



Minutes – Public Spaces Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th February 2020 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), Cllr Silvey

Presentation from Hydrock

Members received a presentation from Principal Geotechnical Engineer, Peter Llanes Agudelo from Hydrock who had conducted a recent site visit and described options for creating a pedestrian access to the beach in the location of the previous Tamblyn Way Steps. There were considerable constraints due to the geology, and materials would need to be suitable for the extreme corrosive environment. Two options were proposed based on a 60-year lifespan. It was likely that these could cost in the region of £1m and members noted that several suitable sources of grant funding were available. Next steps would involve choosing the preferred option and arriving at costings in order to apply for funding.

Public Participation

In response to a query from a member of the public regarding the nature of the closed session to be held at the end of the meeting in relation to plans for the development of 8 Boscawen Road, the Chairman explained that this would be a briefing session for all councillors who were not familiar with the details of the project and that all the information discussed would be presented for the public to consider at the consultation events later that week.

013/20/PS Apologies

No apologies had been received.

002/20/PS Declarations of interest and dispensations granted

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

003/20/PS Minutes of the last meeting

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

004/20/PS Action List

Updates to the Action List were noted. Members were asked to consider the Event Policy as recently circulated which should cover all Parish Council managed public spaces used for events and also addressed metal detecting.

Comments to be sent to the office.

ACTION: Respond to circulated Event Policy with suggestions - members

005/20/PS Tamblyn Way Steps Project

Members noted that the presentation had been clear and helpful and that it would be important to involve the public at an early stage of any plans. It would not be possible to simply rebuild the previous steps due to new building regulations.

It was AGREED to request costings from Hydrock for Stage 2 of the process as well as seeking their advice on most effective ways to engage the public on such a project.

006/20/PS Installation of new dog bin on Inner Green

It was reported that on peak days the bins by the Inner Green and closest to the beach did not meet the high demand. It was AGREED to install an additional bin in the same location.

ACTION: Arrange for installation of additional dog bin by the Inner Green / beach.

007/20/PS Update on Skate Park

Further to a successful and well attended public consultation event held in the Parish Council rooms the previous month, when details of the proposed scheme were made available to the public, the Council had been working to finalise the planning documentation ready for approval and submission. The response from the public was overwhelming supportive and there was great excitement from the community about the design and location. The display materials from the consultation were also freely available to members of the public at Perranporth Library as publicised on social media.

The planning application documents for the proposed installation of a skate park in Ponsmere Valley had now been sent to Cornwall Council for verification. Members ratified the Design and Access Statement previously circulated and gave their support for the planning application to be formally submitted and processed.

Meetings had taken place on three occasions with the small of residents of Ramoth Way who had concerns about the impact of the new facility on their properties and would prefer it were located elsewhere. Councillors were reminded that this group of residents had also written to the Council through their solicitors indicating they believed their properties would be subject to a loss of value for which they had threatened to seek compensation. A number of requests had also been made by the same residents for information about the Council's plans which had been responded to as and when information became available and finalised.

Following these meetings all alternative sites suggested by the residents had been considered but found to be unsuitable. Furthermore the constraints of a suitable site had been explained to the residents and these comprised: the availability of land which was not under lease to sports clubs; the profile of the land including the flood zone and its relationship with the design; and the presence of services and utilities.

Therefore the Council had worked with Maverick to make adjustments to locate the facility as far away as possible from the properties concerned and ensure that the design was considerate to their concerns. The Council was keen to continue to engage with the residents and had offered to take mitigating action where possible, for example potential soft and hard landscaping and usage restrictions. Any ongoing objections could be lodged with Cornwall Council as part of the planning process. The Council would be working with the Skate Collective to publicise details of the planning application and encourage residents to lodge their responses. Councillors commended the working party and the Clerk for the negotiations and noted the delicate nature of the discussions. It was agreed to proceed with the application but to keep dialogue open.

The original skate park working party had comprised Cllrs Arthur, Byfield and Crewes. It was AGREED that the new membership would comprise Cllrs Byfield, Gaisford and Rogers, and this group would work on the next phase to respond to questions arising from the planning process and work with Maverick to commission the installation.

It was noted that full updates relating to the skate park had been provided to Full Council on five occasions during the last year and that responses had been provided to questions during the public participation section of the meeting on five occasions.

008/20/PS Recreational equipment at Goonhavern Park

The installation of adult gym equipment had started the previous week but been hampered by excessively wet weather. The works had been halted until fairer weather returned. Details of the pump track project had been published on the Contracts Finder web site with an invitation to tender for these works by 29th February.

009/20/PS Remedial work for Inner Green

A number of local suppliers had received the brief for remedial work for the Inner Green. In addition the tender details were to be published on the Contracts Finder web site.

ACTION: Complete publication of Inner Green project details on Contracts Finder web site – Cllr Norrington

010/20/PS Request from Environment Agency regarding signage

A request had been received from the Environment Agency relating to signage and mesh they proposed to erect by the Station Road footbridge to prevent people from walking under the bridge to reach the beach. Members considered that this action was not necessary.

ACTION: Inform Environment Agency that proposed signage and mesh by Station Road footbridge was deemed unnecessary.

011/20/PS Items of correspondence – Cligga signs

There were no items of correspondence to report.

012/20/PS Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was noted: Monday 17th February 2020.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45 hrs

Signed

Date: 21st September 2020