

Meeting Minutes



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Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of Camborne Town Council held remotely via Zoom on Thursday 17th September 2020 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Councillor M Champion	Chairman
Councillor D Wilkins	Vice Chairman
Councillor J P Collins	
Councillor T Dalley	
Councillor Mrs V Dalley	
Councillor R Goodman	
Councillor J Morgan	
Councillor Ms M Pearce	
Councillor Mrs Weedon	
Councillor Ms Z Fox	not a member of this committee

IN ATTENDANCE:

Janet Ritchie, Committee Support Officer; Melanie Negus, Finance and Administration Assistant; David Garwood, Amenities & Projects Officer; Rose Hichens-Todd, Engagement Officer.

The Chairman explained the meeting procedures to all present.

A.4192 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

No apologies, all present.

A.4193 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

A.4194 MEMBERS TO DECLARE DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-REGISTERABLE INTERESTS (INCLUDING THE DETAILS THEREOF) IN RESPECT OF ALL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA INCLUDING ANY GIFTS OR HOSPITALITY EXCEEDING £25

There were no declarations of interests.

A.4195 TO APPROVE WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensation requests.

A.4196 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 16TH JULY 2020 FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AT A LATER DATE

A.4196.2 RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 16th July 2020 were received and approved, for signing at a later date

Proposed by Councillor Champion
Seconded by Councillor Collins

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously by those entitled to vote.

A.4197 MATTERS ARISING, FOR INFORMATION ONLY, WHERE NOT INCLUDED BELOW

There were no matters arising.

A.4198 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SUBJECT TO STANDING ORDER 3E MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE PERMITTED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS AND GIVE EVIDENCE IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF FIFTEEN MINUTES)

There were no public present.

A.4199 TO RECEIVE THE CURRENT NET POSITION BY CODE FOR THE AMENITIES REVENUE BUDGET TO END OF JULY 2020 AND AGREE ACTION

A.4199.2 RESOLVED: that the current net position by code for the Amenities Revenue Budget to end of July 2020 was received

Proposed by Councillor Champion
Seconded by Councillor Wilkins

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.4200 TO CONSIDER PLACEMENT OF A PLAQUE TO CELEBRATE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CAMBORNE TOWN COUNCIL AND BID CAMBORNE, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE

The Engagement Officer informed members that if approved the cost of the Plaque was to be split 50-50 with BID Camborne.

A.4200.2

RESOLVED: that the placement of a plaque to celebrate the Memorandum of Understanding between Camborne Town Council and Bid Camborne was considered, and approved subject to the permission from Cornwall Council for the siting of the Plaque being granted. The plaque was to be placed on a lower wall in the Town Square. The Town Council's appointed supplier was Contract Sign Systems, and the £25 expenditure was authorised, with BID Camborne to pay 50% of the costs

Proposed by Councillor Dalley
Seconded by Councillor Morgan

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a Majority.

A.4201

TO RECEIVE AND NOTE A REPORT AND QUOTATIONS FROM THE AMENITIES & PROJECTS OFFICER REGARDING ESSENTIAL PATHWAY REPAIRS UNDERTAKEN FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY AT CAMBORNE RECREATION GROUND

The Amenities & Projects Officer reported that due to a recent accident at the entrance to Camborne Recreation Ground it had been necessary to carry out emergency repair work to the ground level, for the safety of people using the Town Council's Park.

A.4201.2

RESOLVED: that a report and quotations from the Amenities & Projects Officer regarding essential pathway repairs undertaken for public health and safety, at Camborne Recreation Ground, were received and noted

Proposed by Councillor Morgan
Seconded by Councillor Mrs V Dalley

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.4202

TO RECEIVE AND NOTE REPAIRS NEEDED TO THE TOILET AT CAMBORNE RECREATION GROUND, AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE INCURRED

Councillor R Goodman felt that an additional quote for the works should be sought, as the one received was quite high.

A.4202.2

RESOLVED: that repairs needed to the toilet at Camborne Recreation Ground, and a quote for the works were noted. Delegated authority to the Deputy Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman to obtain additional quotes and take appropriate actions was approved

Proposed by Councillor Mrs R Goodman
Seconded by Councillor Mrs S Weedon

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.4203

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES & PROJECTS OFFICER REGARDING TREE ISSUES AT CAMBORNE RECREATION GROUND, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE

The Amenities & Projects Officer informed members that an Elm tree near the toilet block in the Recreation Ground was dead and needed removing for safety reasons. A Sycamore tree on the wall near the entrance of the Recreation Ground was splitting the wall on both sides, beneath it, causing potential safety issues.

A.4203.2

RESOLVED: that a report from the Amenities & Projects Officer regarding tree issues at Camborne Recreation Ground, was received. The Sycamore tree on the wall near the main entrance of the Recreation Ground be removed; and the removal and re-planting of the dead Elm tree near the toilet block, was approved, and the associated expenditure was authorised from the trees budget code. The works to link in with the forest of Cornwall Project

Proposed by Councillor Mrs V Dalley
Seconded by Councillor Mrs S Weedon

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.4204

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES & PROJECTS OFFICER REGARDING PLANT PROPAGATION AND GROWING ON OF PLANTS BY CAMBORNE TOWN COUNCIL AMENITIES TEA, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE

The Amenities & Projects Officer informed members that the Amenities team were very enthusiastic to propagate and grow-on the plants, trees, etc needed for the Town Council's green spaces, but did not have the facilities to do so. He had had a meeting with Rosewarne College who had two polytunnels for rent, and was informed that should the Town Council wish to rent them, there could be the opportunity for help from students, which would help both parties and be a positive form of engagement with the community.

There would be an initial cost of covering the tunnels, but the College were offering the first year rent free which would help compensate for that.

There was a piece of spare land at Enys Road allotments, but the soil quality was so poor it would take a lot of time and money to make it usable.

Councillor Champion highlighted that the cost saved for the disposal the Town Council's green waste could offset against the rental cost of the polytunnels.

The Amenities team were having to order things such as topsoil in small quantities, as they did not have the facility to store larger quantities which would be much more cost effective to buy, and that a yard for this purpose would be very useful.

Councillor Dalley suggested that the Amenities & Projects officer discuss with the College the possibility of a provision for composting and storage for materials.

A.4204.2

RESOLVED: that a report from the Amenities & Projects Officer regarding plant propagation and growing on of plants by Camborne Town Council Amenities Team was received. The Town Council to take up the offer from Rosewarne College to rent two large polytunnels at a cost of £600 per year after the first rent free year, was approved. The initial cost of £1,000 and the rental cost, were authorised, to be taken from the green spaces small works budget. Delegated authority to the Chairman and the Amenities & Projects Officer to take actions needed, was approved

Proposed by Councillor Mrs R Goodman

Seconded by Councillor Morgan

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.4205

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES & PROJECTS OFFICER REGARDING STREET WEED CONTROL FOR CAMBORNE PARISH, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE

The Amenities & Projects Officer reported that whilst the town centre was relatively weed free, the outlying streets and villages were not. He had spoken to other local councils who were trialling various methods of weed control, and they were amenable to sharing their results. He suggested that the Town Council act to address the immediate problem and look into future action and solutions.

Members discussed this at length, points raised were:

- That weed control was the responsibility of Cornwall Council.
- The ongoing and future implications of allowing weeds to grow.
- Initiatives to encourage parishioners to address weed problems in the immediate area of their residence.
- Previous attempts to get parishioners help to control weed issues.
- Developers not addressing weed issues in the unadopted roads.
- Involving the press to highlight the shortfalls of Cornwall Council in addressing the problem.

A.4205.2

RESOLVED: that a report from the Amenities & Projects Officer regarding street weed control for Camborne Parish was received. The Town Council to take action to treat weeds in the main arteries into the town centre and central zones of villages as a one-off action and approve the expenditure from the environment amenities budget code. The Amenities & Projects Officer to look into long term solutions and report back to a future meeting of this committee

Proposed by Councillor Mrs V Dalley
Seconded by Councillor Mrs R Goodman

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.4206

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES & PROJECTS OFFICER REGARDING PRESERVATION AND PERMANENT SITING OF THE COVID SNAKE DISPLAY IN CAMBORNE RECREATION GROUND, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE

Members discussed the significance of the Covid Snake to the community and the need to preserve it.

A.4206.2

RESOLVED: that a report from the Amenities & Projects Officer regarding preservation and permanent siting of the Covid Snake display in Camborne Recreation Ground was received. The stones to be sited in front of the toilet area of the Recreation Ground, set in a concrete plinth, and coated with resin; with a small plaque for future information. Quotes for the work be obtained, and delegated authority to the Deputy Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman to proceed with the works when quotes received was approved, and expenditure was authorised from the green spaces small works budget

Proposed by Councillor Mrs S Weedon
Seconded by Councillor M Pearce

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.4207 **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CORRESPONDENCE FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTING ALLOTMENTS, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE**

Members discussed the need of allotments in the parish and the Town Council's responsibilities in providing them. The Amenities & Project Officer informed members that the Town Council had met the statutory duty in providing allotments for the parish, but that opportunities to provide more could be investigated. Rosewarne College had land that they might be willing to lease for allotments, and Cornwall Council could be approached to re-instate land at Grenville Road, Troon, that had previously been used for allotments, back to allotment land.

Councillor Herd reported that the area of land in Penponds that had been used for allotments was owned by the Church, and was not Registered allotment land; the Church had been approached to keep the land for the use as allotments for the residents of Penponds, but they had refused.

A.4207.2 **RESOLVED: that correspondence from members of the public requesting allotments was received. The Amenities & Projects Officer to investigate options for additional allotment land in the parish and report back to a future meeting of this committee**

Proposed by Councillor Champion
Seconded by Councillor Wilkins

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.4208 **TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION OF OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE GUIDANCE FOR THE TELEPHONE KIOSK IN BEACON, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE**

A.4208.2 **RESOLVED: that confirmation of ownership and maintenance guidance for the telephone kiosk in Beacon was received. The Amenities & Projects officer to obtain quotes for maintenance works to the Phone Box and report back to a future meeting of this committee**

Proposed by Councillor Champion

Seconded by Councillor Wilkins

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.43 pm.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.....

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