

Minutes of the St. Endellion Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd April 2013 at Port Isaac County Primary School, Port Isaac, at 7.30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr M Bell, Mr E Fletcher, Mr R Harris, , Mr D Philp, Miss N Williams, Mr M Coles Miss A Hallet, Mr R Dawe, Mr R Manders, Mr D Phelps

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs J Townsend

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

199 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

To approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th March 2013

The following amendments were made.

Mr D Philp was present.

Mr Bert Biscoe stated that Cornwall Council had received an offer from the Port Isaac Fishermen's Association for the Fish Cellars.

It was proposed by Mr D Philp and seconded by Mr M Coles that the Minutes were approved and signed.

200 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr John Collins, Mrs N Bradbury, Mr N Sherratt and Mrs B Bell raised objections to the closure of the public toilets.

Mr Dale Prin from the Golden Lion informed the council that local businesses maybe prepared to contribute towards running cost of toilets.

Mr David Rayner was also concerned about the closure of the Public toilets. He informed the Council that when events such as the big swim are held between 500-1000 people attend and this would be a serious health and safety issue, they would have to reconsider holding events like Life Boat Larks and the Big Swim if the toilets are closed.

Mr A Penny felt that the Council should ask Cornwall Council to keep the Roscarrock Public toilets open for a further 18 months to give the Council time to arrange its finances. He felt by this point the car park would be up and running.

Mrs Barbara Hawkin raised the following concerns regarding the closure of the Roscarrock Hill Public Toilets.

People would have no where to go, it is the only disabled toilet in the lower village, and a 15 minute walk up hill to the Car park toilets.

She informed the Council that she had spoken to Jonny Alford at Cornwall Council and was concerned that the Parish Council had not acted sooner, as they have known about this for 18 months.

Mr Harris informed Mrs Hawkin that the toilets were offered to the council as a voluntary option, and the council did not think they would be closed.

Mrs Hawkins informed the Council that she had seen a copy of the running cost for the toilets. She was concerned that the toilet may have a water leakage as it is costing £6700 per year in water, she informed the council that they run 2 houses and a business for less. She also felt that £13,000 per year for cleaning was a rip off, she suggested that someone could be paid £10 per hour for 1 ½ hours a day.

She informed the Council that the current cleaners employed by Cornwall Council come for about 10 minutes per day.

Mrs C Webster suggested charging a £1 a time to use the toilets to recoup costs.

Mrs N Badbury felt that this was to expensive and 30p would be more sensible.

Mr Bob Bulgin was also concerned about the effect of the Public Toilets closing would have on village events. He felt it was common sense to keep public toilets open and vital to a civilised society

Mr Brian Gisbourne informed the Council that he had spoken to Mr Malcolm Bell from visit Cornwall and the Public toilets would be kept open until mid-July whilst Doc Martin is being filmed, he had agreed to fund the running cost from the Leisure Budget.

Mr Gisbourne informed the Council and Public that the toilet closures are countywide.

Mr Gisbourne informed the council that they were closing the Public Toilets at Polzeath from November to March, which will mean they will lose their Blue Flag status.

Mr D Philp informed members of the Public that Mr Biscoe had informed the council that Cornwall Council budget had been cut from £2.9 million to £1.4 million and they had no option but to do something.

Mr J Brown raised concerns about the closure of the Public toilets. He also informed the Council that the fisherman's Association had made an offer for the fish cellars (including the toilets, but had heard nothing.

PUBLIC TOILETS

It was proposed by Mr Mike Coles that the Cornwall Council decision to 'mothball' the toilets at Roscarrock and restrict opening of the New road toilets to weekends only between November and March is discussed and a resolution passed to write to the County Council explaining our decision. This was seconded by Mr M Bell. Mr Bell asked Mr Gisbourne if he could get a copy of the deeds of the Car park and public toilet

<p>201</p>	<p>And see what Cornwall Council legal requirement is to keep the toilets open. Mr Bell felt that the Parish Council should encourage Cornwall Council to consider the Port Isaac fisherman's Association offer to take on the toilets and freehold of the fish cellars. He felt that the Council could not put the cost of the Public toilets on our Council tax payers, particularly those that live in Trelights and will see no benefit from the public toilets</p> <p>Mr Bell proposed that the Parish Council asked Cllr Gisbourne to speak to Jonny Alford and ask him to further negotiations with the Port Isaac Fisherman's Associations.</p> <p>Mr D Phelps felt that the Parish Council should not even contemplate taking over the toilets, he it was unfair to put it on our precept. He agreed with Mr Bell.</p> <p>Mr Manders agreed with Mr Bell that we should encourage Cornwall Council to sell the freehold to the fishermans Association, but failing that should ask for the toilets to remain open at least until the end of the summer.</p> <p>Mr R Dawe felt that the toilets needed to be kept open.</p> <p>Mr Coles was concerned about the financial implications of taking on the toilets, when the car park was not finished. The Council has already put projects on hold including bus shelter and TPO. He felt that the Council needed to negotiate a sensible alternative.</p> <p>Mr E Fletcher was concerned that the Parish Council was using the same solicitor as the fisherman's Associations.</p> <p>Mr Fletcher was concerned how long we should wait whilst Cornwall Council negotiate with other parties. He also thought that Mr Biscoe has said that Cornwall Council did not what to sell the fish Cellars to a private organisation as they did not want to see it split up.</p> <p>Mr Philp felt that the Council need to fight for the toilets. Mr Philp was concerned that if the Parish Council took on the Public toilets there is a £5000 difference between the grant and running cost, he was unsure if we could make up the diffence even by cutting costs.</p> <p>Miss N Williams felt that the logical thing was for Mr Alford to proceed negotiations with Port Isaac fisherman's Association.</p> <p>Mr R Manders suggested that the Parish Council could save money by not taking on the footpath cutting.</p> <p>Miss N Williams suggested that the businesses in the village should set up a Trade Organisation.</p> <p>Mr Harris felt that the parish Council should ask for an 18 month window, due to the size of the parish Council and the other project it was dealing with, however agreed with Mr Bells proposal that we should encourage Cornwall Council to negotiate with the fisherman's association.</p> <p>Mr M Bell proposed that the parish Council encourage Cornwall Council to proceed with the Port Isaac Fisherman's Association offer, and failing that, ask for the Toilets to remain open for 18 months to give the Parish Council time to finish the Car park.</p> <p>This was seconded by Miss N Williams and Carried nem.con.</p> <p>Cllr Gisbourne will report back to Cornwall Council .</p>
	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 8th April 2013 at Port Isaac The meeting closed at 8.30pm Mr Harris thanked everyone for coming to the meeting</p>