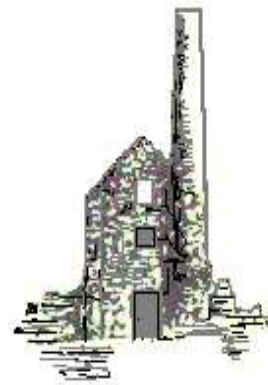


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Minutes of St Ive Parish Council Finance and Administration meeting held at Millennium House, Pensilva on Tuesday 25th February 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present Chair: Chairman Cllr. S McWilliam

Councillors: Cllrs R Bennison, M Corney, A Neal

Officer: Parish Clerk – Mrs A Fisher

Members of the Public: one

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.40pm.

75. Apologies – Cllrs Dipper, Mutton and Carter

76. Public Participation – Mr Collins was invited to speak by the Chair. Mr Collins asked when the points that he had raised on the accounts would be resolved. Cllr Bennison confirmed that any action must first be voted on at the Parish Council meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the Finance Clerk to give these items priority and produce a report prior to the meeting on 10th March for discussion by all Councillors.

Action: Finance Clerk

77. Councillors' Declarations of Interest – none declared

78. Minutes of the previous meeting –Item 71.3 Cllr Bennison requested an addition to the Minutes. “Cllr Dipper proposed that we do not proceed with the Energy Performance Certificate until we have received confirmation that we may apply for the loan”. Cllr Bennison proposed the Minutes be signed as a true reflection of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Corney, unanimous decision.

79. Matters Arising from the Minutes

71.3. Cllr Bennison advised that following confirmation that we may apply for a loan form the PWLB he has contacted Adam Longfield from Natural Generation, due to the weather conditions they are behind schedule. They will not be able to fit the panels by March; hence we will receive the reduced feed in tariff. He has agreed to reduce the installation cost by £700, to compensate for the loss of income. **Recommendation to the Parish Council that we proceed with the Energy Performance Certificate.**

Action: Cllr Neal requested the Clerk check the length of time the loan is available. One year from the 18th February 2014.

Cllr Bennison advised the feed in tariff reduces every three months. Cllr Corney remarked that the PWLB rate changes daily, at present it is around 2%. For a new project there is a .4% reduction in the rate.

80. Business

80.1 Additional wording to Standing Orders – “If a disputes arises between members of the Parish Council about the validity or propriety of anything done by the members under these Standing Orders, and the dispute cannot be resolved by agreement, the parties to the dispute must first try in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation before resorting to litigation.

After discussion it was agreed not to progress further, Cllr McWilliam advised the Audit Commission would be terminated next year.

80.2 Cornwall Venue website – Cllr McWilliam commented that it is for the General Manager to utilise her budget as she sees fit and be performance managed. There is no approval to spend over budget.

Cllr Corney advised he has purchased the old Millennium House website for the Parish Council at a cost of £10 for two years.

The performance management review is arranged for the 7th March 2014.

81. Monthly Financial Reports

81.1 January 2014 accounts – Cllr Neal expressed concern at the losses.

Cllr Bennison said costs need to come down and appeal to the community.

After much discussion Cllr McWilliam suggested that Councillors consider other ways of running Millennium House.

Cllr Corney proposed that recommendation is made to the Parish Council to investigate various options, for example a community interest company which could have charity status, seconded by Cllr Neal, unanimous decision.

82. Any other urgent business - Cllr Neal advised the Charity account must be accounted for separately

83. Date of next meeting – 25th March 2014

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm

Minutes taken by:

Angela Fisher

Clerk to St Ive Parish Council

25th February 2014

Signed:
(The Chairman - Cllr. S McWilliam)

Dated: