

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Saltash Town Council held in The Guildhall on Thursday 28th October 2010 at 7:00pm

PRESENT: Councillors: A Killeya (Chairman), R Austin, R Bickford, P Clements, G Ellison, M Gee, Mrs S Hooper MBE, M Killeya, B Reid, P Stephens, D Yates.

ALSO PRESENT: Simon Swales – Community Network Manager, Les Williams – CIC, 1 Member of the Public, 1 Member of the press, Ray Lane – Town Clerk

APOLOGIES: Councillors: D Holley, C Oakes, C Riches,

Prior to the commencement of the agenda the Chairman made the following announcements:

1. Fire and emergency procedures in the event of an incident.
2. The new layout of the meeting was being tested to achieve improved acoustics for the press and public attending and would be adopted if successful.
and
3. Invited Councillor G Ellison to address the meeting who informed members that the Elwell Woods scheme had been successful in obtaining planning permission enabling it to continue to the next stage.

199/10/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations.

200/10/11 ACTIVE PARTNERING

Simon Swales – Community Network Manager briefed members on the next stage of Active Partnering and distributed documents (copies on file) relating to the Summary Process Framework (Action Plan) and an Asset Transfer Proposal Form to be considered in the next agenda item Devolution of Services from Cornwall Council.

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

201/10/11 DEVOLUTION OF SERVICES FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL

Following the briefing from the Community Network Manager, Members considered service devolution and asset transfer in relation to the financial implications of solely taking over services and assets and the option of joint service delivery with Cornwall Council.

The Clerk informed members that the current town council infrastructure would not be able to accommodate further services without the appropriate resource support being in place.

Members put forward various examples of areas of service provision in the

town they felt would benefit from town council provision:

1. Grasscutting
2. Weed Control
3. Street Lighting

The Community Network Manager informed Members that there was no time constraint on applying to Cornwall Council for the transfer of assets or services and that a pilot scheme could be conducted with no outcome other than that of it being a feasibility, cost benefit, results based exercise.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

1. Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Town Clerk and Councillors Ellison and Yates to take forward service delivery in conjunction with the Community Network Manager.
2. The working party investigate the feasibility of joint service provision for weed killing and grass cutting.

202/10/11 TOWN COUNCIL PRIORITIES

The Chairman distributed and presented a document of proposals that he had compiled from members responses with regard to updating town council priorities.

Members considered and discussed the document at length and a revised list of priorities was agreed (copy attached).

It was **RESOLVED** that the revised list of town council priorities be adopted.

203/10/11 REQUEST FROM CORNISH GUARDIAN

Members considered a request from the Cornish Guardian for a monthly new column submission by the Council.

It was **RESOLVED** that

1. The request be accepted and that the news column submission be themed to promote interest in the town to a wide audience.
2. Councillor Killeya submit the first column on the subject of STC priorities.
3. Councillor Austin be asked to submit the second column on the subject of the cemetery extension.
4. Councillors Bickford and Yates submit the third column on the theme of transportation.
5. The Town Council standing item on 'press releases' be amended to 'press releases and articles' to allow the council to consider future articles on a three month rolling basis.

204/10/11 APPOINTMENT OF FINANCE OFFICER (PART TIME)

The Chairman informed members that interviews had taken place and that a

candidate Gail Bond had been selected and had accepted the post.

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

205/10/11 **PRESS RELEASES**

It was **RESOLVED** that a press release be issued regarding salt bins.

206/10/11 **COMMON SEAL**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to all Deeds and Documents necessary to give effect to the foregoing Acts and Proceedings.

Date of next meeting Thursday 4th November 2010.

Rising at 9.20 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: 4th November 2010