

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON
ON THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.00 PM

Councillors: Mrs S M E Swift in the Chair

R Williams
Mrs F N E Boase

R R Pryor

M H Thomas

Officers: Mr C Dawson - Town Clerk

315. Apologies

An Apology for absence was received from Councillor Phillips as he had a family commitment.

316. Minutes

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 2009 be approved and signed as a true record.

317. Continental Market

The Town Clerk circulated the results of the consultation survey indicating that 19 businesses in Meneage Street requested a Continental Market twice yearly. Members also considered the comments that had been included on the returned questionnaires.

Following the debate it was proposed by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Williams, and

RESOLVED – that a Continental Market be arranged twice a year on a Saturday in April and September or October not to coincide with the Farmers Market or Harvest Fair.

318. Lock-up Bench

The Town Clerk advised that the bench outside the Post Office was being locked at dusk by the Public Convenience Warden and unlock in the mornings by either the Town Warden or employees of the Londis Store/Post Office.

At the conclusion of the debate it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Thomas, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the lockable seat remained unlocked and the Town Clerk monitor and report back to the next meeting.

319. Street Furniture Constructed from Recycled Materials

The Chairman advised that she had obtained a catalogue containing details of street furniture constructed of recycled materials and the prices of benches were comparable to those the Council was paying for wooden ones. The Chairman further advised that at both the Bosnoweth and An Henlys Joint Working Parties, residents had requested additional seating.

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

RESOLVED – that one bench and one litter bin be purchased for the Bosnoweth open space.

320. Coinagehall Street - Disabled Parking Bay

The Town Clerk advised that following the Council's support of the Epworth Hall Management Committee's proposal for a disabled parking bay in Coinagehall Street, a letter had been received from the Area Highways Manager. The letter stated that a Traffic Regulation Order would be required costing in the region of £3,000 for the drawing up of documents and a public consultation, the end result of which could not be guaranteed.

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

RESOLVED – that, due to the large cost without a guaranteed outcome, the Council did not pursue a disabled parking space in Coinagehall Street.

321. Exclusion of the Press and Public

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs Boase, seconded by Councillor Thomas, 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.

322. Electricity Meter

The Town Clerk circulated a list of quotations received to provide an electricity meter for monitoring purposes and also details of electricity charges for the previous two year period.

Councillor Mrs Boase advised that the Christmas Lights Committee would be replacing many bulbs with energy-efficient ones the following year thus reducing the power required by an estimated 96 percent.

In response to a question, the Town Clerk advised that the Policy, Finance & Resources Committee had agreed that an electricity meter should be installed and that the quotations had come before the Amenities Committee because the Guildhall was its responsibility.

Following a detailed debate it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, and

RESOLVED – that, as a result of new information, the installation of an electricity meter be referred back to the Policy, Finance & Resources Committee for reconsideration.

323. Noticeboards

Members considered information circulated by the Town Clerk regarding the range of notice boards available from various suppliers. During the debate the Town Clerk was asked to make a number of further enquiries.

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

RESOLVED – that the Town Clerk make further enquiries regarding the provision of additional notice boards and report back to the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.54pm

Confirmed

Chairman