



Carn Brea Parish Council

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Mr. Andrew Moyle-Browning (Clerk to the Council)

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Minutes of the Open Spaces Improvement Committee held at Treloweth Community Hall, Moorfield Road, Pool, Redruth, Cornwall, TR15 3QB on Monday 10th February 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes

Present: Councillors R. Drew (Vice Chairman), P. Deakin, M. Rainbird and B. Watkins.

Also Present: Andrew Moyle-Browning (Clerk) and Sarah-Jane Noakes (Assistant Clerk).

25/02/OSI/01 Welcome and Fire Procedures.

In Councillor D. Coopers absence, the Vice Chairman of the Committee Cllr. Drew welcomed the meeting and explained the fire procedures.

25/02/OSI/02 To receive apologies for non-attendance.

Councillors D. Cooper, S. Dale and M. Moyle

25/02/OSI/03 Members to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests (including details thereof) in respect of any items on this agenda.

There were no declarations of interests.

25/02/OSI/04 To consider written request(s) for dispensations.

There were no written requests for dispensations.

25/02/OSI/05 Public Participation on items on the agenda. (Maximum of 20 minutes – every speaker has a limit of 3 minutes under Council Standing Orders.

There was one member of the public present but did not wish to speak on any agenda item.

25/02/OSI/06 To receive and approve the minutes of the Open Spaces Improvement Committee meeting held on 4th November 2024.

Minutes of the Open Spaces Improvements Committee meeting held on 4th November 2024 were circulated ahead of the meeting.

Resolved: that the minutes of the Open Spaces Improvement Committee meeting held on 4th November 2024 are approved.

Proposed: Cllr. B. Watkins

Seconded: Cllr. P. Deakin

25/02/OSI/07 To consider the minutes of the Open Spaces Improvement Committee meeting held on 4th November 2024 and receive any reports on matters referred.

24/11/OSI/11

The Clerk advised that an update on the Grant Funding application will be provided at an agenda item later in the meeting.

24/11/OSI/08

Further to the update provided in November on the play park snagging list at Wheal Fortune Park, the slide on the jungle climber has now been replaced.

25/02/OSI/08 To review the proposed Moorfield Road Open Space Improvement Project Specification and receive a report on the Community Capacity Funding Program and make appropriate recommendations for the Moorfield Road Improvement project.

The Moorfield Road Open Spaces Project Specification, map, Clerk's report, and details on the Community Capacity Programme were shared before the meeting.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Moorfield Road Open Space Improvement Project Specification was approved in 2023, and there is now the possibility of applying for funding to develop a detailed project plan for further consultation.

The following was discussed:

- Explanation of how the Community Capacity Fun operated and its funding structure.
- Overview of the operations and funding of the Levelling Up Fund.
- Discussion of the options to pause the project and put the path on hold, alongside the benefits of having a complete design of the proposed improvements for public consultation.
- Once plan has been consulted on and agreed the work could be completed in phases.
- The original consultation took place in 2023, at which point improvements to Wheal Fortune Park had not yet been completed.
- The advantages of re-engaging with the public to gather input on what they want for the park.
- The necessity of agreeing on the specification to be used for the park's designs.

Following the meeting's agreement to review the Moorfield Road Open Spaces Project Specification before making a recommendation to Full Council, the Clerk confirmed that there is currently no financial commitment, and the specification remains a wish list with no obligations. The following views were expressed at the meeting: -

- When the original specification was created, the improvements to Wheal Fortune Park had not yet been completed.
- The Council now has a play park at Wheal Fortune, so play equipment could be removed from the specification.
- As there is a play park at Wheal Fortune, Moorfield Road could focus on older children and adult equipment such as a gym.
- A Councillor expressed having a personal aspiration to have a play park installed and suggested that the specification be reworded to include Children's Play Park.
- A query was raised regarding the public's response to the inclusion of children's play equipment, with the view that the Council should be guided by community's preferences.
- There was uncertainty about the local demographic, raising the question of what age-specific equipment is needed.
- Numerous Facebook posts shared opinions that the open space should remain as is, without any new equipment.
- A question was raised regarding the future integration of the piece of land outside the fencing.
- Following recent public opinion about keeping dogs on leads, the possibility of adding a designated area for dogs to be kept on leads was discussed.
- There were concerns raised about whether people would comply with keeping dogs on leads, questioning what purpose the designated area would serve.
- There was a consensus that adding a designated dog area to the specification at this time was not a good idea before discussion by Full Council in February.

Resolved to recommend:

that the Moorfield Road Specification Document is amended as follows: -

- **Equipment: amend play equipment to Children's Play Park.**
- **Equipment: add relocation of the football goal posts.**

Proposed: Cllr. B. Watkins

Seconded: Cllr. M. Rainbird

Resolve to recommend:

that Carn Brea Parish Council approve the Moorfield Road Open Space Improvement Specification Document and agree in principle to make an application to the Cornwall Council Community Capacity Fund for the purposes of engaging with professional support to develop a concept design plan for the complete project to the approved specification in preparation for a public consultation on the proposed improvements for Moorfield Road Open Space. Delegation to the Clerk to research level of funding required and report back to Full Council.

Proposed: Cllr. R. Drew

Seconded: Cllr. P. Deakin

25/02/OSI/09 To receive an update on the application for Grant Funding for the circular path project on Moorfield Road Open Space and consider next steps in the project making appropriate recommendations.

The Clerk presented a report detailing a response from Suez, advising that the grant application had been unsuccessful, along with budget information for the path in the event the grant was not awarded. The Committee was asked to consider the next steps for the path project.

The following points were discussed during the meeting:

- Path funding is included in the budget under reserves.
- Options to put the path project on hold until the design and full project can be evaluated.
- An option to proceed as previously agreed was considered.
- Further inquiries are needed to assess the feasibility of making another grant application to Suez.

Resolved to recommend:

that CBPC put on hold the circular path project on Moorfield Road open space to allow for a full Moorfield Road Improvement Project design proposal to be researched and evaluated which would incorporate the whole improvement specification.

Proposed: Cllr. M. Rainbird

Seconded: Cllr. B. Watkins

Meeting closed at 7:40 pm