

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Civic Amenities Committee held in The Guildhall on Wednesday 13th April at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: C Oakes (Chair), R Bickford, G Ellison, Mrs H Frank, W Phillips, C Riches, P Stephens ISM

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor R Austin, Tony Gerrard – Chairman Churchtown Allotments Society, Ray Lane - Town Clerk.

APOLOGIES: Councillors: P Clements (Vice-Chair), M Gee, A Killeya,

HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman informed those present of the actions required in the event of a fire or emergency.

1/11/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

| Name | Agenda Item | Personal/Prejudicial | Reason |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ellison | 7 | Prejudicial | Project Leader (Elwell) |
| | 17 | Personal | SWRA Vice Chair (Play Equipment) |
| Bickford | 7 | Prejudicial | Elwell Member |
| | 17 | Personal | SWRA Member |
| Stephens | 10(a) | Prejudicial & Personal | Son lives in Moorland View |
| Phillips | 8(b) | Personal | Saltash Rotary Member |

2/11/12 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

3/11/12 FOOTPATHS

(a) Footpath Update

In the absence of Councillor Clements, no report.

(b) Gate at Gilston Road and Badgers Walk

The Chairman reported that consultation letters had been delivered to residents and the responses were awaited.

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

(c) **Footway/cycletrack bridges between Pillmere Housing Estate and Wain Homes Estate/Berry Park**

Councillor Riches reported that there was no further information available to date.

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

(d) **Footbridge/cycletrack bridge across the A38 at Carkeel**

The Chairman reported that there was no further information available to date and the issue was ongoing.

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

4/11/12 **FESTIVAL FUND**

Members considered an application from the Saltash and District Royal British Legion.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk inform the Saltash and District Royal British Legion that they should resubmit the application to the Community Chest and any future applications of a similar nature.

5/11/12 **ELWELL WOODS/ CELTIC CROSS**

Councillor Ellison reported that a meeting was due to be held with Cornwall Council to progress the procurement and tender stage, to enable the manufacture of the cross and associated works.

It was **NOTED** that the tender may have to meet European tender regulations.

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

6/11/12 **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

(a) **Phase IV and V**

The Chairman reported that the land related to the proposed maintenance works was given in exchange, as a result of the acquisition by the Secretary of State for Transport of the former open space land vested in Lord Boyd. Arrangements are ongoing for the land to be changed into the name of Lord Boyd with the Land Registry.

Members considered that, although the land was not in Town Council ownership, it had an established ongoing maintenance and planting scheme on it.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that phase IV and V works be conducted.

(b) **Report on meeting held with Saltash Rotary Club**

The Chairman reported that a meeting had taken place with Rotary regarding sponsorship of the display boats and a formal response was awaited.

He also reported that, should there be any spare display boats available, the Saltash Lions would be interested in sponsoring one.

The Chairman reported that costs had now been obtained for moving the display boat from the rear of the Co-op to the wharf and disposing of the existing boat on the wharf.

A quote was also being sought for the movement of the display boat at the station from one platform to the other.

The Chairman reported that a request of interest for ownership of the fenced in triangle land to the rear of the Co-op upon its restoration had been registered with Cornwall Council.

It was **RESOLVED** that no further action be taken until a formal response had been received from Saltash Rotary Club.

(c) **Update on land ownership**

It was considered this issue had been covered under minute 6/11/12 (a).

7/11/12

ALLOTMENTS

(a) **Grenfell Avenue – new site**

The Chairman reported that the issue was ongoing and a response was awaited from Cornwall Council.

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

(b) **Grenfell Avenue – allocation of plots**

The Chairman reported that a plot had become available on the site and it was proposed to split the single plot into two.

It was **RESOLVED** that the plot be split into two and the next two applicants on the waiting list be invited to take up a plot at the site.

(c) **Allotment Development**

Councillor Austin introduced Tony Gerrard, Chairman Churchtown Allotments Society, who gave a resume of the society's actions to date and put forward a proposed constitution for the society for the Council's acceptance.

It was **RESOLVED** to consider the constitution and approve it, if acceptable, at the next meeting.

Councillor Austin reported that the Allotment Society had requested to put in a pond at the bottom western end of the site.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Allotment Society may put in a pond at the bottom western end of the site.

Councillor Austin reported that a request had been received to keep bees on the site.

It was **RESOLVED** that this would be acceptable and that the Town Clerk would send a letter of agreement.

8/11/12 **STREET LIGHTING**

(a) **Moorland View**

The Chairman reported that the scheme was ongoing and that the Housing Department were currently conducting a consultation prior to works commencing.

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

(b) **Tincombe and Saltmill**

In the absence of Councillor Holley, no report.

9/11/12 **TOWN MESSENGER**

The Chairman requested Councillors submit articles for the next edition.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillors would be emailed to request articles and that the edition would include forthcoming events and feature the walks on the web site.

10/11/12 **REPORTS OF OVERHANGING TREES AND PLANT GROWTH**

No report.

11/11/12 **BLUE PLAQUE SCHEME**

No report.

12/11/12 **BENCHES**

(a) **Repairs to Fore Street benches**

The Chairman reported that repairs were ongoing and a priority list was currently being worked up and costed to identify the next stage of repairs.

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

13/11/12 **PROPOSED “BRING AND SHARE” PICNIC IN LONGSTONE PARK TO CELEBRATE THE ROYAL WEDDING**

Councillor Frank reported on arrangements to date and the programme of events for the day.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the committee for all the hard work in arranging the event by Councillors Mrs Frank and M Killeya.

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

14/11/12 **BANNERS**

(a) **Victoria Gardens site**

The Chairman reported that no further response had been received from Cornwall Council and that the issue was ongoing.

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

15/11/12 **REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO REPAIR PLAY EQUIPMENT ON THE WATERFRONT**

Councillor Ellison reported that quotes were awaited and that a report would be made to a future meeting.

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

16/11/12 **CCTV**

Councillor Austin reported that he and Councillor Ellison would be attending a meeting on 20th April 2011 in Liskeard and a report would follow.

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

17/11/12 **URGENT NON-FINANCIAL MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR**

The Chairman reported that a suggestion from the Meet the People event had been received to plant a Christmas tree in Victoria Gardens to save costs on the purchase of an annual display tree.

It was **RESOLVED** that SEA (Saltash Environmental Action) be requested to consider including the planting of a Christmas tree in their development plans.

Members considered a report by Councillor Ellison on a traffic management course he had attended (copy on file) and a recommendation for the procurement of traffic control equipment which could be self financing.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that Full Council consider the purchase of the equipment as outlined in the report, funded from the Festival Fund.

18/11/12 **PRESS RELEASES OR ARTICLES REQUIRED**

None.

19/11/12 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 11th May 2011

Rising at 8.02 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____
4th May 2011