

PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 24 February 2016 commencing at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Unit 5b Industrial Estate, Padstow

Present: Councillors K Freeman (Chairman), F J Bealing, R Higman, A Rickard and Mrs A Symons

In attendance: Mrs K Pemberton (Town Clerk), Cornwall Councillor Richard Buscombe and 3 members of the public

P2015/80 Apologies for absence: were received from Councillor Mrs T Walter

P2015/81 Announcements: None

P2015/82 Public Participation: None

P2015/83 Planning Site Visit: Councillors Higman and Rickard had attended the site meeting as Planning Committee representatives. Richard Buscombe had also been in attendance as the Local Cornwall Councillor.

Council Support Officer, Tracey Trestain had also attended the site visit. A short paper had been prepared for the Committee outlining details of the site visit and photographs.

The site meeting had provided the opportunity of installing scaffolding in order to be able to see likely impact of the walkway.

The site visit had allayed some concern with the majority of the walkway however, Committee did have issue with the "horseshoe" area of the walkway. This was a section of walkway which hung over the site, as depicted in the agenda report. General feeling of the Committee was it was felt that it really didn't fit with the area. The Greens Café was located in the older part of town and it was felt it just didn't fit with the environment.

Members of the public arrived at the meeting. At the discretion of the Chairman, as they had missed the public participation part of the meeting, he welcomed any comments from them. Two members of the public declined to speak, however the Architect for the project did.

The member of the public confirmed that screening of planting would remain in place. He tabled an updated plan which outlined the change of position of the access steps and lift. Committee

noted the revised location of steps and lift and were happy with this change.

Discussion then moved back to the walkway. The main concern of the walkway was the "horseshoe". A matter that was debated most was the support structure, it was considered that this could potentially end up being more intrusive. Further comment was made that what the structure will look like when built on the ground/site could be very different to what was drawn on a plan, due to the rock stratum and where the anchors could be put in rather than where they would like them positioned. The member of the public advised that the support structure would be angled supports. More detail was required such as finding decent anchorage. Cornwall Council required such detail on this matter, along with the Tree Officer.

After much discussion, the Chairman agreed to the tabling of amended plan in respect of the "horseshoe". The updated plan reduced the "horseshoe" by 4 metres. The majority of the Committee still felt that the introduction of the "horseshoe" even a reduction in size, was too intrusive and did not fit in the area.

RESOLVED to request that the matter be considered by a Cornwall Council Committee decision. This request is made as Committee do not support the "horse shaped" section of the walkway due to:-

- Its visual impact;
- Concerns with support structure appearance and the rock stratum; and
- Out of keeping with surrounding area and intrusive.

P2015/84 Note of next meeting: 8 March 2016 at 7.00 pm

Meeting closed 7.40 pm