



Minutes – Full Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25th February 2019 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, St Piran's Road, Perranporth

Present: Cllrs Callan (Chair), Arthur, Byfield, Crewes, Davies, Hill, Lawrence, Norrington, Rogers, White and Yeo, County Cllr Harvey, Tatiana Cant (Parish Clerk), 1 police representative and 176 members of the public

045/19/FC Apologies

No apologies had been received. The Clerk announced that Karen Colam had resigned from the Parish Council.

046/19/FC Declarations of interest and dispensations granted

There were no declarations of interest. The Clerk had granted a dispensation to all parish councillors for this meeting only to enable all members to contribute to the discussions and take part in any votes.

047/19/FC Community Connect initiative funding

Cllr White spoke in support of funding for a local wellbeing initiative which had already been agreed in principle by members. Parish Council support would enable the group to draw down other significant funding of £60,000 to ensure the sustainability of the venture. It was AGREED unanimously to meet the requested contribution of £500.

048/19/FC Presentation on proposals for community recreation provision in Perranporth

Cllr Byfield presented an overview of proposed community recreation facilities in various locations in Perranporth. Detailed reports had previously been posted on the Council's web site and shared to Facebook feeds in time for local residents to consider the contents before the meeting. The history and merits of the schemes proposed were described and the exploration of a number of options and locations for the facilities. An explanation was also provided of the Council process to arrive at the current proposals for siting the new skate park at Ponsmere Valley instead of Bolenna Park. This included a number of discussions and negotiations with stakeholders and suppliers. There was no intention to relinquish planning permission already granted on the Bolenna site at this stage. The community recreation provision package would include new play equipment and a 'pump track' for young children as well as potentially facilities for adult gym equipment. The intention was to deliver all these facilities as quickly as possible. The responsible use of public funds was also emphasised.

A representative from the skate park provider, Maverick also provided context for the proposals and expressed a professional opinion that the Council's proposals were practical.

Cllr Byfield further described related proposals for the development of Bolenna Park to incorporate facilities for families as well as the plans for the 8 Boscawen Road (former Lloyds Bank) site. This would provide a good use of resources and could incorporate a community hub comprising Parish Council offices, library services as well as other community groups with enabling affordable housing above. This could be an excellent community asset as well as freeing up the current office/meeting room space at Chyanhale to be repurposed for community use potentially creating another youth space.

Public Participation – The meeting was suspended to allow contributions from members of the public.

Approximately 20 members of the public made comments during a 45 minute session. Young people were repeatedly invited to give their opinions on the recreational facilities proposed but only a few comments were forthcoming from this group. A number of concerns were raised relating to safety aspects of the locations proposed, costings, parking and

potential legal action relating to both sites proposed for the skate park. Questions were answered by councillors and the representative from Maverick.

The meeting was re-convened.

049/19/FC Planning Permission for a skate park at Ponsmere Valley

Members considered the comments that had been made during the Public Participation session. Some concerns were expressed regarding possible gaps of information in the presentation although these may have been satisfactorily addressed in a closed session meeting earlier in the process. It was hoped that a new cycle track would benefit users of the Ponsmere site. Cllr Davies asked if local skaters and the skate collective supported seeking planning permission on the Ponsmere site. Representatives of the Collective were asked if they wished to speak but they declined. The opinion of the skaters themselves was considered to be of paramount importance and although it was understood that this group had been content to support the location of the facility at Ponsmere Valley, this had not been apparent during the discussion this evening. Cllr Yeo expressed concerns regarding the mediation process and in response Cllr Byfield reported that Cllr Yeo had been present at the meetings when the process had been agreed and had raised no objections at the time.

Cllr Byfield wished to make a clear statement before the vote was taken to explain that the Parish Council took the concerns of local residents very seriously and had every intention of providing the best facility for the community and delivering this as quickly as possible. The large turnout at the meeting had demonstrated the depth of feeling of local residents, and councillors had listened to all concerns before forming an opinion.

A vote was taken on the proposal to apply for planning permission for a skate park at Ponsmere Valley. A recorded vote was requested by Cllr Hill.

The vote was as follows:

- Arthur – in favour
- Byfield – in favour
- Callan – in favour
- Crewes – in favour
- Davies - abstain
- Hill – in favour
- Lawrence - against
- Norrington– in favour
- Rogers - in favour
- White – in favour
- Yeo – against

The vote was carried.

050/19/FC Date of next meeting

Members NOTED the date of the next meeting: Monday 4th March 2019.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.40hrs.

Signed by Chairman

Date: 4th March 2019