

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 23 January 2017 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllr K McFadden - Town Mayor
Cllr D Stevens - Deputy Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

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

TOWN CLERK

Not in attendance

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Mrs James – Cornwall Councillor

TC.220 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Mrs Cock and Cllr N McFadden.

TC.221 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr F Morris declared a non-registerable interest in min. no TC.234/17(a) (Applications) in respect of PA17/00202 as the applicant was a business client and he agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

TC.222 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations granted.

TC.223 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 9 January 2017 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.224 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Mrs Blundy sought an update on the relocation of the defibrillator and suggested possible locations as the Council Office building and Fire Station. Cllr Mrs Blundy also reported that in respect of minute no.TC.209/17 (Sustainability & Transformation Plans), she had received an acknowledgment that the Council's response to the consultation had been received and would be fed into the overall report.

TC.225 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

There were no reports.

TC.226 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Cllr Mrs James presented her monthly report of county matters as follows: -

Health and Social Care in Cornwall continued to dominate Cllr Mrs James's time largely because, whereas many local authorities were complaining that Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) were developing without much consultation, or with Councils passing motions to have nothing to do with them, Cornwall Council had become partners in the process. By way of explanation, Cllr Mrs James said, that this was due to the integration of Health and Social Care as part of the Devolution Deal for Cornwall which came into being prior to the development of STPs. Therefore, rightly or wrongly, the work that started under the Devolution Deal for Cornwall had become subsumed within the wider matters within the STP. In addition, Cornwall Council's agreed governance arrangements stated that the Council would review the development of the STP, and any emerging decisions, through a sub-group of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee. The final complexity of the relationship between health and Cornwall Council locally was that the Chief Executive of the Council had become the Chair of the Transformation Board, leading the whole STP process. Cllr Mrs James commented that, it was no surprise that the local community was struggling to keep up with the process. It made the role of the Council confusing to the public and it was why, under Cornwall Council's constitution, she had requested a Full Council debate to give a democratic and strategic steer to this work. Although her request had been declined, she and other Councillors, together with members of the public would be putting questions to the Leader of the Council.

On more local matters, a steering group continued to meet informally with local Chapel members and leaders, plus historic building experts to find the best route forward for the Chapel building. Currently, feasibility study funding was being sought. The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, the corporate body that owned the building, were being asked to clarify options it would consider such as lease and / or sale and timescales.

Officers at Cornwall Council were delighted that Councillors Marna Blundy and Gilly McQueen had attended a Neighbourhood Planning training workshop event with Cllr Mrs James at County Hall and hopefully this had secured good links should this Council decide to take the next steps. It was clear that help and advice was on offer. Linked to this, and arising out of the Penwith Landscape Partnership, the "That's Our Parish" project would be looking to work with the people of St Just and the Town Council from April 2018 to complete a Local Landscape Character Assessment. This would enable us to have expert support in considering and describing the special features of our landscape for their protection and enhancement. This could potentially form a strand of a neighbourhood plan, should one be started.

St Just Library. Whilst the Devolution and Library teams continued to work towards 1 April 2017 for the devolution of libraries, where meaningful discussions were taking place, as in the case of St Just, the final deadline had been extended by a year. Officers would still be looking to most libraries either being devolved or alternative

arrangements being explored early in the financial year, in St Just the Library would continue to operate as it was now beyond 1 April as Cornwall Council had accepted that delays were beyond the control of the community group seeking devolution.

Cllr Mrs James confirmed that her next local drop-in surgery would be held on Saturday 28 January at the Library, between 10 and 11 a.m.

Finally, Cllr Mrs James reported that at the Tin Coast project meeting earlier that day it was confirmed that the bid to become a Coastal Community Team had been successful for the St Just area. £10,000 had been awarded to further develop the Tin Coast project and develop an economic case to apply to the Coastal Community Fund for a further grant. This fund was designed to promote sustainable economic growth, which could include funding for local infrastructure to benefit locals and visitors.

TC.227 CORNWALL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) PRELIMINARY DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE CONSULTATION

The Town Council received details of a consultation currently being carried out by Cornwall Council on its proposals for introducing a Cornwall Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) preliminary draft charging schedule. The CIL was a planning charge that local authorities could apply to new development to fund infrastructure and the document set out the proposed rates for Cornwall. The consultation ended on 14 February 2017. This item had been deferred from the last meeting.

It was agreed that as there was no consensus on this issue Town Councillors to make individual representations if they so wished.

TC.228 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP

The Town Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Sub Group held on 3 January which included a recommendation for the Council to proceed with an area of designation for the parish, together with notes of a further meeting held on 16 January. The Sub-Group was also seeking the Council's support to the setting up of a Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group, including representatives from the local community to work alongside the Town Councillors.

The Deputy Mayor in the Town Clerk's absence reported that she had met with James Hardy, Community Link Officer on 16 January and had informed him that the Council was being asked to proceed with the development of a neighbourhood plan and area of designation. Mr Hardy had suggested that before beginning the statutory process it would be beneficial for him to attend a Council meeting to advise on changes to the process in the light of the publication of the Cornwall Local Plan, and to outline the formal process in greater detail, including the issue of funding.

Names of potential individuals who might be interested in serving on the steering committee were suggested by members of the Town Council.

RESOLVED: That James Hardy, Community Link Officer be invited to a meeting of the Town Council to update the Council on the neighbourhood planning process.

(Action by: - Elaine Baker)

TC.229 LANTERN & BALLOON BAN

The Town Council received a copy of a consultation notification from Cornwall Council regarding the introduction of a ban on the release of balloons and lanterns from Cornwall Council owned land. The Town Council also received a document from the Friends of Portheras Cove which provided details on the impact of such releases on the environment and which supported the introduction of such a ban.

RESOLVED: - That Cornwall Council be advised that the Town Council supports the introduction of a ban.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

TC.230 BATTLE'S OVER – A NATION'S TRIBUTE 11 NOVEMBER 2018

The Town Council considered a letter from Bruno Peek, Pagemaster regarding the Council's participation in the national event of beacon lighting to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

As the beacon was in the ownership of the National Trust, Cllr T McFadden agreed to raise the matter at the next meeting of the Tin Coast project.

(Action by: - Cllr T McFadden)

TC.231 St JUST IN BLOOM – ACCEPTANCE OF QUOTATIONS

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

TC.232 CHARTER FOR CORNWALL

The Town Council considered an email dated 14 January which sought the Council's support to a Charter for Cornwall.

RESOLVED: That no action be taken on this issue.

TC.233 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

No grant applications were received.

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £6,680.03 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

None received.

TC.234 PLANNING

(a) Applications

In accordance with his disclosure of interest Cllr Morris withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the following application.

PA17/00202 Replacement windows and door on front elevation at 5, Boswedden Road, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. Marriott. **(T Cl No objection)**

(b) Decisions

PA16/09963 Proposed extension and associated works to existing garage/office at Bosavern Cottage, Bosavern, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Martin Nicholas. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA16/10807 Proposed garage at 1, Labour in Vain, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. R. Leaper. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

TC.235 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Cllr T McFadden reported that the Tin Coast project was arranging a meeting with local businesses and that advertising material for the event was being produced. The Tin Coast project group had also expressed an interest in the potential development of a neighbourhood plan.

Cllr Clemens requested that the issue of grass cutting at the Leat, Pendeen be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

Cllr Blundy reported on changes to the charging levels for patient transport to health appointments, and in particular the removal of the capping level. In future patients would have to meet the full transport costs.

TC.236 INFORMATION ITEMS

None received.

Meeting closed at 7.57 p.m.

Town Mayor