

Meeting Minutes



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Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of Camborne Town Council held in The Council Chamber, Passmore Edwards Building, The Cross, Cross Street, Camborne, TR14 8HA on Thursday 20th July 2023 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Councillor P Mills	Chairman
Councillor J Ball	
Councillor Z Fox	(ex officio)
Councillor N Miles	
Councillor R Tal-E-Bot	
Councillor R Weatherburn	

IN ATTENDANCE:

David Garwood, Amenities & Projects Officer and Sally Williams, Committee Support Officer.

A.4420 SAFETY PROCEDURES

The Chairman explained the safety procedures to all present.

A.4421 TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS AND ELECT A CHAIRMAN OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/2024

There was one nomination for Chairman, Councillor P Mills.

A.4421.2 RESOLVED: that nominations were received and that Councillor P Mills was elected as Chairman of the Amenities Committee for the Municipal Year 2023/2024

Proposed by Councillor N Miles

Seconded by Councillor J Ball

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.4422 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

A.4422.2 RESOLVED: that the apologies from Councillor J Cosgrove, Councillor V Dalley and Councillor J Morgan for non-attendance of the meeting of the Amenities Committee on the 20th July 2023 were received

Proposed by Councillor P Mills
Seconded by Councillor N Miles

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.4423 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 interests declared.

A.4424 TO APPROVE WRITTEN REQUEST(S) FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no written requests for dispensations.

A.4425 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair wished to thank Councillors for voting her in as Chair of the Amenities Committee for the Municipal Year 2023/2024. She also wished to extend her thanks to the outgoing Chair Councillor D Wilkins for all his hard work for Camborne Town Council.

A.4426 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 25TH MAY 2023 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

A.4426.2 RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 25th May 2023 were received, approved, and signed by the Chairman

Proposed by Councillor P Mills
Seconded by Councillor R Weatherburn

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.4427 MATTERS ARISING, FOR INFORMATION ONLY, WHERE NOT INCLUDED BELOW

Councillor Fox explained that she had been in touch with the Wildflower Project at the Eden Project. They were happy and willing to visit in September to work alongside the Town Council to assist with wildflower planting.

Councillor Fox enquired whether the 'Trees for Streets' planting plan had been forwarded to Councillors as per Agenda Item A.4414 from the minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2023. A Councillor confirmed that the email had been sent to

Councillors on 21st June but the Committee Support Officer agreed to forward the email again for information.

A.4428 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 members of the public present.

A.4429 TO RECEIVE AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR THE AMENITIES BUDGETS TO 30TH JUNE 2023, AND AGREE ACTION

The Deputy Proper Officer explained that the larger amounts on the report were for 'up front' payments and hence these would even out as the year progressed. The Floral Displays cost had just been unexpectedly higher this year.

A.4429.2 RESOLVED: that an Income and Expenditure Report for the Amenities Budgets to 30th June 2023 was received

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor J Ball

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.4430 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES AND PROJECTS OFFICER AND DEPUTY PROPER OFFICER AND EMAIL FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL REGARDING DOLCOATH ENGINE HOUSE, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE

The Deputy Proper Officer thanked Councillor Fox for bringing this opportunity to the attention of the Council. The site had been highlighted for potential disposal by Cornwall Council and, as a result of this being brought to the attention of the Deputy Proper Officer, he and the Amenities Manager had been to visit the site. They felt that it could be suitable for Camborne Town Council to use in order to replace Unit 5 and bring the Amenities Team's base within the parish.

Cornwall Council had now agreed to pause the disposal to give Camborne Town Council time to decide whether they would be expressing an interest in the site. A decision on whether to express an interest would need to be made before 11th September 2023.

Councillor Fox expressed her pleasure that the Council were seeing the opportunity in a positive light. She felt that the site should be put to community use in some capacity.

A.4430.2

RESOLVED: that a report from the Amenities and Projects Officer and Deputy Proper Officer and email from Cornwall Council regarding Dolcoath Engine House were received and that the Officer's recommendation to submit an Expression of Interest to Cornwall Council for the site, was approved

Proposed by Councillor P Mills
Seconded by Councillor R Tal-E-Bot

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.4431

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES MANAGER REGARDING STREET WEEDING EQUIPMENT, TRAINING AND SUPPLIES, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE

The Amenities Manager's report was based upon a resolution from the previous Amenities Committee meeting which had been approved by a majority.

"A.4413.2 RESOLVED: that a verbal update from the Amenities Manager regarding the weeding programme was received and that the team move to using a weedkiller initially, followed by maintenance with the foam system, alongside an educational campaign using social media, was approved".

The report provided at this meeting was requesting authorisation of the expenditure for the purchase of the necessary training and chemicals to undertake the street weeding.

A Councillor queried whether there was an alternative weedkiller that did not contain glyphosate. The Deputy Proper Officer advised that the only alternative had been the foamstream system but that this was inefficient as had been reported to Councillors at the last meeting.

Councillors debated the use of the system that had been approved at the May Amenities meeting but opinion was divided and so Councillors voted accordingly.

A.4431.2

RESOLVED: that a report from the Amenities Manager regarding street weeding equipment, training and supplies was received

Proposed by Councillor P Mills
Seconded by Councillor Z Fox

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.4431.3 **RESOLVED: that the option of purchasing weeding equipment, training and supplies with expenditure of £4,269.40 was not approved**

Proposed by Councillor N Miles
Seconded by Councillor R Weatherburn

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

A.4432 **TO RECEIVE A MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR MILES REGARDING NATURE RECOVERY, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE**

Councillor Miles' motion was asking the Committee to agree to incorporate the 'Ten Pillars of Nature Recovery Principles' into its stewardship of all of Camborne Town Council's green public spaces.

A.4432.2 **RESOLVED: that a motion from Councillor Miles regarding Nature Recovery was received and that Camborne Town Council incorporate the 'Ten Pillars of Nature Recovery Principles' into its stewardship of its public green spaces was approved**

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor N Miles

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.4433 **THAT THE COUNCIL RESOLVES, UNDER THE 1960 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED**

A.4433.2 **RESOLVED: that the press and public were excluded due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed**

Proposed by Councillor P Mills
Seconded by Councillor R Weatherburn

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.4434 **TO RECEIVE A WRITTEN REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES MANAGER REGARDING A SOLAR UPGRADE FOR THE**

SPEED AWARENESS SIGNS, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE

The Deputy Proper Officer explained that the report, requesting a solar upgrade for the speed awareness signs, was due to the age of the speed awareness signs as they had been purchased some time ago. This causes issues with the movement of the signs as a Cornwall Council electrician is required to do the wiring every time the signs are moved. To be effective the signs should be moved regularly, and the Council also now have more locations. So, a solar upgrade would ensure that less power was used and make the regular movement of the signs easier for the Amenities team and thus more effective for traffic calming.

Councillors asked whether more signs would be needed in the future and were assured that this would only be necessary should more locations be added. There was also a query about whether these older versions could be lowered to indicate 20 mph and Councillors were assured that they could be. Another query was whether, as mobile units, they were safe and secure and again they were reassured that the units were padlocked into place.

Finally, the Councillors wished to know whether the Council were downloading data from the signs. This would become increasingly useful as the new 20 mph limits were implemented. This would be investigated with the Amenities Manager and brought back to a future meeting.

A.4434.2

RESOLVED: that a written report from the Amenities Manager regarding a solar upgrade for the speed awareness signs was received

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor R Tal-E-Bot

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.4434.3

RESOLVED: that Option 2, to upgrade 2 x signs to be solar powered using equipment to be purchased from ElanCity-UK, was approved and the expenditure of £1,253.04 to be taken from Cost Code 320 / 5140, was authorised

Proposed by Councillor P Mills
Seconded by Councillor Z Fox

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

A.4435

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CORNWALL FIRE AND RESCUE REGARDING CCTV OPTIONS, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE

Councillors felt that this was a very live situation and that Camborne Town Council needed to continue to co-ordinate with other Councils. There were a lot of options being looked at, especially by the Police and Fire Service and this ongoing dialogue needed to be monitored as economies of scale would be lost if lots of Councils withdrew from the service. It was felt that any decisions would need to be deferred until more information was made available.

A.4435.2

RESOLVED: that a report form Cornwall Fire and Rescue regarding CCTV options was received and noted

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox
Seconded by Councillor J Ball

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.16pm.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.....

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