

St Endellion Parish Council.

Meeting of Finance and Car Park Committee.

Wednesday, 7th January 2015

In Port Isaac School.

The meeting opened at 6.30

Present: Cllr. Coles, Chairman. Cllr. Raynor, Cllr. Penny, Cllr Philp.

In attendance: S. Theobald, Clerk and Minute taker.

Also present: Gillian Thompson, Cllr. Phelps, Cllr. Williams.

- 1/1 Housekeeping: Cllr. Coles advised those present of emergency procedures, location of WCs, and that there were no local hazards.
- 2/1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Bell.
- 3/1 Declarations of Interest: None.
- 4/1 Public Forum: Cllr. Phelps wished it put on record that he disapproved of this committee meeting monthly as he felt it was merely a way to decide policy before putting business before full council. The Chairman assured him that this was not the case. The Finance and Car Park Committee met solely to debate financial strategy in order that clear and unambiguous information could be put to full council for discussion and final decision.

Cllr. Phelps further wished it noted that he opposed to the plan to purchase New Road Public Toilets as he was of the opinion that purchase of assets was not what Parish Council business was about. Rather they should concern themselves with business which would benefit local residents rather than holiday makers and day trippers. Cllr Coles pointed out that Cornwall Council were minded to close public toilets, which this council considered essential for the wellbeing of both residents and visitors.

Cllr. Phelps questioned why he had not received information showing the financial position of this council. It was pointed out that, during his absence from recent meetings, the Chairman and Vice Chairman had received regular statements from the Clerk, which they had examined, signed and passed around those present for scrutiny.

Cllr. Williams was concerned that vital planning deadlines could be missed by holding full council meetings on the second Monday each month. Rather she favoured holding full council on Mondays at regular four weekly intervals.

- 5/1 Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2014: Ms Thompson questioned the need for this agenda item as it was her understanding that these Minutes had been agreed and signed at full council on 15th December 2014. Agreed Item not necessary.

6/1 Matters arising from the previous meeting held on 19th November 2014. It was agreed that in light of Minute ref 5/1, this item was not necessary.

7/1 Income, Car Park Management Contract for 2015/2016.

The lottery grant of £7500 had been received for furtherance of NDP. It was expected the Devolution grant, of £10,000, from Cornwall Council would not be received until the work on New Road toilets was actually underway, Cllr Raynor is to ask for confirmation, in writing, of the availability of this money to be sought from Cllr. Scott Sharples.

Cllr. Coles reported he had only received one Tender for the management of The Main car park, this from Parking Eye. He was still awaiting a Tender from Everything Parking, Cornwall Council and AS Parking.

It was agreed that costs be sought from Cash Collection Companies before any decision could be reached on the future management of The Main car Park. Cllr. Penny was asked to contact CC regarding enforcement and Cllr. Coles offered to research the question of cash collection.

As Cllr. Bell was unable to attend this meeting there was no report offered to update Members on the progress being made to add an overflow car parking area beyond the existing car park.

8/1 Public Toilets: Cllr. Raynor reported he had sent out 8 sets of drawings showing the requirements to convert New Road toilets to meet future needs, To date he had received 3 Tenders based on differing cost analysis. Before the next meeting of full council a clearer picture of the total cost of the refurbishment would be available to Members.

9/1 New Signage in Port Isaac: Cllr. Penny reported Cornwall Council had quoted £529.72 (excl. VAT) for new signage needed to aid the free flow of traffic within the village. Cllr. Coles will recommend the new signs get the approval of full council at a cost of £635.66 incl. VAT.

10/1 Precept and Ear Marked Reserves: After much discussion it was agreed to recommend to full council that the precept for this council be increased from £22,500 to £25,000 for the financial year 2015/2016. Ear Marked Reserves to be set at £72,534 for the completion of ongoing projects.

11/1 Items for next agenda: New Road toilets: Tenders for refurbishment: Overflow Car Park

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm.