

Support in principle of Bude-Stratton Town Council

At various meetings, Bude-Stratton Town Council expressed support in principle for bringing the Hele Valley Trail into public ownership.

FULL COUNCIL Meeting 5 October 2023:

FC/196/23 To consider options to purchase Hele Valley Woodland Cllr O'Sullivan had brought the agenda item forward to open the discussion re the land for sale at Hele Valley. Chair used his discretion and allowed members of the public present to speak during the debate. Lengthy discussion took place re the use of the land for the wider community and possible options available to a community group to look at going forward with a view to acquiring the land.

Resolved: BSTC offer support in principle for the preservation of the woodland and public access. That this item be referred to the Corporate & Democratic Services committee for further investigation.

CORPORATE & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE Meeting 26th October 2023

CD/022/23 To consider a response to the request to secure the land, woodland, and access to Hele Valley Trail. Officers outlined the assistance that could be available to assist with securing the site for public benefit. Members of the public who had attended specifically to speak to this item were invited to comment. Discussion ensued. Resolved: To recommend to Full Council that BSTC supports the principle of bringing the site into community ownership and to support, in principle, Page 2 of 3 the fundraising activities of any group that is formed to secure the long-term future of the site. To also explore a possible formal relationship with Marhamchurch Parish Council and the emerging Friends of Hele Valley Trail group.

FULL COUNCIL Meeting 9 November 2023:

FC/211/23 Committee meetings:

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b. To approve recommendation re Hele Valley Trail in CD/022/23 Resolved: to approve the recommendation in CD/022/23 with the amendment to the recommendation that there is a full stop after Marhamchurch PC, and the wording 'welcome engagement with the public or groups that support the objectives of BSTC' be added.