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Environment and Property Committee meeting – 11th October 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Property Committee, held in the Parish Rooms, 17 Vicarage Rd, St. Agnes, 19:15.

Present: Cllrs Clark, Ripper, Roberts (Chair), Rodda, Sanders.

Absent: Cllrs Bunt, Slater.

In attendance: C Callaway, Deputy Clerk. E Goater, Environment & Property Manager. A Ley, Library Manager. 3 members of the public present.

EP43/21 Apologies for absence

RECEIVED from Cllrs Bunt and Slater.

EP44/21 Declarations of interest/ Requests for dispensation. None.

EP45/21 Public participation.

Mrs Trinder spoke regarding item 10 on the agenda and explained the cable route for the new requested electricity connection at Penwinnick Road, proposed by Western Power Distribution.

EP46/21 Environment & Property Committee meeting minutes: 13th September 2021

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Property Committee as above having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed. Cllrs Clark/Ripper. 4 voted in favour. 1 abstained: Cllr Sanders.

NOTED a request for an update on EP33/21 regarding toilet provision at 'Aggie Cycles'. **Clerk to respond.**

EP47/21 Updates from E&P Manager

RECEIVED verbally as above:

- Damp at the Council Office building. Survey undertaken and company report received and circulated today. Short term solutions will be explored in the first instance.
- Water refill project. Pre-installation works are going ahead imminently.
- Wallgate replacement at Trevaunance Cove. One quotation received and two further quotations are awaited. **E & P Manager to pursue all three, as above.**

EP48/21 Local Improvement Committee written agreement

CONSIDERED the [draft](#) content as above. Members queried whether the Council maintenance team could take on board and manage the additional workload. E & P Manager explained that the Parish Handyperson had provided an estimate of 25 working days per annum required to undertake the extra work detailed. Therefore, it was deemed fair and appropriate to **RESOLVE** to reduce the annual payment to the LIC by calculating the cost of 25 day's labour to the Council and deducting this amount from the £1800 donated each year. The Committee approved the overall draft content of the report and decided to review the agreement after one year, and then on a four-yearly basis thereafter. Cllrs Ripper/Clark. Unanimous. **E & P Manager to respond.**

EP49/21 Library building improvements

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RECEIVED a [report](#) on the need for various items as above and **RESOLVED** to fund all items listed to improve the appearance/impression of the library. Cllrs Ripper/Rodda. Unanimous. **Library Manager/E & P Manager to pursue.**

EP50/21 Bee bus-stops

CONSIDERED [options](#) for installing/planting Sedum on x8 bus stop roofs and re-naming this project 'Biodiverse Bus Stops', to include all wildlife and not solely bees. **RESOLVED** to trial this at a more accessible location than Wheal Kitty; Vicarage Road bus stop for example and agreed to opt for the SS Fully Grown Slimline Sedum Roof Pack quotation. Noted that other flat roof options available in the Parish could be explored in the future. Cllrs Roberts/Ripper. Unanimous. **E & P Manager to pursue.**

EP51/21 Queen's Green Canopy project

RECEIVED an update as above. The E & P Manager explained that she had met on site with Cllr Rodda and the Tree Wardens at the Parish Field, where it was suggested that a permeable hardstanding was put down before any tree saplings could be planted. Agreed that local schools would be allocated clusters of saplings too. **RESOLVED** to make an application for tree saplings at some point before the project deadline in November 2022 (once the appropriate hardstanding had been put down at the Parish Field). Cllrs Roberts/Clark. Unanimous. **E & P Manager to pursue.**

EP52/21 Electricity Connection at Penwinnick Road

RESOLVED to agree [wayleave](#) as above. **NOTED** matters regarding payment and that there would be no disturbance to graves. Cllrs Clark/Ripper. Unanimous. **E & P Manager to respond.**

EP53/21 Notification of meeting/Suggested items for agenda: 8th November 2021

NOTED any suggested items for the next Council meeting: Campaign to ban the sale of environmentally-damaging body boards; Community Litter picks; Update on Cemetery Shelter; Update on biodiverse bus stops; Update on hardstanding for tree saplings; Plastic Free group - member support required; Update on storage unit quotations; Possibility of a hearing loop in the Council meeting room.

EP54/21 Reports from Council representatives

NOTED the following reports:

- Blackwater Playing Field Committee have completed an impressive tidy up of the park and have a new slide.
- In Mount Hawke the hedge cutting project is complete; a Halloween event is being planned; fundraising continues for new equipment in the play area and a grant application may soon be submitted.
- A meeting is being arranged with South West Water regarding the unacceptable levels of sewage in the sea at Porthtowan.
- The St Agnes Plastics Free group is now running on just one member and is under pressure to operate effectively.
- Thanks were extended to the Parish Handyperson for cleaning the war memorial at Blackwater and for trimming the verge at Mount Hawke, near the bus stop.

EP55/21 Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable that the press and public be excluded and instructed to withdraw during the discussion for the following items: Personal data, quotations. Cllrs Clark/Ripper. Unanimous.

EP56/21 Library exploratory work for expansion

CONSIDERED the possibility of expanding the library. **RECEIVED** quotations for exploratory work and **RESOLVED** to select the estimate supplied by Desmonde Associates Ltd for option appraisal work at St Agnes Library. Cllrs Ripper/Rodda. Unanimous. **E & P Manager to pursue.**

EP57/21 Storage rental unit for maintenance team

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CONSIDERED an update as above. **RESOLVED** to defer a decision and to await further quotations/options. Cllrs Rodda/Clark. Unanimous. **E & P Manager to pursue.**

EP58/21 Contract for offering electronic payment services for car park charges

CONSIDERED as above. **RESOLVED** not to enter into a contract for electronic payment services for parking charges in Trelawny car park. It was agreed that the facilities offered by the new parking machines were considered sufficient for a village car park. If a need should be identified in the future, then this possibility could be explored again. Cllrs Ripper/Clark. Unanimous. **E & P Manager to respond to companies accordingly.**

Meeting closed at 20:20.

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