

AGENDA ITEM No 4(b)(ii)

MINUTES	of the Meeting of the PROPERTIES COMMITTEE held at the Council Chamber, Drake Road, Tavistock on TUESDAY the 27th MAY 2014 at 6.30pm
PRESENT	Councillor C Rogers (Vice-Chairman - in the Chair) Councillors B Trew, E Sanders, J Sellis, E Sherrell, Mrs J Whitcomb Councillor H Smith (Mayor) Councillor Mrs S Bailey (Deputy Mayor) Councillor Mrs A Johnson (Chairman - Finance & General Purposes Committee)
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Clerk, General Manager, Assistant to the Town Clerk

35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Mrs M Ewings.

The Committee extended best wishes to Councillor Mrs Ewings for a full recovery.

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

37. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Properties Committee held on Tuesday 20th May 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

38. SERVICE REPORTS

The Committee received the following Managers' Reports:-

a. **General Managers Report**

The Committee considered the report (Appendix 1) of the General Manager arising from which it was:

RECOMMENDED THAT

i) Sensory Garden Project

The Council support the undertaking of the Project in consultation with Transition Tavistock, currently working in partnership with Tavistock Town Council at Rose Walk.

ii) Tavistock Scrapstore

The Council approve the temporary siting of a storage container at Pixon Lane open space adopting principles consistent with those applied to the use of the Lions Club storage container including a signed agreement

Noted that in response to questions reference was made to a range of issues including potential benefits and drawbacks associated with the operation of prospective dog control orders and emerging arrangements regarding a Tavistock Community Flood Plan.

b. **Works Department Report**

The Committee considered the report (Appendix 2) of the Works Manager arising from which it was:

RECOMMENDED THAT the proposals of the Goose Fair Working Party held on 20th May, 2014 be adopted in respect of fees for the 2014 Goose Fair.

Noted that

- i) the appreciation of the Bowls Club and Cricket Club for work undertaken by the Town Council, as expressed at recent events, was reported by Members.
- ii) In response to a question the General Manager undertook to arrange a comparison of charges for street trading elsewhere prior to the 2015 Goose Fair.

c. **Pannier Market Report**

The Committee considered the report (Appendix 3) of the Market Reeve. Arising therefrom reference was made variously to the newly installed public address system, difficulties caused by pigeons in and around the trading and Town Hall areas, and the capacity/operation of the Coach Drivers Incentive Scheme.

d. **Town Hall Report**

The Committee considered the report (Appendix 4) of the Town Hall Manager. The suggestion regarding an interactive screen, if progressed within the premises was noted and a Member paid a personal tribute to an outgoing member of Council staff.

39. WHITCHURCH DOWN CONSULTATIVE GROUP

The Committee received and endorsed the notes of the Whitchurch Down Consultative Group held on Monday 28th April, 2014. Arising from consideration of the above it was:-

Noted that

- a. the National Park had confirmed that they continued to wish to have the facility to be represented at such Meetings;
- b. enquiries would be made of the Council's Solicitors to clarify the position as regarded matters associated with the erection of advertising hoardings for commercial purposes.

Chairman _____

Date _____

The Meeting closed at 7.20pm