

A Meeting of the Town Council was duly convened and held in the Council Chamber at 1 Chapel Street St Just on Monday 17th December 2007 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillor M Nicholls – Town Mayor

Councillor C McClary – Deputy Town Mayor

Councillors Mrs S Smith, Mrs S Olds, Mrs S James, S Angove, B F Angwin, B Rees
N McFadden, K McFadden, D Stevens, M Thomas together with the Town Clerk
(Mrs E George).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Police and the Press.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor gave a verbal report of his official appointments since the last full meeting of the Town Council (copy to the Clerk) as follows:

29th November – Awards for West Cornwall in Bloom at Tregenna

30th November – Centre of Pendeen

2nd December – Sennen Feast

7th December – Mayors Parlour Meeting

10th December – Window Display Competition judging

11th December – Old Cornwall Society Xmas Social evening

13th December – meeting Preparing for Local Government

14th December – Cousin Jack event at Geevor

16th December – Montel Service and Parade at Penzance

17th December – Lunch at Cape Cornwall School – year 9 – cooking for the elderly

4. DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

Nil.

5. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCILLORS

Councillor Rees reported his attendance at functions/events as follows:

29th November – Town and Parish Forum. 2nd December – Sennen Feast.

11th December – St Johns Hall – Care for the Elderly. 12th December – CALC executive mtg. 13th December – One Cornwall event re Local Government Reorganisation.

Councillor Mrs Smith reported her attendance at a meeting on the 10th December of Age Concern and on the 13th December the One Cornwall event re Local Government.

Councillor Stevens reported his attendance at a meeting of the MCTI and stated that there will be Open Forum meetings in the New Year.

6. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Nil.

7. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Angove stated that she would be attending the "One Cornwall " presentation in Penzance Wharf Side Car Park in the next few days.

8. REPORT OF POLICE OFFICER

PCSO Andrew Tonkin forwarded a report on the reported crimes for the area since the last full meeting of the Town Council – details as follows:

7 reported crimes – compared to 14 for the same period last year.

1 damage to vehicle

1 Vandalism to plant pots in Market Square

1 Theft of passport, 1 theft of mobile phone,

1 burglary

1 damage to fence posts at Pendeen.

1 positive breath test following a road traffic collision.

9. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings held on 26th November 2007 and 10th December 2007 were confirmed and signed.

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Land at Boscaswell – update

The Clerk reported that the documents had been received from the Solicitors and were now ready for the signatures of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor (identified on the documents as Chairman and Vice Chairman).

The Mayor (Councillor M Nicholls) and the Deputy Mayor (Councillor CMcClary) duly signed the relevant documents ready for return to the Solicitors as required.

b)Twinning – meeting in January and letter from Penzance Town Council

Virginia March at Cape Cornwall School had agreed to meet with the Mayor and the Clerk in the New Year to further discuss the above subject.

A letter had been received from the Chairman of the Penzance Twinning Association inviting this Council to send some representation to the meetings of the above Association.

Councillors Nicholls, Mrs Smith and B F Angwin offered to attend the meetings to represent this Council.

11. FINANCE

a)Applications for financial assistance: Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

1. Cape Cornwall Comprehensive School – performing arts exchange project.

On a proposal by Councillor Stevens seconded by Councillor Angove the Council resolved to award £500 to the above project.

b)Letters of thanks.

A letter of thanks had been received from Cirque Du Ciel for a recent donation.

c)Accounts for payment:

It was resolved that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Totalling -

£8805.58

12. PLANNING

Councillor Thomas made the following statement:

“In commenting on this application I should make it clear that my comments are based on the information currently available and do not commit me to taking the same position when the matter is discussed at the District Planning Committee and full information is available.”

a)Applications

07/P/1354/F

Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new conservatory on rear elevation at Springs Bungalow, Penzance Road for Mr W Barker.

The Town Council had no objection to the above application.

07/P/1367/F

Construction of conservatory on rear elevation for Mr and Mrs Chapple of Boswidden Kelynack, St Just.

The Town Council had no objection to the above application.

b)Decisions

Nil.

13. CCTV CAMERA'S (IN COMMITTEE)

The Council resolved to go Into Committee-

IN COMMITTEE

The Clerk outlined the current operating problem with one of the cameras and the Council instructed her to contact the contractors with regard to effecting the warranty on the new equipment provided 6 months ago. This letter would be written as a matter of urgency. Noted.

OUT OF COMMITTEE

14. FUTURE OF STREET LIGHTING POLICY WITHIN THE COUNTY

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of the consultation document issued by the County Council relating to considering changes to the street lighting policy within the County. The Council were being asked to consider three options –

Option 1: Dusk to Dawn (current policy)

- . Existing street lighting strategy that switches the street lighting “On” at dusk and “Off” at dawn.
- . Consumption profile will continue to grow at 2% to 5% dependant on housing growth.

- . Increased risk of market forces dictating unsustainable consumption profile.

Option 2: Part Night Operation

- . Turn off all street lighting or part night switch all lights by switching off from 12.30 p.m. until 5.30 a.m. unless determined that it is light by photocell.
- . Saving on consumed energy but inherent risk of litigation
- . Increased number of lamp failures because of double switching – higher maintenance costs.
- . Public perception of increased anxiety about fear of crime, impact on public transport and local economy.

Option 3: Integrated Operation

- i. Identification and development of framework for identification of road category lighting levels for Cornwall.
 - Dimming on strategic routes where applicable/available
 - Part night operation (switch off from 12.30 p.m. until 5.30 a.m. unless determined that it is light by a photocell) in urban, rural and residential areas where appropriate.
 - Dawn to dusk operation in urban, rural and residential areas where appropriate (existing policy).
- ii. Initiate pilot study for dimming and part night switching in voluntary areas within the framework.
- lii. Investigate and report legal impact of policy change with regard to:
 - Highways Act
 - Crime and Disorder Act
 - Other legislation

The Town Council resolved to support Option 3 (Integrated Operation) as detailed above.

15. MCTI (Final Report for adoption)(DS)

The Council resolved to accept the above report which would receive further consideration by the Focus Groups early in the New Year.

16. ALLOTMENT SCHEME – costs and proposals (DS)

Councillor Stevens informed the Council that an Allotment Association had been formed locally and on their behalf he had been looking at various pieces of land in the area. Currently there were two possible sites but no approach had been made to land owners at this stage. Various costs would be involved in this project – namely provision of water supply, fencing, secure storage facilities etc. The total costs could be in the region of £18,000 to £20,000 and external sources of funding would need to be sought to progress this project further. The Council supports the above proposals in principal and Councillor Stevens confirmed that he would now

report to the Allotment Association meeting in January. Further information would be made available to the Town Council when available.

17.COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION UNTIL MAY 2008 OF RECENTLY ELECTED MEMBERS.

The Clerk reported that Councillors Angove and James (the recently elected members) had no appointment to the Council's Internal Committees at this point in time.

It was agreed (with the permission of the two Councillors concerned) that due to the fact that only 4 months remained of this electoral period the appointments be considered at the AGM in May 2008 .

18. CORRESPONDENCE:

a)Christmas Safety Message- Fire Service

Promotional material received included a DVD (available to Councillors on request) and details of local publicity on the risks of fire at Christmas.

b)Service Plan – Questionnaire

The Clerk to complete the above questionnaire on the Town Councils behalf. Agreed.

c)PDC - West Cornwall Together

RD Programme – Local Action for Rural Communities.

A letter had been received asking for this Council's support in the District Council bid for funding from the above Programme to assist projects and initiatives in rural areas:

1. Improving access to countryside and the promotion of local food production and retail outlets.
2. The provision of small scale rural workshops and/or office space with bespoke support to develop these small local businesses.
3. Funding to build the capacity of local community groups, who are focused on the delivery of their local MCTI or parish plans.

The Council resolved to write to the District Council and express support as requested.

19. PUBLICATIONS:

The following publications had been received and were available to the Town Council from the Clerk's office.

a)Hocking descendants society newsletter

b)Outreach Magazine

c)PAROW

d)Interlink

20. MATTERS OF REPORT:

The Council asked the Clerk to write letters of thanks to Mr M Burt, Mr T McFadden and Mr K Prowse for their help with the erection and decoration of the St Just Christmas tree and to Mr T Dymond for the Pendeen Christmas tree.

There being no further items of business the Town Mayor closed the meeting, thanking the Members for their attendance.

CONFIRMED THIS 21ST DAY OF JANUARY 2008