

Minutes of the Operations Committee Meeting
held (electronically) on Thursday 23rd September 2021

Present: B Jones, R Lee, J Pratt, L Tallon-Morris

In Attendance: Cllr T Hill

Town Clerk: K Grabham

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr L Desmond-Williams, Cllr M Chegwen, Cllr S Maitland-Thomas

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Confirm and Sign the Minutes of Operations Committee held on the 20th May 2021.

Resolved: To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record

4. Confirm and sign the Minutes of Operations Committee held on the 22nd July 2021.

Resolved: To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record

5. For Information – Committee Action Log

The Town Clerk talked members through the Committee Action Log.

6. For Information – Newton/Nottage Road update – Cllr B Jones

Cllr B Jones provided an update to members, he advised that a meeting had taken place between himself, the Clerk and Richard from Miles White Transport. Cllr Jones informed members that BCBC have asked PTC to address the objections that have been submitted.

7. To consider item – Pavement Repairs – Cllr B Jones

Cllr B Jones informed members of the repairs to pavements that have been highlighted and queried with the Clerk how much had been included in the budget for this year.

Cllr R Lee queried how much each of the repair would cost.

Cllr J Pratt queried why PTC are paying for repairs to pavements, which should fall under the remit of BCBC.

Cllr T Hill informed members of an accident that occurred in Mary Street this week and that a member of the Public had attended the Council Offices seeking medical assistance.

Cllr B Jones informed Cllr T Hill that BCBC have been out and assessed Mary Street and have deemed it within acceptable parameters.

Cllr L Tallon Morris asked for a letter to be sent to BCBC with regards to the condition of

John Street.

Cllr J Pratt informed members that MP Jamie Wallis would be willing to work with the Council on the project.

Cllr J Pratt declared an interest as he is an employee of Dr Jamie Wallis.

Resolved: That the following pavements be put forward to BCBC for repairs

Resolved: For a letter to be sent to BCBC with regards to the conditions of the pavements in Porthcawl.

Resolved: For the Clerk to contact MP Jamie Wallis with regards to a joint working approach.

8. Town Clerks Reports

a) John Street Toilet Project Manager Brief

The Clerk introduced the report and talked members through the brief. The Clerk informed members that last survey on the building was undertaken in 2019 and that discussions have taken place with BCBC with regards to having an update on the report, with BCBC reimbursing PTC for the cost of the updated survey.

Members agreed to the brief with an amendment being made to the cost of the project.

Resolved: For the project manager brief to be accepted and placed on Sell2Wales website.

Resolved: For the Clerk to instruct a building surveyor to undertake a conditional survey of the building.

Resolved: That the legal documents received from BCBC with regards to the transfer are not signed until the condition survey has been completed.

b) Coastal Watch Tower Gate – Verbal Update

The Clerk provided an update on the agenda item.

Cllr J Pratt declared interest as a member of the HM Coast Guard.

Cllr J Pratt raised concerns over the safety aspects, responsibility and liability associated. Matter of public safety.

Cllr T Hill queried if there is a safety sign.

Cllr L Tallon Morris raised that Cllr L Desmond – Williams is a member of Coast Watch and that Coast Watch should approach Council for a grant to erect a gate.

Cllr R Lee not in favor of gate, does like the idea of the Coast Watch applying for a grant.

Cllr J Pratt liked the idea of a hazard sign being placed next to the Coast Watch tower and an advisory notice to Cllr Desmond-William informing that the Coast Watch could apply for a grant.

Resolved: For a warning sign to be placed next to the Coastal Watch Tower and for the Coastal Watch Tower Group to be informed that if they wish to place a gate at the Watch Tower the Council would consider a grant application to support this.

Meeting concluded at 7.53pm