



OUTSIDE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Callington Council Chambers

16th May 2023 at 6:30pm

Minutes

PRESENT: BROOKS (SB), COAKLEY (MC), GOLD (KG) (IN THE CHAIR), POUND (SP), TOLMAN (ST), WARD (PW) WATSON (PVW)

OFFICERS: TOWN CLERK

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 1

	Minutes
1.	APOLOGIES Cllr Long & Cllr Valdebouze
2.	MINUTES Approval of the minutes of 18th April 2023. RESOLVED. Proposed by Cllr Pound seconded by Cllr Tolman and unanimously agreed as an accurate record of the proceedings.
3.	MATTERS ARISING - Date of next meeting on previous minutes incorrect.
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
6.	FOR DECISION – To receive a report from the Operations Manager including the Health and Safety Inspection and recommendations. The Operations Manager had previously circulated his report which included updates on maintenance duties that the team is currently carrying out. Cllr Gold congratulated Cllr Watson and everyone involved with the organisation of Mayfest. The event was a huge success and enjoyed by all. Cllr Gold reported that the planters in Fore Street had been replanted with bedding plants and hanging baskets now up at the front of the Town Hall building. The planter beside the Public Conveniences will be repainted and replanted soon. First round of grass cutting has been completed.

	<p>White lining in the free car park are due to be done soon.</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>7.</p> <p>18.35 Cllr Smith arrived</p> <p>18.48 Cllr Stentiford arrived</p> <p>18.56pm Cllr Mayer arrived</p>	<p><u>Parks and Open Spaces</u></p> <p>FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION – to consider a request to erect a secure, fenced off, dog friendly area at Launceston Road Recreation Ground</p> <p>Cllr Ward gave a presentation on the merits of a free enclosed dog exercise area in Launceston Road Recreation Ground. The presentation had also been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Following the presentation a lengthy question and answer session took place.</p> <p>Concerns raised were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that only a small percentage of the community had been consulted on the project rather than the whole community. • how the enclosure would be financed, starting with erection and then ongoing maintenance and dog excrement disposal. • how it could be guaranteed that everyone would pick up after their dog. • there are many other areas that one could walk a dog, Kit Hill, Newbridge, Kelly Bray woods to name but a few. • The businesses offering dog exercise facilities surrounding the town could suffer <p>Other open areas around the town were suggested by the committee, such as the green at the Village Collection, a field at Ginsters and open areas on Meadowbrook Estate. Footpaths around the town were also available to dog walkers. Cllr Ward felt that these areas were too small for use as a dog exercise field.</p> <p>Cllr Ward explained that an exercise area within the town would mean that those who didn't drive, and disabled people, could exercise their dogs freely. Dog excrement would be confined to this area only therefore taking it off the street. She had spoken with two of the businesses that offered dog exercise facilities who would both support such a project. She went on to say other neighbouring towns had areas where dogs could be exercised, not necessarily off the lead but the facility was available. In response to the concern about dog excrement, she felt sure that she could raise enough volunteers to ensure the field was regularly checked and cleaned.</p> <p>RESOLVED Proposed by Cllr Brooks seconded by Cllr Tolman and agreed to reject the proposal (7 support, 1 against, 2 abstentions)</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION - to consider renewing the Public Spaces Protection Order (Exclusion of Dogs) for Saltash Road Recreation Ground and Launceston Road Recreation Ground and adding Tamar Close and Rosemullion Gardens. The Order is due for renewal at the beginning of October.</p> <p>Discussions took place.</p> <p>RESOLVED Proposed by Cllr Brooks seconded by Cllr Pound and agreed to renew the PSPO in October and to include Tamar Close Park and Rosemullion Gardens. (9 support, 1 abstention)</p>

<p>9.</p>	<p>FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION – to consider training for staff to enable them to carry out remedial repairs on park equipment ensuring compliancy with insurance</p> <p>The Chair updated the committee on the information received from the Council’s insurance company. Staff would need to be adequately trained to carry out repairs and until this time, a contractor would need to be used for any repairs. The Clerk advised of two options: to send staff on a training course to qualify them to carry out remedial repairs or to employ a reputable contractor on a permanent basis to carry out these repairs as and when they occur. Cllr Watson suggested that a contractor be available at all times should trained staff be unable, due to time restrictions, to carry out repairs.</p> <p>RESOLVED. Proposed by Cllr Brooks seconded by Cllr Stentiford and agreed to look into quotes for training staff and to also look at employing a contractor in the meantime and at times when staff are unavailable to carry out repairs. (9 support, 1 abstention)</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION – update on the MUGA</p> <p>Cllr Gold reported that the 106 application to Cornwall Council, for monies from Baker Estates, had been successful. Planning advise had been sought and was not required as the MUGA was within Permitted Development. A site inspection was arranged for next week for work to start at the beginning of June. CIL money had also been granted so the total cost of the MUGA was being funded, with the Council not having to pay anything.</p> <p>It should be up and running for the start of the school holidays. Weather permitting, an official opening would be arranged for August.</p> <p>NOTED</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION – to receive and agree the Grass Cutting SLA 2023/24 from Cornwall Council</p> <p>The Clerk had previously circulated the SLA from Cornwall Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED. Proposed by Cllr Gold seconded by Cllr Smith and unanimously agreed to accept.</p> <p>Cllr Gold reported that she had been approached by Callington Library requesting use of Saltash Road Recreation Ground for a child friendly, sporting and physical exercise event as part of their Summer Reading Challenge on 15th July. A booking form had been submitted.</p> <p>NOTED</p> <p>Cllr Gold also reported that Rowlands Funfair had been in touch wanting to use Saltash Road Recreation Ground that week.</p> <p>NOTED</p>

<p>12.</p>	<p><u>Allotments</u> FOR DECISION – To discuss any matters concerning the allotments.</p> <p>The report had been previously circulated. Cllr Gold reported that a new pest controller had now been contracted. She also informed the committee that there were 4 vacant plots with 8 people on the waiting list. An inspection was scheduled for the beginning of June.</p> <p>NOTED</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p><u>Cemetery/Chapel</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Town Band had been sent an invoice for their electricity usage and had queried the night time usage. They don't use electricity at night. The Operations Manager had met with the Town Band on site to have a look into this. It appears that the only electricity being used at night is by the Heritage Centre who have storage heaters on at night. The Clerk suggested having another look at how the electricity usage is divided up. Once the Clerk had more information she will bring back to another meeting with a recommendation on how it the bill should be divided up.</p> <p>Cllr Smith queried at what time of night did the night time tariff start? The Clerk wasn't sure of this but would look into this.</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>ANY OTHER <u>URGENT BUSINESS</u> – for information only.</p> <p>Cllr Watson expressed his gratitude to Council staff for their help and assistance during the Mayfest event. Cllr Smith agreed, staff helped with matters outside of the Town Council remit and it had a great community feel.</p> <p>Cllr Tolman congratulated the caretakers for their work on the Coronation events. Unexpected issues had arisen which were handled professionally and effectively by them.</p>
	<p>There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.42pm</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 20th June 2023</p>