

PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leisure, Tourism and Open Space Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 January 2018 at Council Offices, Station House, Station Road, Padstow at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillors C Watson-Smyth (Chairman), R Buscombe, R Clark, A P Flide and A Rickard

In Attendance: Mrs K Pemberton (Town Clerk), Mrs Nikki Barnes (Responsible Financial Officer), Mrs S Daly (Support Officer and Minute Taker) and 1 member of the public (part)

LTOS2017/50 **Apologies for absence:** were received from Councillors F J Bealing and D N Vivian

LTOS2017/51 **Announcements:** There were no announcements.

LTOS2017/52 **Declarations of Interest:** Councillors A P Flide and A Rickard declared an interest in agenda item 11.

LTOS2017/53 **Public Participation:** A member of the public attended the meeting to give a presentation under agenda item 7.

LTOS2017/54 **RESOLVED** that the **minutes** of the meeting held on **Tuesday 7 November 2017** were a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the chair.

LTOS2017/55 **Clerks Report/Works Programme:** The update was noted for information. The Town Clerk added that clarification was being sought by Cornwall Council in respect of planting of replacement trees following planning permission to remove some trees, as per the tree inspection. Any outstanding matters would be progressed.

LTOS2017/56 **Plastic Free Padstow:** Committee received a presentation from a representative of the Plastic Free Padstow initiative. He advised the issue was becoming increasingly topical and receiving wide-spread support. Beach cleans in the area had been well received and successful.

To be awarded the status of "Plastic Free" support was needed from:

- i) The Town Council;
- ii) Education: involvement of local schools;
- iii) Local Business – a minimum of 3 local businesses to pledge to be free of single use plastic;
- iv) The Community: to endorse the scheme and promote;
- v) Positive Action: organisation and promotion of regular beach cleans.

To help support and meet these objectives it would be necessary for Padstow Town Council to:

- a) Remove single use plastics from its premises;
- b) Promote initiatives and support events; and

c) Appoint one of its members to the Plastic Free Padstow Coastline Steering Group

The Town Clerk clarified that such decisions would need to be taken to full Council for consideration. The representative was happy to produce a report on this matter. Overall, Committee welcomed the presentation and were supportive of this initiative.

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Sport Centre Proposal: Committee considered the report written by the RFO which covered financial aspects, as required by the Committee at their last meeting. The Chairman also referred Members to the emails from Councillor Vivian and Bealing on this matter. He was happy for Committee to consider their written views in their absence. There was much discussion on this item.

Generally it was felt that more experienced leisure centre operators faced difficulty in covering their costs. Concern was expressed regarding the capacity of the Town Council to develop and manage such a facility. Members also considered that a leisure centre could negatively impact on private businesses in the area.

It was noted that the costs of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) would be significantly lower both in respect of initial outlay and ongoing costs. It was also felt that a MUGA was something which could be achieved in the near future as opposed to a Leisure Centre which could take several years.

The RFO clarified points raised at the meeting relating to funding and her recommendation, which outlined that a sports centre is a major and ongoing financial cost, when the aims of providing a sports facility may be achieved by another option at far less cost.

Committee acknowledged that the Leisure Centre would include provision for additional underground parking. However, it noted that thoughts relating to the redevelopment of the Lawns Car Park, as discussed by the Highways, Roads and Transport Committee, would see an increase of approx. 27 parking spaces for considerably less cost.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL not to pursue any further the development of a sports centre and to focus on developing a Multi-Use Games Area.

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Updates:

a) Mobile Skate Park: The update was noted.

b) Skate Project Lawns: The agenda report was noted for information. Further to the report, the Town Clerk advised that the recommendation of the Flood Risk Assessment was to address the issue of drainage by installing either an Infiltration System or an Attenuation System. Dependent on which system would determine the cost. It was the recommendation of surveyor Shaun Watts, that a percolation test be carried out to ascertain which system

would work best based on the layout. Drainage had been an issue raised by planning to be addressed, along with location of trees to be replanted. She considered that once these matters had been/were being addressed planning was likely to be granted. Clearly any impact on cost would need to be considered at a future meeting. She added that there was potential funding opportunities for this from Section 106 and the Trustee from the Wheal Jubilee Parc Trust advised on funding they had secured. Both of these would need to be looked into.

RESOLVED that i) The Town Clerk instruct Shaun Watts to arrange a percolation test on the proposed Skate Park site as per the quote which will then determine which system to install.

ii) The Town Clerk to a) obtain an estimate from Daniel Vanstone Plant Hire for the removal of the Lawns play equipment and b) approach Cornwall Council Housing to enquire as to whether they would be interested in receiving the equipment as a donation, if not to approach Padstow School with the same.

iii) Responsible Financial Officer to investigate whether Section 106 contributions can be used for the Skate Park and funding secured by the Wheal Jubilee Parc Trust.

- c) Piaggio Van: Further to the agenda report it was noted that the Piaggio had now passed an MOT. It had been possible to source an "off the shelf" petrol tank, which needed slight modification.
- d) Lawns Garages: The update was noted.
- e) Cemetery: Resolved that Daniel Vanstone Plant Hire be instructed to install a bollard in the gap in the hedge parallel to the main cemetery pathway and the new paving slabs.

LTOS2017/59 **Memorial Tablet Request:** The request was considered.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL to approve the request to place a cremation tablet size 18" x 18" on the earthen grave K89 in the old part of Padstow Cemetery.

LTOS2017/60 **Rentable Sites:**
Councillors A Rickard and A P Flide left the meeting and did not return.

No recommendation could be made on this item as the meeting was inquorate.

However, it was updated that sites proposed were either at the Lawns Car Park and possible further opportunity by White Shelter. The Town Clerk would update Council accordingly on these matters.

LTOS2017/61 **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 6 March 2018

Meeting closed 7.25pm