawn operation. This would need further investigation and report on the legal impact of policy change relating to the Highways Act, Crime and Disorder Act and other legislation.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council support Option 3 of an integrated operation and that it is willing to be part of a trial scheme.

**102/07/08**      **CATS SCHEME**

Following a request by Inspector Williams at the Town Council meeting, the Committee considered a donation to the Police regarding the running of the Football Initiative under the CATS scheme. It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council make a grant of £1,000 to the Police to run the football scheme and this is taken from the PCSO funding.

**103/07/08**      **TOWN TWINNING CITIZENS MEETINGS**

An email was reported from Alison Gibson at the District Council relating to funding, which is available to run Town twinning citizens meetings. The application can be made by The Town Council or the Twinning Association. It was **RECOMMENDED** that a Town Councillor is appointed to work with Councillor Yates to see if an application should be made.

**104/07/08**      **ENGLISH BLIND GOLF ASSOCIATION**

A request was received from The English Blind Golf Association to put an advert in the programme for the International competition being held at The China Fleet Club in September 2008. The cost of 1/12<sup>th</sup> of a page mono advert is £195. A proposal was made that no advertisement is placed but a

donation of £50 is made. An amendment was put that the Town Council does nothing at the moment, but finds out more information and reports back.

The amendment was put to the vote and it was **RECOMMENDED** by 3 in favour and 2 against that no action is taken at the moment. On being put as a substantive motion, it was **RECOMMENDED** that no further action is taken at the present time, but further enquiries are made regarding local competitors.

**105/07/08**      **MAY FAIR COMMITTEE**

An application was considered from the May Fair Committee to use the new logo on their letterhead. It was **AGREED** that permission be granted.

**106/07/08**      **CALC CONFERENCE**

The annual Conference and AGM is to be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February at County Hall, Truro. The theme of the meeting will concentrate on sustainable communities, participatory budgeting, workshops on the general power of wellbeing, the code of conduct, local filtering system and planning portal – the new paperless planning system. It was **RECOMMENDED** that:-

- (a) Councillors Austin, Bickford and Riches attend the Conference and that their fee of £10 each and travel costs are paid by the Town Council.
- (b) Nominations were sought for the Association. It was **AGREED** that no submissions are made at the current time.

**107/07/08**      **TIMETABLE FOR COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to a timetable of issues to be discussed by the Committee during the coming year. The next agenda will include a review of Standing Orders and consideration of the budget. The suggestion was made that the Committee ought to discuss allocating money to buy in expert help, where necessary, regarding One Cornwall. It was **AGREED** that when more information is known, it will be possible to set timescales and if funding is required urgently, then a special meeting of the Town Council should be called.

**108/07/08**      **PRESS REPORTS**

It was **AGREED** that the following press reports are issued.

- (1) The grant of money for the Football project.
- (2) The street lighting consultation, stating that papers are available in the Town Council office.

**109/07/08**      **UPDATE ON PLANNING APPLICATION**

Councillor Killeya updated the Council on the current position regarding an application by Sainsburys. The information was noted and the Clerk urged Councillors to take care when discussing this that they do not prejudice themselves prior to any application being submitted.

**110/07/08**      **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**      Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7:30pm