

**CAMBORNE TOWN COUNCIL
AMENITIES COMMITTEE 13TH AUGUST 2015**

MINUTES of the informal meeting of the Amenities Committee of Camborne Town Council with members of the BID Camborne Board held in the Clerk's Office, The Basset Centre, Basset Road, Camborne on Thursday 13th August 2015 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT Councillor Ms Merrick Chairman
Councillor Ms J Robinson
Councillor Mrs V Dalley
Councillor Ms Z Fox
Councillor W Krey
Councillor S Odgers
Councillor T Chalker (Ex Officio)
Councillor C Godolphin (Ex Officio)
Councillor R Webber (not a member of this committee)

In Attendance: Amanda Mugford, Town Clerk; Beverley Pascoe, Deputy Clerk; Alec Webb, Amenities & Projects Officer; Glynis Charlesworth, Chairman Camborne Chamber of Commerce & BID Camborne Board Member; George Le Hunte, Chairman, BID Camborne; Mel Martin, BID Camborne Manager; Wayne Richens, BID Camborne Board Member;

The Chairman explained the safety procedures to all those present.

A.3570 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Winter. No apologies were received from Councillors Crickett and Champion.

A.3571 MEMBERS TO DECLARE DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON REGISTERABLE INTERESTS (INCLUDING THE DETAILS THEREOF) IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA INCLUDING ANY GIFTS OR HOSPITALITY EXCEEDING £25

There were no declarations of interests.

A.3572 TO APPROVE WRITTEN REQUEST(S) FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensation requests.

A.3573 CHRISTMAS IN CAMBORNE

This meeting was a result of the BID Camborne grant application received at the last Full Council meeting when Councillors had questions and concerns relating to Christmas in Camborne.

Councillor Webber, Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, clarified the grant aid position of the Town Council. The Grant Aid provision had been increased for this financial year in anticipation of increased requests for funding from the Voluntary Sector following Cornwall Council cuts. The demands on the budget had increased in quantity and

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size of grant aid requested. As a result three quarters of the allocated funding had been spent.

Members discussed future grant aid funding for Christmas in Camborne; whether the old displays could be used; the possibility of a theme for the lights.

Mel Martin explained that the heavy weight of the old displays and insurance restrictions meant their Christmas Lights contractors could not use these lights in the displays.

It was suggested that BID Camborne put together a draft plan of expected grant funding requests by November to give the Town Council advance information when setting the budget for the next financial year.

A.3574 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The newly launched Community Toilet Scheme was discussed. Early indications were that it was being very well received. However Mr Le Hunte felt the disabled access at Costa Coffee was inadequate and discriminatory.

Mel Martin asked if the Town Council had considered the future position of Rosewarne Toilets and if the participants of the Community Toilet scheme were informed of the closure of the toilets in Rosewarne Carpark.

The Town Clerk reminded all present that this was an informal meeting of the Amenities Committee and all opinions expressed at this meeting were the personal opinions of Councillors.

Following further discussion the following points were raised

- Accurate information was needed before the Town Council could commit public money and take on services
- Different ways of delivering services
- The importance of toilet facilities not just in the Town Centre
- Review of the Community toilet scheme in 12 months' time
- Disabled facilities at Trevithick Market, the White Hart and Costa Coffee
- The future closure of public toilets by Cornwall Council being in the public domain since 2013.
- A meeting called by BID with Cornwall Council and Camborne Town Council regarding the future of Rosewarne Toilets

The Mayor, Councillor Chalker, commented that it was very difficult to get any information from Cornwall Council particularly financial. Without this information commercial decisions could not be made. Building stronger relationships and keeping partners informed was very important but until accurate figures were received decisions could not be made. 'When we know, you'll know' he said.

The Town Clerk gave a brief history on the position of the Town Council prior to the local elections in 2013. In 2012 the Town Council looked at the issue

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of the toilets at Rosewarne, Gurneys Lane and the Recreation Ground. At that time it was decided to take over the toilets at Rosewarne and the Recreation Ground on a leasehold agreement. This decision was rescinded by six signatures in favour of pursuing taking over Gurneys Lane toilets. However following independent surveys on the building and the amount of work required, capital grants available, it was decided not to go ahead.

A.3575 BID CAMBORNE PRIORITIES, ACTIONS AND PROGRESS TO DATE

Currently in its fourth year, BID Camborne had three main themes, the Town Environment and promotion of Camborne; Cost Savings and Business support measures. Projects so far included, parking promotions and working with the Town Council to stop car park increases; welcome banner and maps; a new Camborne Website launching in November to attract people to the Town; summer bunting; flags in Cross Street promoting the independent shops there; vacant shop displays; Christmas in Camborne Experience; graffiti and town centre clean ups; cost saving strategies for businesses; business advice and workshops; the use of social media to promote the Town.

Points of concern were as follows; the condition of some of the flowerbeds; putting out rubbish too early for refuse collections; the possibility of affordable housing development in Rosewarne Carpark; and the responsibility and condition of the Town Heritage Trail plaques. The Amenities and Projects Officer explained there was an issue with the original plaques as these were aluminium and their long term durability had not been assessed when originally put up. These needed refurbishing and a solution was being investigated. Most of the flowerbeds were owned and maintained by Cornwall Council, but as soon as an issue was known either Cornwall Council was notified or, if possible, the Town Handyman would address the issue. With regard to rubbish the Town Council had a supply of sea-gull proof bags available for purchase.

A.3576 CAMBORNE TOWN COUNCIL PRIORITIES, ACTIONS AND PROGRESS TO DATE

The Town Council had approved its Corporate Plan in April. It was divided into four sections, Highest Standards of Financial Governance, Public Engagement, Service Delivery Plans and Economic Development. It was important to understand that Town and Parish Councils were under a very heavy burden of regulation and legislation under the Local Government Act 1972. The recent transparency code was a recent addition to this burden.

The Corporate Plan Priorities were as follows:

The Highest Standards of Financial Governance

- Annual Audit Return
- Quality Gold status under the new Local Council Award Scheme.
- Implementation of the Local Government Transparency Code 2015.
- Budget Setting process
- Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

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Public Engagement – improved communication with the community

- Use of social media
- Creative consultation events at different locations for specific issues.
- Continual improvement of the website as an interactive tool.
- Electronic newsletter.
- Increased active involvement with community groups and organisations.

Service Delivery Plans

- Devolution of Camborne Recreation Ground, Beacon Recreation Ground, Troon Recreation Ground, Treslothan Park, King George V Playing Field, Boilerworks Road Playing Field, Park Road Playing Fields from Cornwall Council.
- Community Toilet Scheme and public conveniences at the Recreation Ground.
- Re-instatement of allotments at Troon
- The Library – consultation to inform future action.

Economic Development

- Grant funding support
- Rosewarne Car Park
- Devolution of green spaces
- Improved partnership working.

A.3577 FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Mr Le Hunte asked if the Amenities and Projects Officer could be appointed as a Board Member to BID Camborne. The Town Clerk confirmed that she would put an item on the next Full Council agenda for Councillors to consider this request.

The painting of street furniture and the bottom half of the lamp posts was discussed. It was understood that Cormac with the probation service had gone ahead with a scheme to paint these items of street furniture following a walkabout event between BID Camborne and other agencies earlier in the year. No further information on this had been conveyed to BID Camborne or the Town Council.

A.3578 TO AGREE FUTURE ACTIONS

To include the appointment of Alec Webb as a Board Member on BID Camborne on the September Full Council Agenda.

To write to Cormac regarding the half painted lamp posts to obtain a completion date for finishing the work.

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BID Camborne to submit an estimate for grant funding for its Christmas event in 2016 by November of this year.

To work more closely with BID Camborne and other agencies in the Town,

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.12 pm.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.....

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