

Mount Edgcumbe Joint Committee

Friday 10 December 2010

PRESENT:

Councillor Reynolds, Co Chair, in the Chair.

Councillors Austin, Mrs Bragg (substitute for Councillor Martin Leaves), Delbridge, Flashman, German, Holley, Pearn MBE, Riches (substitute for Councillor Preston) Trubody (Co Chair), Smith and Vincent.

Co-opted Representatives: Sir Richard Carew Pole Bt, Cdr Crocker and Mr D L Richards.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Martin Leaves, McDonald and Preston and Co-opted representatives; Mr T Savery and Mrs Spring.

Also in attendance: Ian Berry (Park Manager PCC), James Coulton (Assistant Director for Culture, Sport and Leisure PCC), Charlie David (Operations Manager East CC), Wendy Eldridge (Senior Account PCC), Steve England (Accountant CC), Louise Goad (Group Accountant PCC) and David Jenkins (Accountant CC).

The meeting started at 10.45 am and finished at 1.15 pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the code of conduct, Sir Richard Carew Pole, Bt, declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he owned chalets along the coast.

28. MINUTES

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2010 are signed as a correct record subject to the following amendment to minute 26 (2) 'agreed to ask the constituent authorities to'.

29. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

With permission of the Chair, Ian Berry (Park Manager) advised the Joint Committee that the lease on the property known as 'Picklecombe Cottage' (adjacent to Fort Picklecombe) had been relinquished; the property was owned by the Mount Edgcumbe Estate. The officers' working group would be looking at the options for the property and would report back to a future Joint Committee meeting.

(In accordance with Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the Chair brought forward the above item to inform councillors).

30. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

Agreed that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public are excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of confidential/exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the (Local Government Access to Information) Act 1985, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

31. **2011/12 - 2013/14 BUDGET SETTING (E3)**

The Director for Community Services, Director for Corporate Support and Head of Environment and Heritage Service submitted a joint report on budget setting for 2011/12 – 2013/14.

The Joint Committee recommends to the Cabinet of each constituent authority that –

- (1) it notes the budget pressures outlined for 2011/12 and beyond as detailed in paragraph 1.3 of the report;
- (2) it approves the mitigating actions outlined in paragraph 1.4 of the report with the exception of the proposal on chalet rents;
- (3) it approves the proposal relating to chalet rents as amended at the meeting;
- (4) it approves the actions as outlined in paragraph 1.8 of the report;
- (5) it approves the further actions outlined in paragraph 1.11 and 1.12 which are required to set a balanced budget;
- (6) it notes the work on further business planning being undertaken to be brought to a future meeting of the Joint Committee.

The Joint Committee agreed that –

- (1) the following investigatory work is undertaken and reported back to the Joint Committee meeting on 14 January 2011 –
 - (a) the feasibility of the implementing a voluntary entrance fee to the park;
 - (b) the sale of the cliff and chalets;
 - (c) the sale or auction of Picklecombe Cottage;
 - (d) the amount of funding received by the Mount Edgcombe Estate relating to the Rural Payments Agency.

(Sir Richard Carew Pole, BT declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the room whilst the proposal for chalet rents were being discussed)

(Ian Berry left the room whilst staff terms and conditions were being discussed)