

Minutes of the Harbour Committee

8 November 2017

-: Present :-

Councillor Bye (Chairman)

Councillors Amil, Carter, Ellery (Vice-Chair), Pentney and Robson

58. Minute Silence

Members observed a minutes silence as a mark of respect in memory of the late Councillor Roger Stringer.

59. Apologies

The meeting was opened with a moments silence in memory of Councillor Stringer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Manning and O'Dwyer.

60. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Harbour Committee held on 26 June 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

61. Urgent items

The Committee considered the items in Minute 61 and not included on the agenda, the Chairman being of the opinion that they were urgent by reason of special circumstances i.e. the matter having arisen since the agenda was prepared and it was unreasonable to delay a decision until the next meeting.

62. Oxen Cove Processing Unit

The Executive Head of Assets and Business Services highlighted that he had been authorised by the Harbour Committee to work up detailed proposals for a shellfish storage, depuration and processing facility in or adjacent to Oxen Cove and that subject to a viable business case, he had been asked to submit detailed proposals in a further report to the Harbour Committee and Council, to enable development to commence. It was requested that, to avoid delay in bidding for external grant funding, the Executive Head of Assets and Business Services be authorised to engage directly with the Mayor and the Council to take this project forward. Resolved:

That the Executive Head of Assets and Business Services be authorised to engage directly with the Mayor and the Council on a capital project to deliver a processing unit in Oxen Cove prior to and at the forthcoming December Council meeting.

63. Harbour Light Building, Paignton Harbour - Alternative Business Case

Further to the meeting of the Harbour Committee held on 20 March 2017, the Committee considered an alternative business case which had been developed to enable the Harbour Committee to consider another option for the future use of the Harbour Light Building.

Members were advised that the alternative business case addresses the opportunity for a single occupier of the building. This is in addition to the business case which relates to occupation of the building by several different tenants. Members welcomed the potential for the building to be marketed for both single and multiple occupiers and sought reassurance that the operation of the quay would not be hindered by the proposals.

Resolved;

- i) that, having considered the submitted alternative business case, the Executive Head of Assets and Business Services is instructed to market the Harbour Light Restaurant building for occupation by both one operator and for multiple tenants/operators; and
- ii) that, following a suitable marketing/procurement exercise, the Executive Head of Assets and Business Services, supported by the TDA, be asked to secure tenants for the redeveloped building, on favourable terms, which represent best value for the Council.

Chairman/woman