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Environment and Property Committee meeting – 14th November 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Property Committee, held in the Parish Rooms, 17 Vicarage Rd, St. Agnes, 18:15.

Present: Cllrs Nason (Chair), G Brown (Vice Chair), D Brown, Clark, Rodda, Woolcott

Absent: Cllrs Caddy, Knight and Prendergast

In attendance: E Goater, Environment & Property Manager. 11 members of the public.

EP105/22 Apologies for absence

RECEIVED from Cllrs Caddy, Knight, Prendergast

EP106/22 Declarations of interest/Request for dispensations. None.

EP107/22 Public participation. Two members of the public put questions to the SWW representative. J Henthorn gave an overview of the timeline of events (waste water discharge) that took place at Trevaunance Cove on 30th October. N Jones highlighted the concerns of the community in relation to the waste water discharge.

EP108/22 Environment & Property Committee meeting minutes: 10th October 2022

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/G Brown. Unanimous. Cllr Rodda abstained.

EP109/22 South West Water – waste discharge Trevaunance Cove

RECEIVED a presentation from the representatives as above. The waste water discharge that occurred on the 30th October at Trevaunance Cove was spoken about at length and in detail. South West Water highlighted the lessons learned from the event. They reported that they are developing more efficient water sampling techniques and have plans to “significantly” invest in the waste water infrastructure so that the volume of sewage is limited in future discharges. SWW have plans to “review” the water storage facility at Peterville, exploring the option of increasing the capacity of treatment before a discharge to reduce the untreated sewage content. Cllrs posed questions to SWW about the specific event and what their plans for the future are. The Committee were concerned in particular about the environmental impact from the actions of SWW, particularly as drier summers and wetter winters are likely to characterise future climate patterns. The Committee underlined that Trevaunance Cove is well used year-round – which SWW initially overlooked. SWW suggested that they give regular updates to the Committee. **NOTED** a [statement](#) from Cheryl Mackrory MP as above. **CONSIDERED** the Council’s position in support of developing an open dialogue with SWW on a regular basis.

EP110/22 Presentation from Cornish Lithium Ltd

RECEIVED a presentation as above. **NOTED** that Cornish Lithium have plans to explore the geothermal energy potential as an alternative to fossil fuel for the site at Rodda’s Creamery in Wheal Rose. It was highlighted that the area of the

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drilling site will be kept to a minimum and consideration was given to traffic management when moving the rigging from the existing site at Twelveheads to the site adjacent to Rodda's. Further **NOTED**, that community engagement for the site at Wheal Rose is still in progress and the outreach team who attended the Committee meeting welcome further contacts within the community to inform and answer questions.

EP111/22 Updates from E&P manager

RECEIVED verbally as above:

- Car Park - Trelawny Road Car Park has generated a turnover of £1,860.90 in October. Ringgo generated turnover of £741.50 in October.
- Litter pick – Porthtowan was not represented however, went ahead in all other wards. Not supported in Mithian.
- Health and Safety matters – updated risk assessments are forthcoming for the approval of the Committee currently being reviewed by officers and maintenance team.
- Mithian telephone box - refurbishment nearing completion. Mithian community will be consulted on the best and most appropriate use of the box to put to the Committee at a future meeting.

EP112/22 Budget considerations 2023/24

CONSIDERED the budgetary requirements of the E&P Committee for the next annual budget and noted the following projects:

- Resurfacing of Mithian Allotment car park
- Replacement sinks at Trevaunance Cove
- Replacing x9 cisterns at Porthtowan public toilets
- Signage across the Parish for parish-maintained land/assets
- Trelawney Road car park relining and signage following working group's review

Cllrs highlighted the desire to address public areas in frequent use (toilets) as a priority over lesser projects.

**Cllr Woolcott left the meeting.*

EP113/22 Definitive map order WCA 724

RECEIVED a consultation request as above. **RESOLVED** to not issue a response as the Committee were not familiar with the path detailed in the order. Cllrs Nason/Rodda. Unanimous.

EP114/22 Definitive map order WCA 725

RECEIVED a consultation request as above. **RESOLVED** to not issue a response as the Committee were not familiar with the path detailed in the order Cllrs Nason/Rodda. Unanimous.

**Cllr Woolcott re-entered the meeting.*

EP115/22 Definitive map order WCA 745

RECEIVED a consultation request as above. **RESOLVED** to respond, confirming that the pathway is in use by the public and does exist. Cllrs Nason/G Brown. 5 Voted in favour. Cllr Woolcott abstained. **E&P Manager to respond.**

EP116/22 Commonwealth War Graves Commission

RECEIVED a request ([1,2,3](#)) as above to install signage at both cemeteries in the Parish at no cost to the Council. **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal as above. Cllrs D Brown/G Brown. Unanimous. **E&P Manager to respond.**

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EP117/22 Maintenance equipment purchase request for new staff member

RECEIVED a purchase [request](#) as above. **NOTED** that the appropriate budget line has £111 remaining and that the Committee does not have the authority to overspend or to draw on reserves. **RESOLVED** to make a recommendation to the Full Council to release funds from EMR up to £500 to allow purchase of priority items. Cllrs Nason/Woolcott. Unanimous. **Officers to action.**

EP118/22 Way-marker expenditure

RECEIVED an update. **RESOLVED** to omit the QR codes until a more cost-effective way of producing them has been sourced and to be added at a later date. The project to proceed once landowners’ permission has been granted for the tree planting and stone placement. Cllrs Nason/Woolcott. Unanimous. **E&P Manager to pursue.**

EP119/22 Notification of meeting/Suggested items for agenda: 12th December 2022

NOTED any suggested items for the next Committee meeting: Governments plans to revoke environmental laws and legislation by December 2023, litter pick, request an update/statement from SWW, an update on QR codes, youth shelter for St Agnes.

EP120/22 Reports from Council representatives

NOTED the following reports:

- Beach Management Groups – Winter Talks to be held 1st December at the Driftwood Spars – Walk about seaweed.
- Playing field groups – annual inspections have been completed; awaiting the reports.
- Blackwater Village Trust – Thank you to the Youth Club for cleaning the war memorial in preparation for armistice day.

20:10 **RESOLVED to extend the meeting by up to a further 15 minutes. Cllrs D Brown/Nason. Unanimous*

EP121/22 Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960. Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

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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: Quotations; Personal data. Cllr Clark/Rodda. Unanimous.

EP122/22 Mithian allotment mitigation request

RECEIVED a report as above. **RESOLVED** that the Committee wishes to adhere to the rules and regulations issued to all allotment holders when taking a plot over and therefore requires the holder to relinquish the plot until such time they are able to tend to it. The Committee **DISCUSSED** the cost-of-living crisis as a factor in their resolution, freeing up an unused plot for someone to use to its full potential to grow produce. Cllrs Nason/G Brown. Unanimous. **Officers to notify.**

EP123/22 Replacement Swings - Beaconsfield

RECEIVED quotations as above and **NOTED** funds are to be provided by the defunct Beaconsfield Playground Group. **RESOLVED** to purchase the swings from Wicksteed unless an additional quotation is more cost effective. (4 quotations presented to the Committee). Cllrs Nason/Rodda. Unanimous. **E&P Manager to pursue and update the Committee at a future meeting.**

EP124/22Intruder and Fire Alarms Parish Rooms and Library

RECEIVED quotations as above. **RESOLVED** to instruct Duchy Alarms to take over the management of the intruder alarm at the library. No further action required for the Council offices. Cllrs Woolcott/Nason. Unanimous. **E&P Manager to pursue.**

Meeting closed at 20:20

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