

St Endellion Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Held

14th April 2014

At

Port Isaac CP School

Present: Cllrs. M. Coles (Chairman) D. Raynor (Vice Chairman)
R. Dawe, M. Bell, R. Brogan, A. Penny, D. Phelps, D. Philp,
N. Williams, R. Manders.

Apologies: None.

Also Present: Mrs S Theobald (Locum Clerk)
PC Malcolm Taylor
24 Members of the Public.

227/13 Housekeeping and Chairman's Report

The Chairman explained to all those present where the toilets, fire exits etc were located and advised there were no local hazards.

The Chairman called for one minutes silence to remember Elizabeth Banfield, Clerk to this Council, who died on March 30th.

The Chairman reminded all present that one vacancy still existed on the Council and pointed out that a new Member could be co-opted to serve.

228/13 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

229/13 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of Interest and no Dispensations applied for.

230/13 Public Forum

Mr Childs wished to express his appreciation for the installation of 'Pinch Points' at the top of Church Hill. He asked if a sign might be erected requesting that, when moved away, these bollards should be returned to their original position., and not left in the hedge.

PC Taylor presented his crime report for March which showed two recorded incidents. Report filed with these Minutes. PC Taylor left at 7.15pm.

All other Members of the Public wished to speak on the issue of the planned closure by Cornwall Council of Roscarrock Hill Public Toilets.

Comments included:

1. Was any plan in place to keep the toilet open?
2. People's distress was obvious at finding the public toilets closed.
3. A very poor message being given to tourists when toilets were closed.
4. It could not be stressed too much how important these toilets are.
5. Should a small charge be made for use of toilets to offset running costs?
6. Local businesses should not be expected to make their facilities available

- to members of the public if toilets closed.
7. It would be morally wrong to close these public toilets.
 8. New Road public toilets equally as important as Roscarrock Hill.
 9. How can Cornwall Council think it acceptable to close these toilets?
 10. What would be the effect on Council Tax if St Endellion PC ran them?
 11. The geographical features (steep hill) of Port Isaac made it essential that both public toilets remain open.
 12. With so many visitors using these toilets it is crazy to think of closure.
 13. PC should not have to justify as the need for toilets was indisputable.
 14. There was general agreement this facility should remain open.
 15. The possible effect upon local Council Tax was noted.

231/13 Planning

There were no planning applications for consideration at time of agenda being posted.

232/13 Minutes of the previous meeting.

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2014, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, adopted and signed as a true record.

So proposed Cllr. Raynor, seconded Cllr. Philp.

233/13 Matters Arising

Cllr. Williams informed Members that she was in ongoing talks with the landowner to fix a 'rubbish trap' (grille) at The Leat.

There was to be a Public Consultation session in The Village Hall.

Ref: The Headland Hotel, Port Gaverne planning application.

It was not thought prudent to move the litter bins from outside the premises by the slipway as this was where litter bins were most effective.

234/13 Committee Reports

a. Finance and Car Park Committee.

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance and Car Park Committee Meeting held on 19th March 2014 having previously been circulated were taken as read, adopted and signed as a true record.

So proposed Cllr. Philp, seconded Cllr. Raynor.

b. It was RESOLVED that extra posts be placed to stop drivers parking on grass verges. Cllr Dawe will purchase and install.

So proposed Cllr. Philp, seconded Cllr. Williams. Agreed unanimously.

235/13 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the accounts to be paid (cheque numbers 200160, 200165, 200166, 200167, 200168 totalling £10,934.37) be accepted / paid and Direct Debits noted.

So proposed Cllr. D.Raynor, seconded Cllr. D.Philp.

Bank balances were noted as Community Account £126,777.38 and Business Money Manager Account £23,812.19. These figures were provisional as, due to recent circumstances, no up to date statement was to hand at the time of compiling this Finance Report.

The Chairman reported that preparation of the final end of year accounts was in the hands of Ms Marian Sedgwick and thanked Mrs Theobald for stepping in to assist Ms Sedgwick and this Council at this difficult time.

236/13 Outside Committees and Members' Report

Cllr. Williams reported great difficulty had been found when trying to recruit volunteers to undertake survey work needed in these early stages of production of a Neighbourhood Plan. The 'feed back' of information from residents was so poor as to lead Cllr. Williams to the decision to abandon this route of information gathering, rather she would fall back upon information gleaned from those who participated in the parish walks and whose ideas were constructive and forward looking.

A report on the AONB Forum, held on Saturday, 22nd March is filed with these Minutes.

237/13 Parish Clerk

Cllr. Coles was given a Mandate to advertise the vacancy for Parish Clerk at such time as he felt appropriate.

So proposed Cllr. Raynor, seconded Cllr. Philp. All agreed.

238/13 Toilets

At the Chairman's discretion, this item was moved forward on the agenda and followed the Public Forum.

Cllr. Raynor outlined the discussions he and Cllr. Penny had had with Mr Jonny Alford CC and Mr Philip Jones CC. A full report on those discussions is filed with these Minutes.

It was proposed that a devolution grant be applied for and with monies set aside by this Council the New Road (Ladies) Toilet could be converted into one unisex toilet (following their purchase from Cornwall Council) and the remainder of the building converted to a retail outlet (confectionery)

Cornwall Council to fund Roscarrock Hill toilets for the two weeks over Easter period, then this Council would assume responsibility and keep Roscarrock Hill toilets open, for six months from May.

Cllr. Penny thanked Cllrs. Raynor and Philp for all their hard work over many months to bring negotiations to this point.

Cllr. Williams recommended to local traders that they form a trade association. This would give them more bargaining power with Cornwall Council over such issues.

So proposed by Cllr. Raynor and seconded by Cllr. Penny. A vote was taken.

Result. 8 for the proposal, with 1 abstention. Cllr. Phelps was recorded as voting against the proposal.

Cllr. Phelps left the meeting at 8pm

239/13 Play Area

Cllr. Penny presented his report on plans for the new play area.

It was RESOLVED that phase one should be carried forward and grants applied for.

So proposed Cllr. Penny, seconded by Cllr. Bell. 8 for with 1 abstention.

240/13 Slate Quay

Cllr. Raynor had met with Mike Simmonds, Head Ranger National Trust, to ascertain if the Quay could be reopened in its present state. A copy of his report filed with these Minutes.

It was agreed that with some debris clearance, minor repairs to timbers on the bridge and handrail, repair to first two steps and new signage alerting walkers to the narrowness and uneven nature of the path, the quay could safely be reopened.

Cllr. Raynor would monitor the condition of the quay in future by means of photographs and measurements taken at regular intervals.

So proposed by Cllr. Coles and seconded by Cllr. Manders. Agreed.

241/13 Items / Matters for next agenda

To resolve to place a handrail on the slope leading to the Coastal Footpath.

To resolve design and wording for warning signs on Slate Quay, Port Gaverne.

A1 Grounds. Ref: Grass Verges in Trelights.

Amendments to Standing Orders as per Finance and Car Park Meeting 19.3.14

Finance / Car Park Meeting: 23rd April 2014 at Port Isaac School. 7pm

Date for next meeting: May 15th 2014 at Port Isaac School. 7pm

The meeting closed at 21.25hrs.

Signed as a True and Accurate Account.....Date.

Cllr. M. Coles. Chairman.