

OUTSIDE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Callington Council Chambers

15th November 2022 at 6:47pm

Minutes

PRESENT: CLLRS GOLD (KG), TAGG (MT), LONG (AL), COAKLEY (MC), MOORE (MM), POUND (SP), STENTIFORD (TS), TOLMAN (ST), & WATSON (PW), BROOKS (SB),

OFFICERS: TOWN CLERK (TC) & OPERATIONS MANAGER (OM) AND ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK (ATC)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 2

	Minutes	Action
1.	APOLOGIES Cllr Smith	
2.	MINUTES Approval of the minutes of 18th October 2022. RESOLVED. Proposed by Cllr Pound and seconded by Cllr Moore and unanimously agreed as an accurate record of the proceedings.	
3.	MATTERS ARISING None	
4.	DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST - To receive any disclosure(s) of interest by a Councillor or an officer in matters to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with provisions of Sections 94 or 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the National Code of Local Government Conduct. None	
5.	DISPENSATIONS - To consider any requests for dispensations. None	
	Items were taken out of order to allow representatives to speak	
9.	<u>Allotments</u> FOR DECISION – To discuss any matters concerning the allotments Two representatives from Tamar Valley Health spoke about plans for enlarging the Health Centre and potential areas for a much needed parking facility. A lengthy discussion took place RESOLVED. Proposed by Cllr Gold seconded by Cllr Pound and unanimously agreed to check the legal status of the land, whether it has a covenant on it and its potential value. It was also agreed to look into whether allotment space could be found elsewhere. Once this information had been received it was agreed to bring this item back to another meeting for discussion.	TC

	Cllr Gold reported that allotment invoices had gone out and rent was coming in. Tenants were duly signing new Agreements and Rules and Regulations	
6.	<p>FOR DECISION – To receive a report from the Operations Manager</p> <p>The team had been carrying out maintenance of the allotments and cemetery, tidying the yard and cleaning grass cutting machinery ready for winter. The planters in Fore Street had been cleared of the summer plants and winter bedding plants had been planted. The grass cutting had been completed for 2022. Christmas preparations were now underway. The skate park had been inspected and was in a generally good condition needing only some minor repairs for which a quote is being prepared. The annual Park Safety Inspections were scheduled for this month.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
7.	<p><u>Parks and Open Spaces</u></p> <p>FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION - to consider a suggestion from a resident to include a dog walking area within Launceston Road Recreation.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion took place with concerns over dogs and children mixing in the same area. Cllr Gold provided the latest ROSPA statistics and data regarding toxocariasis, e-coli and hepatitis which can all be transferred from dog faeces. The information also gave statistic on hospital admissions for dog bites annually in the UK and under 10's were most likely to be admitted. Cllrs felt that the dog walkers could take advantage of the footpaths and countryside that surrounds Callington instead.</p> <p>RESOLVED. Proposed by Cllr Pound seconded by Cllr Long and unanimously agreed to decline the suggestion from the member of the public.</p>	TC
8.	<p>FOR DECISION – To consider options to reduce committee expenditure</p> <p>The Operations Manager explained that he, the Chair and the Town Clerk had been looking at ways to reduce the expenditure of this committee. Conversations had also taken place with the RFO. A number of solutions had been suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the need for a seasonal worker by cutting back on the grass cutting contracts, namely the Cornwall Housing contract. • The verge cutting contract with Cornwall Council stipulates 4 cuts per year; currently the team carries out 7 cuts. The suggestion would be to reduce to the contractual 4 cuts per year • The Town Council recreation grounds currently get 12 cuts per year. The suggestion would be to reduce to 8 cuts, in line with Cornwall Council • Weed spraying – this is currently done twice a year but the suggestion would be to reduce this to once a year • Primary School grass cutting – to continue with this contract as usual • Cemetery grass cutting – to continue with the number of cuts as usual to maintain the high standard <p>A lengthy discussion took place. Councillors suggested notifying the community of</p>	

	<p>the reduction of grass cutting in certain areas so that they were aware of why it was being done. The Operations Manager was asked to look at the optimum times for weed spraying to ensure that once a year was realistic.</p> <p>RESOLVED. Proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr Moore and unanimously agreed to support the Operation Manager's suggestions and to assess after the first year.</p>	OM
10.	<p><u>Cemetery</u> FOR DISCUSSION - To consider any matters concerning the cemetery</p> <p>Cllr Gold reported that she and the Operations Manager had met with the Secretary of the Town Band to discuss the sign they wished to erect. They had agreed on colour and it was suggested that the size was kept to that of the Heritage Centre. It was also requested that the sign be erected beside the Heritage Centre sign on the wall.</p> <p>The Town Clerk updated the committee on the situation with the utility usage at the Chapel. In the past the Heritage Centre and the Town Band were recharged for the cost of the energy used but that this had been suspended when some damp repairs were required at the Cemetery, which took longer to resolve than anticipated. In the meantime the Town Council covered the expenditure.</p> <p>RESOLVED. Proposed by Cllr Gold seconded by Cllr Tagg and unanimously agreed to return to charging both the Heritage Centre and the Town Band for the electricity usage.</p>	TC
11.	<p>ANY OTHER <u>URGENT BUSINESS</u> – for information only</p> <p>Cllr Tolman asked if Mud Lane could be cleared whenever time allowed.</p> <p>Cllr Gold thanked all staff for working well together recently when staff numbers were reduced. She said staff worked well as a team and should be congratulated.</p>	
	There being no further business the meeting was closed at 6:44pm	
	Date of next meeting: Tuesday 6 th December 2022	