



Minutes – Public Open Spaces Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28th October 2019 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Chyanhale, Ponsmere Valley, Perranporth, TR6 0DB

Present: Cllrs Byfield (Chair), Arthur, Boston, Gaisford, Lawrence, Norrington, Rogers, Trevethan and White

In attendance: Tatiana Cant (Parish Clerk), Cllrs Bowers and Yeo, Cornwall Cllrs Callan and Harvey, 2 members of the public.

Public Participation

There were no comments from members of the public present.

049/19/PS Apologies

No apologies had been received

050/19/PS Declarations of interest and dispensations granted

There were no declarations of interest and no dispensations had been granted.

051/19/PS Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Committee meeting of 16th September were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

052/19/PS Action List

Updates to the Action List were noted.

030 – illegal encampments would be discussed by the Finance & Operations committee in regard to any financial implications. The item would then come back to this committee for resolution.

053/19/PS Approval of beach events

The following event was discussed:

- Anomaly – September 2020 – members felt this event was against the Council's adopted beach policy and would contravene existing lease arrangements. The Council AGREED to refuse permission for this event.

054/19/PS Contribution to RNLI for extended cover

Members noted the report from the Clerk relating to RNLI cover on Perranporth Beach and comments made by Cllr Lawrence who also reported that she had personally provided cover and patrols on this day when several hundred people had been on the beach due to the high level of visitors because of the extended half term period.

It was AGREED to send a letter to the RNLI headquarters to explain the concerns and express support for the local RNLI.

It was AGREED to ensure that full cover was provided from Easter to the end of October – or the latest half term period in the year and to allocate Parish Council funds to cover the additional costs of approximately £10,000. This would be subject to finalising the details of the hours of cover and start and end dates with the RNLI and investigating other sources of funding and any relevant grants.

ACTIONS: Write to RNLI to express concerns, co-ordinate with RNLI, investigate funding opportunities – Clerk.

055/19/PS Beach Event Policy

The Clerk explained the difficulties experienced by the office in trying to seek agreement on whether or not to approve requests for events outside meetings and at short notice. The Chair reminded members that urgent decisions could be taken between meetings by the Chair and Clerk. Members did not wish to put in place procedures for approving requests by email.

A reminder would be announced on the Parish Council web site that requests needed to be received 6 weeks before the planned event. A further reminder would be advertised in the spring on Facebook.

056/19/PS Remedial work for Inner Green

Cllr Rogers presented the draft brief for approval. Members agreed the brief subject to minor amendments. This would now be circulated to interested parties and advertised on Facebook.

ACTION: Circulate brief of works to Inner Green to interested parties and advertise on Facebook – Clerk

057/19/PS Tamblyn Way Steps

Cllr Rogers reported that he had sought advice from a local structural engineer and had received a quote for undertaking a feasibility study and associated survey of approximately £2,500. Once this work had been completed, the full design works would be undertaken and a tender process. It was noted that 90% of respondents to the question in the recent Neighbourhood Development Plan residents' questionnaire had expressed support for reinstating this facility. Other sources of funding would be actively researched.

ACTION: Commission feasibility study, research funding options - Clerk

058/19/PS Allotments

Cllr Rogers reported that he had still not been successful in finding a suitable site, and that a recent lead had not been fruitful. He would continue to explore any possible opportunities.

059/19/PS Changes to Noticeboards and Signage

Cllr Norrington reported that orders had been placed to works to the noticeboards. A solution was still required for Tywarnhale Square as the first quote received had been too expensive.

060/19/PS Development of Droskyn

Members received the report from a visit to Droskyn by Stuart Thorn and the Admin Officer. It was agreed to invite Stuart Thorn to attend the next committee meeting to talk through his proposals.

Members AGREED that the quote to complete the relettering work on the Millennium Stone at £360. D. Tresise & Sons.

ACTION: Commission works on Millennium Stone

061/19/PS Memorial bench for Parish Councillors

A memorial bench with 20 spaces for plaques had already been commissioned and was awaiting installation. Members discussed how this should be financed. It was AGREED that the Parish Council would pay for the costs on the understanding that any information relating to this project made clear that this was an 'Honour Bench' for councillors who have made an exceptional contribution to the community. Names to be included would be submitted to the Parish Council who would approve the list. Councillors voting against the financial model: Cllrs Arthur, Rogers and Trevethan.

062/19/PS Road sweeper for weed management

Cllr Lawrence provided a summary of a recent trip with the Parish Ranger on his rounds and expressed her concern relating to the large amount of dog waste collected and how heavy this was. The roadside weeds needed to be dealt with urgently. It was agreed to meet with Cornwall Council to consider the existing contract as well as discussing possible arrangements with neighbouring councils and potential contracts with local suppliers such as Trevaills. This item to be discussed fully at the next Services Committee meeting.

ACTION: Explore funding options for weed management with Cornwall Council, neighbouring councils and local suppliers.

063/19/PS Safer Cornwall Fund

A fund of £1,000 was available via Cornwall Council to improve safety in the community. It was AGREED to discuss funding requirements with the local Neighbourhood Watch groups and submit any relevant bids.

ACTION: Liaise with Neighbourhood Watch group and submit any relevant bid for £1,000 from Safer Cornwall Fund – Clerk.

064/19/PS Items of correspondence

The Clerk presented a quote for works to the festoons on the Inner Green. It was agreed that this should be addressed by the Services Committee.

The Clerk presented an announcement received that afternoon from Sarah Newton, MP relating to a round of Pocket Parks funding which could provide up to £25,000 funding towards works in parks and an application could be sought for the works to the Inner Green. It was AGREED that the Clerk would pursue this fund and make an application.

ACTION: Submit application to Pocket Parks fund.

065/19/PS Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was noted: Monday 18th November 2019

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.27 hrs

Signed

Date: 18th November 2019