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19th March 2020

To: Councillors Williams, Mrs Boase, Thomas,
Mrs Geer, Reverend Reed and Edgcumbe

Copy to Members of the Town Council for information

Dear Councillor,

A Meeting of the Amenities Committee will be held in The Guildhall, Helston on **THURSDAY 26th MARCH 2020 at 7.00 p.m.** for the purpose of transacting the undermentioned business.

Yours faithfully

Chris Dawson
Town Clerk

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. At this juncture the Meeting will adjourn for a period of up to fifteen minutes to permit members of the public present to make observations in respect of any items on this Agenda.
4. To approve and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd January 2020 (**Page 3**).
5. Matters Arising from the 23rd January 2020 Minutes (for information exchange only).

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6. To give further consideration to the provision of a telephone kiosk for use as a public book exchange (deferred from the 23rd January 2020 meeting).
7. To clarify the Council's policy on the free use of the Guildhall.
8. To consider a tree planting scheme to off-set the Council's carbon emissions from its use of gas (*information enclosed*).
9. Review of cleaning materials (deferred from 23rd January 2020 meeting).
10. Exclusion of the Press and Public
The Council is invited to pass the following resolution:-

"That pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act, 1960 the press and public be excluded from the Meeting for the following item of business by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted."
11. To consider quotations for hard surfacing and improved entrance at the Wellmoor play area (*to follow*).
12. To consider a verbal report by the Town Clerk regarding a potential new grounds maintenance contract.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON
ON THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY 2020 AT 7.00PM

Councillors: Mrs F N E Boase (in the Chair)

R Williams
Mrs G A Geer

D J Potter
Reverend D P Reed

R F Edgcumbe

The Mayor (Councillor J Martin) was also present.

Officers: Miss P J Lavelle – Deputy Town Clerk

280. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Thomas.

281. Public Participation

The Mayor advised that he had received a number of complaints regarding the issue of dog fouling and wished to start a campaign to encourage the minority of people involved to take responsibility for the problem. Councillor Reverend Reed queried whether the dog faeces could be sprayed a bright colour to highlight the issue. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that this suggestion could be considered further by the Keep Helston Tidy Working Party meeting when they met the following week.

282. Minutes

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs Geer, seconded by Councillor Potter, it was

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th November 2019 be approved and signed as a true record.

283. Flora Day Street Market

Councillor Potter advised that the Agenda item had been brought forward from the previous meeting as Mr David Turnbull had been unavailable and advised that he had requested the item to give Members the opportunity to discuss potential alterations to the Flora Day Market for future years. Councillor Potter then introduced Mr Turnbull who outlined potential solutions which could assist with the Flora Day market. Mr Turnbull provided some information on the activities of the Porthleven Food Festival and expressed the opinion that traditional style traders markets were no longer viable and modern markets tended to revolve around food as people were willing to travel for a high quality food orientated market which could be self-funding. A detailed debate ensued during which the Deputy Town Clerk outlined the situation with the current Flora Day market. At the conclusion of the debate it was proposed by Councillor Potter, seconded by Councillor Reverend Reed, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Town Council investigate all the options regarding the Flora Day Markets and associated activities and a report be brought back to the July Amenities Committee meeting.

284. Enhancement of Market Place

Members considered a report by the Projects Officer regarding a proposal to enhance Market Place (circulated prior to the meeting). On the proposition of Councillor Potter, seconded by Councillor Mrs Geer, it was

RESOLVED – that:

- a) in principle the Council endorsed the concept for the Market Place/ Drill Hall Yard proposals; and
- b) the Council committed to participating in a partnership of interested parties including Helston CIC, South Kerrier Heritage Trust and CAST with the purpose of developing the proposals into a deliverable project.

Councillor Mrs Geer suggested that a glass roof over the Drill Hall Yard could be considered as part of the project.

285. Telephone Kiosk

Councillor Williams advised that he had spoken to scrap dealers regarding the purchase of a telephone kiosk but the prices were too high to make the project feasible with many costing around £2,500 plus vat. The Mayor advised that a telephone kiosk was due to be installed at Godolphin Cross and this had cost £4,000 plus vat with safety glass, a new floor and a lock on the kiosk. Councillor Williams further advised that he had become aware that these facilities could attract anti-social behaviour and was concerned that the project would not be beneficial to the area. Following a brief debate, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Geer, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, and

RESOLVED – that further information be sought and the item be deferred to the following Amenities Committee meeting.

286. Report of the Town Clerk**i) Town 2-Way Radio System**

This item was noted.

ii) St Michael's Churchyard - Bench

This item was noted.

iii) Bulwark Play Area – S106 Fund

On the proposition of the Chair, seconded by Councillor Potter, it was

RESOLVED – that, in principle, Members supported the inclusion of adult outdoor gym and toddler play equipment on the space adjacent to the Bulwark Play Area and authorised the development of a scheme.

iv) VE Day 75th Anniversary – 8th May 2020

Councillor Reverend Reed advised that the Royal British Legion (Helston Branch) had agreed to match fund the Town Council's contribution for bunting for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. Councillor Reed advised that he had a sample of the flags and would speak to the other Councillors that were tasked with investigating the issue for their approval. A detailed debate took place during which it was suggested that a swag of Union flags could be attached to the bottom of the main Flora Day sign attached to the Guildhall and shops could be encouraged to decorate on the theme which could be judged by the Mayor. Councillor Reverend Reed queried if it would be possible to purchase hand union flags for distribution to the crowds. The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that these could be purchased if there was sufficient funding remaining in the budget after the main decorations had been purchased. It was then suggested that RNAS Culdrose could parade through the street during the afternoon or could potentially hold a fly-past up Coinagehall Street. At the conclusion of the debate, it was proposed by Councillor Reverend Reed, seconded by Councillor Mrs Geer, and

RESOLVED – that the Mayor and Town Clerk investigate the viability of a 3pm parade and/ or fly-past on Flora Day to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

Councillor Edgcumbe requested that his vote against the Motion be recorded.

The Deputy Town Clerk then informed Members that they had been contacted by a small number of people who had danced at Flora Day on VE Day and requested Members confirmation on how they wished to proceed. Following a brief debate it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Geer, seconded by Councillor Potter, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Council invite those who had danced on VE Day to the Mayor's charity Flora Day Luncheon with an accompanying guest and the tickets be purchased by the Town Council on their behalf.

v) Maintenance of Grass Verges

Councillor Potter requested a report on the income generated from the devolution package at the next Amenities Committee meeting.

vi) Castle Hill Steps – Ash Trees

The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that the work had been delayed by recent weather conditions but had now been completed. This item was noted.

vii) Review of Cleaning Materials

On the proposition of Councillor Reverend Reed, seconded by Councillor Mrs Geer, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that a washing machine be purchased at a cost of £170 plus plumbing and installation costs.

This item was then deferred to the next Amenities Committee meeting to allow further information on the impact on annual costs to be provided.

287. Exclusion of the Press and Public

On the proposition of Councillor Reverend Reed, seconded by Councillor Potter, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting for the following item of business by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

288. Cleaning of Public Conveniences

Members considered a confidential report by the Town Clerk, previously circulated, containing tenders for the cleaning of public conveniences for the 3-year period April 2020 to March 2023 and costing if the work were to be brought in house.

On the proposition of Councillor Potter, seconded by Councillor Mrs Geer, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that the tender from Cormac Solutions Limited be accepted.

Meeting closed at 8.43pm

Confirmed

Chair