

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON
ON THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.00 PM

Councillors: Mrs S M E Swift in the Chair

R Williams
P Phillips

Mrs F N E Boase
R R Pryor

M H Thomas

Officers: Mr C Dawson - Town Clerk

220. Minutes

On the proposition of Councillor Phillips, seconded by Councillor Pryor, it was

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2009 be approved and signed as a true record.

221. Continental Market

The Town Clerk advised that, despite early problems due to the late arrival of the Continental Market Manager, he had received excellent reports on the event. Committee members also conveyed similar reports. The Chairman added that the purpose of facilitating the Market was to bring something new to the town and to help local businesses.

The Town Clerk informed Members that he had been asked whether the Town Council would be circulating a feed-back form to the local businesses in Meneage Street. After a brief debate it was proposed by Councillor Pryor, seconded by Councillor Phillips, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Town Clerk circulate a feed-back form to businesses and residents of Meneage Street.

222. Godolphin Road Bus Shelter

The Town Clerk gave a verbal update regarding the proposed bus shelter on Godolphin Road during which he advised Members that a grant had been secured from Cornwall Council for the supply and installation of a cantilever shelter. He further advised that the responses to a consultation letter delivered to nearby residents were in equal number for and against the scheme with some residents concerned that a shelter might attract anti-social behaviour. In order for all matters to be considered, it was proposed by Councillor Pryor, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Town Council apply for planning permission to install a bus shelter on Godolphin Road.

223. Sponsorship of Waste Bins

Further to Min. No.132/2009, the Town Clerk advised of two methods of sponsorship that had been adopted by other local authorities. The two methods were to either request a one-off payment to sponsor a bin for a number of years, or alternatively to charge an annual fee.

Following a brief debate it was proposed by Councillor Phillips, seconded by Councillor Pryor, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Town Clerk sought one-off sponsorships of £300 for a 5-year period for each of the eleven town bins.

224. Tree Nursery

The Town Clerk reminded Members that at the Full Council meeting the previous week Members had agreed to support a partnership of the National Trust, Transition Helston and the Town Council's Tree Warden to establish a tree nursery in the Penrose Estate. Members then considered a request from the Tree Warden for financial assistance towards setting up the tree nursery. A debate ensued at the conclusion of which it was proposed by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Thomas, that the Council support the tree nursery partnership by contributing £100 provided the contribution was publicly acknowledged.

The vote was tied and therefore in accordance with Standing Order 53 the matter was referred to Full Council.

225. Exclusion of the Press and Public

On the proposition of Councillor Phillips, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, it was

RESOLVED – that pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

226. Litter Bin

The Town Clerk advised of a quotation received from D.J.Taylor & Sons to provide a concrete base for a town litter bin located in Coinagehall Street.

On the proposition of Councillor Phillips, seconded by Councillor Williams, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that the quotation of up to £90 to provide a base and secure the litter bin in position be accepted.

227. Guildhall Kitchen Water Boiler

Members considered a report by the Town Clerk (previously circulated) regarding the replacement of the Guildhall kitchen water boiler.

Following the debate it was proposed by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Pryor, to purchase a new counter-top water boiler.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Thomas, to purchase a new wall-mounted water boiler.

As the votes were tied, in accordance with Standing Order 53, the matter was referred to Full Council.

228. Public Seat

At the Chairman's discretion, the Town Clerk advised the Committee that the new fold-up seat had been installed outside the Post Office and it was intended to relocate the existing seat to Horse & Jockey. However, the existing seat required some repairs and a quotation of £120 had been obtained that day.

On the proposition of Councillor Phillips, seconded by Councillor Pryor, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that the repairs to the wooden seat be carried out for the sum of £120.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Confirmed

Chairman