

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON
ON THURSDAY 25TH MARCH 2010 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

Councillor K Reynolds was also present

523. Minutes

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2010 be approved and signed as a true record.

524. Continental Market

Members considered a letter from Ms Schofield Chair of the Porthleven Food and Music Festival Committee requesting that the Council rearrange the Continental Market scheduled for Saturday 24th April as it coincided with the Porthleven Food & Music Festival.

The Chairman informed Members that the Traditional Market Company was not keen to set up for just one day and only confirmed their attendance in Helston once they had secured venues for the Friday and Sunday. She further reminded members that the survey of traders in Meneage Street had resulted in the request for two markets per year and that April and September were the preferred months.

The Town Clerk advised that the Traditional Market Company could seek compensation for cancelling at such a late stage and advertising materials had already been produced.

Following the debate it was proposed by Councillor Pryor, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Continental Market proceed on the scheduled date.

The Town Clerk agreed to liaise with the Porthleven Town Clerk when considering public events in the future.

525. Proposed Bus Shelters – Coinagehall Street

The Town Clerk read excerpts of letters received from Cornwall Council Transport advising that bus shelters would not be installed in Coinagehall Street as the Town Council and Conservation Officer could not agree on the design. The Town Clerk disputed this reason advising that the design *had* been agreed by the Amenities Committee with a request that the colour scheme be black and yellow consistent with the other shelters around the town.

With the permission of the Committee to speak, Councillor Reynolds advised that residents had been requesting bus shelters in that vicinity for a number of years and was of the opinion that the Council must challenge the decision.

In response to a question, the Town Clerk advised that a Cornwall Council grant would be available in the 2010/11 financial year to install a shelter in Coinagehall Street. Councillor Thomas then suggested setting a target of twelve months to provide a shelter and the Cornwall Council Ward Member should be involved.

Following the discussion it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Pryor, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Clerk write to the Conservation Officer to establish what his objections to the bus shelters were and then meet with the Cornwall Council Local Member.

526. Guildhall Heating

The Town Clerk informed Members that Andrew Taylor of DJ Taylor & Son had carried out a preliminary inspection of the heating system in the Council Chamber and would be providing a quotation to service the radiators.

527. Exclusion of the Press and Public

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

528. Notice Boards

Further to Min. No. 323/2009 the Committee considered a report by the Town Clerk (previously circulated). Members considered the various options to provide additional notice boards at the conclusion of which it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Boase, seconded by Councillor Pryor, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that

- (a) A total of four notice boards be purchased for Hellis Wartha, Bosnoweth, Trenethick Fields and Pendeen Parc;
- (b) The notice boards be constructed of hardwood;
- (c) Each notice board be 4-page, single-door and free-standing; and
- (d) The quotation from DJ Taylor & Son be accepted.

529. ERDF Scheme Grounds Maintenance

Members considered a report by the Town Clerk (previously circulated) containing tender submissions that had been opened at the Policy, Finance & Resources Committee meeting on 10th March 2010.

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

RESOLVED – that the tender of RTS (Garden Services) Limited for the 3-year period commencing on 1st April 2010 be accepted.

530. Footpath Maintenance

Members considered a report by the Town Clerk (previously circulated) containing tender submissions that had been opened at the Policy, Finance & Resources Committee meeting on 10th March 2010.

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

RESOLVED – that the tender of RTS (Garden Services) Limited for the 3-year period commencing on 1st April 2010 be accepted.

531. Bosnoweth Open Space Access

Members considered a quotation from RTS (Garden Services) Limited to create an additional opening to the smaller of the Bosnoweth open spaces and use the material to repair other parts of the hedge.

Following a brief discussion it was proposed by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Thomas, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the quotation from RTS (Garden Services) Limited to create a second opening to the open space be accepted.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Confirmed

Chairman