

**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 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at 6.30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

<b>Councillor P Mills</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Councillor R Weatherburn</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
<b>Councillor J Ball</b>	
<b>Councillor J Cosgrove</b>	
<b>Councillor Z Fox</b>	<b>(ex officio)</b>
<b>Councillor N Miles</b>	
<b>Councillor D Ragan</b>	

IN ATTENDANCE:

**Samantha Hughes, Town Clerk; Sally Williams, Committee Support Officer.**

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**A.4479 SAFETY PROCEDURES**

The Chairman explained the safety procedures to all present.

**A.4480 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE**

There were no apologies from Councillor V Dalley and Councillor J Morgan.

**A.4480.2 RESOLVED: that the apology from Councillor R Tal-E-Bot for non-attendance of the meeting of the Amenities Committee on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 was received**

Proposed by Councillor P Mills  
Seconded by Councillor R Weatherburn

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

**A.4481 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.4482 TO APPROVE WRITTEN REQUEST(S) FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were no written dispensation requests.

**A.4483**

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

**A.4484**

**TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM**

**A.4484.2**

**RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were received, approved and signed by the Chairman**

Proposed by Councillor R Weatherburn

Seconded by Councillor P Mills

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

**A.4485**

**MATTERS ARISING, FOR INFORMATION ONLY, WHERE NOT INCLUDED BELOW**

There were no matters arising.

**A.4486**

**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.4487**

**TO RECEIVE AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR THE AMENITIES BUDGETS TO 29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024, AND AGREE ACTION**

The Town Clerk explained that the figures showed that there was an underspend overall for this Committee.

**A.4487.2**

**RESOLVED: that an Income and Expenditure Report for the Amenities Budgets to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 was received**

Proposed by Councillor R Weatherburn

Seconded by Councillor P Mills

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

**A.4488**

**TO RECEIVE A VERBAL PRESENTATION AND DEMONSTRATION FROM J ROONEY REGARDING A DOG FOULING MOBILE APP, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE**

Mr J Rooney joined the meeting via a video link to explain and demonstrate the Mobile App that he was developing. He

downloaded the prototype which was shown on the large screen so that Councillors could see how it might work.

Mr Rooney began by explaining the background to the evolution of the App and the reason for the strapline of the App which was 'Obi, the App for responsible dog owners'. He stated that the App would be free for everyone who walks dogs and 'Obi's' would be points that could be earned by walking a dog and depositing dog waste into a bin. These points could then be exchanged for a range of dog related products. The App would aim to change habits.

Councillors enquired how the Council could be involved in this and, at this stage, Mr Rooney was merely keen for all Councils to know about it and to give feedback. Councillors felt that responsible dog owners would already engage with depositing waste appropriately and wondered if irresponsible dog owners would engage with the App. However, they did feel that if dog bags were to be provided near the dog waste bins then these bags should be compostable. Therefore, it was decided that the Amenities Officer would respond to him at a later date, but they thanked Mr Rooney for his time and the information that he had shared.

**A.4488.2                    RESOLVED: that a verbal report and demonstration was received**

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox  
Seconded by Councillor P Mills

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

**A.4489                    TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE FROM THE AMENITIES & PROJECTS OFFICER REGARDING AMENITIES TASKING, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE**

A written report was received by Councillors as the APO was unable to attend the meeting in person.

**A.4489.2                    RESOLVED: that a written update from the Amenities & Projects Officer regarding Amenities tasking and on the purchase of new equipment was received, and that Option 3, to purchase replacement electric equipment plus all additional items requested by the Amenities Team, was approved and the expenditure of £4,807.75 plus VAT from Cost Code 300/5072 EMR 337, was authorised**

Proposed by Councillor Z Fox  
Seconded by Councillor P Mills

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

**TO RECEIVE A WRITTEN REPORT ON PROPOSED MOWING SCHEMES FOR 2024 FROM THE AMENITIES & PROJECTS OFFICER, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE**

Councillors discussed the proposed mowing schemes in some detail. One Councillor was unclear as to why Meneth Road green space was being treated differently according to area, however, the explanation for this was that each area has a different use, and they are engaged with in contrasting ways.

There also appeared to be some contradiction between the report and the Cornwall Council Grass Cutting Agreement. Whilst Councillors were keen to maintain areas of wildflower planting so long as it was safe to do so, the Council appeared to prefer mowing to keep areas looking tidy.

Councillor Fox felt that the Town Council could be more adventurous with their wildflower planting and suggested that it would be advantageous if the Amenities Team used seeds of local provenance.

## A.4490.2

**RESOLVED: that a written report from the Amenities & Projects Officer on proposed mowing schemes for 2024 was received. The implementation of No Mow May for this year and Option 3, to agree to the proposed mowing regimes and allow for the development of wildflower areas, were approved for six months at which point they would be reviewed, and the expenditure from Cost Code 340/5350 was authorised**

Proposed by Councillor N Miles  
Seconded by Councillor Z Fox

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

## A.4491

**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.4491.2

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

Proposed by Councillor R Weatherburn  
Seconded by Councillor P Mills

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

## A.4492

**TO RECEIVE THE CAMBORNE TOWN COUNCIL GRASS CUTTING AGREEMENT 2024-2025 AND AGREE ACTION**

Councillors were concerned that opportunities for wildflower planting in verges in the Parish were being missed and that the agreement with Cornwall Council was potentially too focused on

mowing rather than planting native wildflowers in many more hedgerows.

**A.4492.2**

**RESOLVED: that the Camborne Town Council Grass Cutting Agreement 2024-2025 was received and approved with stipulation that Cornwall Council be contacted to enquire why some areas are missing and to explore the option to plant more verges with native wildflowers in future**

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove  
Seconded by Councillor Z Fox

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

**A.4493**

**TO RECEIVE A QUOTE FROM ITEC FOR ICT EQUIPMENT, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE**

The Town Clerk explained that the tablets were for use by the Amenities Team so that they could access their Risk Assessments whilst they are working in the field.

**A.4493.2**

**RESOLVED: that a quote from ITEC for ICT equipment was received, approved and the expenditure was authorised**

Proposed by Councillor J Ball  
Seconded by Councillor Z Fox

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

**A.4494**

**TO RECEIVE A WRITTEN REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES & PROJECTS OFFICER REGARDING CCTV AT ROSEWARNE CAR PARK TOILETS, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE**

Councillors considered the report and felt that it was relatively small expenditure for the benefits that it would bring. A question was asked about footage being reviewed in the office but the Town Clerk explained that this could be done as the Town Council were the data controllers.

**A.4494.2**

**RESOLVED: that a written report from the Amenities & Projects Officer regarding the installation of CCTV at Rosewarne Car Park Toilets was received, that Option 3, to install CCTV system with router and SIM for remote access to footage at Camborne Recreation Ground as well as Rosewarne Toilets, was approved and the expenditure from Budget Code 320/5250 was authorised**

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove  
Seconded by Councillor Z Fox

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:34 pm.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.....

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