

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING of ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 1 December 2014 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor K McFadden - Town Mayor  
Councillor N McFadden - Deputy Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Mrs M Blundy	F Morris
B Clemens	M Nicholls
Mrs Cock	D Roberts
T McFadden	G Roberts
Mrs McQueen	Mrs G Salmon

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Sue James – Cornwall Council  
Chris Goninan – St Just & District Trust  
Bev Strick – St Just & District Trust  
Colin Cafell – St Just Miner’s Statue, Designer & Sculptor  
Dave Stevens – Former Town Councillor

PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None.

TC.202 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

TC.203 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

TC.204 DISPENSATIONS

None received.

TC.205 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes, as amended below, of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 17 November 2014 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

Min no. TC190/14 amended as follows "*deletion of second Cllr Mrs Salmon and insertion of Cllr Mrs McQueen*" in the first line of the last paragraph.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.206 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

TC.207 ST JUST MINER'S STATUE

Chris Goninan and Bev Strick, St Just & District Trust, together with Colin Cafell, Designer & Sculptor attended the meeting to update the Town Council on progress of the Miner's Statue.

Mr Goninan outlined the background to the project, including the historical financial position. In 2008, local sculptors were encouraged to apply to make the statue and a community poll was carried out in 2009 to decide which sculptor should be commissioned. In 2010 there was also a community survey to determine where the statue should be located: the favoured location was Geevor, followed by Bank Square, St Just.

The original cost of making the bronze statue was £43,000 but following an increase in the cost of metals this figure rose to £77,000. The project had received the "in principle" support of the Town Council but further fund raising was required to realise the project.

In 2013, as a consequence of not being able to secure the necessary funding for a bronze statue, the Trust took the decision to amend the design to bronze resin at a reduced cost of £7,800 plus VAT.

Mrs Strick advised the Town Council of the current financial position and the shortfall in funding to realise the project. The statue mould had been produced and it was hoped that the statue would be completed before Christmas.

Mrs Strick also referred to a letter dated 26 November 2014 from the Trustees of Pendeen Community Heritage (PCH) which stated that "*PCH would not refuse the offer of siting the statue at the entrance of the Geevor site if it was considered the view of the committee / community.*"

In view of a lack of information of the exact amount of funding that was required to realise the project, it was **AGREED** that the matter be deferred until a further meeting of the Town Council pending the receipt of detailed information on the current financial situation from the Trust.

TC.208 COUNCIL BUDGET & PRECEPT 2015 / 2016

The Town Clerk, assisted by Dave Stevens presented a report which gave details on a proposed budget and level of precept for 2015 / 2016 (copy appended to the signed minutes).

The report outlined the challenges facing town and parish councils in the light of further budget cuts by Cornwall Council and continuing discussions on the further devolution of services, such as future management options for the library in St Just.

The Town Council was advised that as in the previous two years, the Town Council would receive Council Tax Support Grant in addition to the precept demand, and therefore the Town Council would be reducing its precept demand by the amount of grant it received. On advice from Cornwall Council the level of grant in 2015 / 2016 would be £15,868.97.

It was also likely that there would be further reductions to Cornwall Council's Environment Service and this had been recognised in the proposed increase in the financial provision for Public Amenity as the Town Council had already indicated its willingness to take on responsibility for maintaining the St Just Churchyard if the application to close the churchyard was successful.

The budget also proposed increases in the amount available for General Grants as it was likely that there would be further reductions in grant support from Cornwall Council to local organisations and groups.

The report set out the assumptions made in respect of each of the proposed financial allocations to assist the Town Council in reaching its decision on next year's budget and these were unanimously approved by the Town Council.

RESOLVED : That: -

- (a) the proposed budget for the financial year 2015 / 2016 of £151,150 is approved and that a precept request of £130,281 is made to Cornwall Council by 31 December 2014;
- (b) £21,000 be transferred to the "Capital Asset Reserve" and that the remainder £62,362 be allocated to the "Free Reserve.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.209 LAND'S END PENINSULA COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

RESOLVED: That the Town Mayor be authorised to attend the Extraordinary Special Meeting of the Land's End Peninsula Land Trust on 17 December 2014 and to exercise the vote on behalf of the Town Council in respect of the recommendation to widen the Land Trust's area of benefit, in accordance with the Town Council's constitutional custodian role.

TC.210 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

The Town Council received no applications.

(b) Accounts for Payment

**RESOLVED:** That the accounts to the value of £2,403.86 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

The Town Clerk reported the receipt of a letter of thanks from the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust in recognition of the recent grant award.

TC.211 PLANNING

(a) Applications

**PA14/09688** Retrospective application for greenhouse/produce store at Trebartine, Kelynack, St. Just. Applicant: Ms. Clare Dyas. **(T Cl no objection).**

**PA14/10678** Proposed rear extension and side garage at Boslowen, Pendeen, Penzance. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. G. Watson. **(T Cl strong objection on highway grounds).**

**PA14/08443** Construction of affordable units (four flats and one dwelling with off-road parking) on land S.E. of Queens Arms, Botallack, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Philip Miucci. **(Strong objection on the grounds of over development of the site. Design not in keeping with the character of the village. If the Planning Officer is to recommend approval then Town Council requests that the application is "called in" to Committee by local Cornwall Councillor for decision).**

**PA14/10706** Revisions to Approval Ref: PA13/05832 in respect of ridge height and fenestration – Erection of living accommodation in association with existing care business at Avalon, Brea Farm, St. Buryan. Applicant: Mrs. A. Nicholson. **(Defer until the next meeting pending site visit).**

(b) Decisions

**PA14/10081** Proposed two storey rear extension at Nanquidno Vean, Nanquidno, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. K. Gildea. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

**PA14/08374** Conversion of a barn to a dwelling on land off New Road, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. W.K. McFadden. **Refusal** (T. Cl. Support – If application refused, requested it be called in by the local Cornwall Councillor).

**PA14/08375** Listed Building Consent for the conversion of a barn to a dwelling on land off New Road, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. W.K. McFadden. **Refusal** (T. Cl. Support – If application refused, requested it be called in by the local Cornwall Councillor.)

**PA14/09402** Construction of new agricultural dwelling on land east of Barton Cottage, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. F.E. Murley. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

**PA14/09705** Re-roofing with dry laid natural slate at 39, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. David Klein. **Approval** (T. Cl. Strong Support).

TC.212 INFORMATION ITEMS

None received.

TC.213 MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Town Clerk reported that an invitation had been received from Cape Cornwall School inviting the Town Council to the “Kites@Cape” Christmas Party which was being held on 12 December 2014.

The Deputy Mayor reported that the Christmas Trees were being put up this weekend in Pendeen and St Just.

Cllr Mrs Cock reported on her attendance at the recent seminar on the new Care Act which would come into force in April 2015. (Copy of the note appended to the signed minutes).

Cllr T McFadden reported that, together with Cllr G Roberts, he had recently attended planning training organised by Cornwall Council which they had found very informative.

Cllr D Roberts reported that St Just Sports Centre was still concerned about further cuts in funding from Cornwall Council. However, staff and trustees were being proactive in looking at options to increase usage of the centre.

Cllr G Roberts commented that Pengarth Day Centre was going through a strategic refocussing of its business to make itself less dependent on Cornwall Council referrals which were expected to decline due to budget cuts. Penzance Town Council was supporting the Trustees in this important work.

Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Town Mayor