

AGENDA ITEM: 8

MINUTES of the Meeting of the **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES SUB-COMMITTEE** held at the Council Chamber, Drake Road, Tavistock on **TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER, 2019** at **5.30PM**

PRESENT Councillor H Smith (Chairman)
Councillor B Smith (Vice Chairman)

Councillors J Ellis, A Hutton (ex officio), Mrs A Johnson, P Williamson (ex officio)

Councillor P Squire (Ward Member)

IN ATTENDANCE Town Clerk

282 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence, all Members were present.

283 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Conveniences Sub-Committee held on 11th November, 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

284 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

285 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was: -

RESOLVED THAT the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting for the following item of business.

286 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES IN TAVISTOCK

(CONFIDENTIAL - by virtue of relating to matters of a legal, financial and contractual nature).

The Sub-Committee considered the Report of the Town Clerk in connection with the above and, more particularly, advising of the

outcome of recent condition and foul water surveys, issues and options. An estimate of the cost of identified remedial works to foul water runs was being sought. In the ensuing discussion reference was made to a range of issues including: -

- Capacity, resource and other challenges associated with the timing of taking on Public Conveniences in relation to the capital and wider delivery programmes of the Council;
- The importance attached to those services in the interests of the health and welfare, both of residents and visitors to the Town;
- Current and prospective future options available to the Council in the delivery of public conveniences, their costs, timing and associated issues;
- Recognition that the first year of delivery would necessarily be one of both transition and appraisal/review, during which a baseline of continuity would be set;
- That any acceptance of obligations in connection with the Bedford Car Park should exclude responsibility for the pumping station.

Following consideration of the Report the consensus was that the Council proceed on the basis as recommended¹ namely: -

RECOMMENDED THAT the Town Council seek agreement from the Borough Council to the following: -

- a) The transfer of the freehold of the Guildhall Car Park Public Conveniences on the basis previously offered (not - withstanding the reservations of the Town Council with regard to the suitability of the overage clause) by 1st April, 2020;
- b) Instruct the Council's Surveyor to negotiate an acceptable offer of Lease, to recommend to this Council, in respect of the Bedford Car Park Public Conveniences based upon the Heads of Terms previously circulated (on the proviso that it does not necessitate the Town Council accepting responsibility for the pumping station);
- c) For a period of one year and subject to review offer the Borough Council the cleaning contract in respect of both Public Conveniences on the basis as set out in the draft

¹ Note – although not discussed at the meeting Asbestos reports are being sought from the freeholder.

Service Level Agreement and agreed (in principle) by WDBC;

- d) Review the operation of Public Conveniences after a period of four months (i.e. as at end July, 2020) and make recommendations to Tavistock Town Council with regard to the 2021-2022 budget and future service provision.

The Press and Public were readmitted to the Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 5.50pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

CHAIRMAN