

A Meeting of the Town Council was duly convened and held in the Council Chamber at 1 Chapel Street St Just on Monday 17th July 2006 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs S Smith – Town Mayor
Councillor B Rees – Deputy Town Mayor
Councillors Mrs B Strick, B F Angwin, C Williams, H Bennett,
R Lee, M Nicholls, A Trezise, M Thomas, D Stevens, K Casley together with
the Town Clerk (Mrs E George).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology was received from County Councillor Angove.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were made as follows:

Councillors Rees and Casley – Planning application 06/P/0749/F

Councillor B F Angwin – Planning application 06/P/0625/F and 06/P/0787/F

Councillor M Thomas – Planning applications 06/P/0645/F 06/P/0762/F and 06/P/0787/F

3. TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor gave a verbal report to the Council of her appointments since the last report in May. (Absence due to holiday in June)

23rd May – Interlink meeting at Pendeen

27th May – St Just Boxing Club Tournament

30th May – HMS Cornwall at Devonport

1st June – Age Concern

4th June – Civic Parade – Helston

8th June – St Just and Pendeen Community Action Panel

10th June – Midsummer Parade

10th July – Age Concern

11th July – St Just Community Action Panel

13th July - Ponsandane Care Home

14th July – St Just in Bloom

15th July – Lafrowda Festival

17th July – Age Concern.

The Mayor also informed the Council of the recent success of the County Council's bid for World Heritage Status. A copy of the official announcement had been downloaded and circulated to all Councillors. The Clerk to write a letter of congratulations and appreciation to the World Heritage Bid Team at County Hall.

4. DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Deputy Mayor stated that he had been quite busy during the Mayor's holiday period and his appointments had been as follows:

- 22nd June – together with Councillor Lee attendance at the Town and Parish Forum.
(copy circulated to all Councillors)
- 23rd June – Beacon lighting at Chapel Carn Brea.
- 24th June – Mazey Day at Penzance
- 28th June – Eden/Regeneration meeting at Botallack. Welcome on behalf of Town.
- 30th June – together with Councillor Lee – attendance at meeting re Adult Social Care.
- 5th July – together with the Town Clerk – attendance at the Licensing Committee
- 6th July – League of Friends, CALC meeting in Truro
- 7th July – opening of Play equipment facility at St Just Nursery.

5. REPORTS OF TOWN COUNCILLORS

Councillor Lee stated that he had attended meeting of Healthwatch and the Sports Hall Committee.

Councillor Mrs Strick had attended the Pendeen Flower Festival, Veterans Day at the RBL and 2 planning site meetings at Pendeen.

6. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Nil.

7. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Nil.

8. REPORT OF POLICE OFFICER

Information regarding Police Mergers from the Home Secretary via NALC was circulated to all Councillors at the meeting.

There was no Police Officer in attendance but a report was faxed to the Clerk – detailed as follows:

18 reported crimes. A noticeable decrease once again. One arrest of a youth for possession of an offensive weapon. No other crimes of interest.

9. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 19th June 2006 and 3rd July 2006 were confirmed and signed.

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a)CCTV Update

The Clerk reported that Sgt Hockin believed he had found a possible source of funding and he would get back to the Council as soon as he had a firm response. Noted.

b)Regeneration Project – Lease of land at Boscaswell Corner

The copy of the draft lease document had been sent to CALC for forward transmission to NALC. A response was still awaited. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr Nigel Sumpter and inform him that the Council were not prepared to make a firm decision until the problems of the unsatisfactory surfacing material and the incomplete project of the landscaping had been rectified. Re-consider at the next full meeting.

c)St Just Town Hall premises – removal of plaques

The Clerk reported that the District Council had responded that the matter would be dealt with in the very near future.

d)Entertainment Licence – Plain and Gwarry - Licensing Act 2003

The Clerk reported that the District Council had granted the above premises licence. A draft of the amended Agreement for use of the Plain and Gwarry would now be undertaken and circulated prior to Council adoption. Users of the Plain and Gwarry

would be bound by the conditions of the Licence and the Agreement and every application would be formally agreed by the Council and signed by the applicant

The Clerk thanked Councillors Rees and Stevens for their considerable assistance with this matter.

e)Adult Social Care – meeting 4th July

Councillors had attended this amended meeting date at Penzance on behalf of the Town Council.

11. FINANCE:

a)Applications for financial assistance:

Local Government Act 1972 – Section 137

1. Cornwall County Playing Field Association.

The Council made no decision on the above application.

b)Letters of thanks

Letters of thanks for recently received donations had been received from:

1. St Just and Pendeen Old Cornwall Society
2. WRVS
3. St Just Primary School.

c)Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Totalling

£3936.58

12. PLANNING:

a) Applications:

As per list previously circulated.

The Council recommended approval of applications 06/P/0625/F 06//P/0645/F 06/P/0749/F 06/P/0750/F 06/P/0822/F and 06/P/0829/F.

Application 06/P/0762/F was recommended for refusal on the grounds that the original planning approval should be adhered to.

Application 06/P/0787/F was recommended for refusal on the grounds that use should be made of the existing facilities on site.

b)Decisions:

As previously circulated.

13. COUNCIL SURGERIES (SS)

The Mayor raised the subject of operating Council Surgeries on a regular basis in the area. This idea had been raised some years ago but had not proved successful at that time. However, the Council agreed to hold regular surgeries both in St Just and Pendeen. The surgeries to be arranged for one a month and two Councillors at each surgery. Councillors identified on a Rota basis by the Clerk and notified of their relevant date(s) for attendance. The Surgeries to be advertised in "Outreach", Just a Word, both Notice Boards and the Down Your Way Column of the "Cornishman".

14. QUALITY COUNCIL STATUS (SS)

The Mayor raised the subject of Quality Council Status for Town and Parish Councils. The Town Council had been issued with copies of booklets from CALC some while ago. Currently 6 Cornish Councils have achieved this status and more are seriously looking at the subject. Considerable work (and training) would be required by Councillors and the Clerk in order to qualify for the application.

After a considerable discussion it was agreed that further copies of the CALC booklet be obtained and the matter be considered again after the next Town Council elections in May 2007.

15. OBSTRUCTIONS OF FOOTWAYS (BFA)

Councillor Angwin raised the matter of obstructions of footways (pavements). There were, he alleged, several locations in the area where footways were being obstructed causing a possible danger to pedestrians. It was agreed that it was necessary to identify the exact properties and persons concerned before proceeding further with this complaint. Councillors to obtain further information and report back to the Council at a future meeting.

Councillor Angwin also reported a footway extension at North Row which had not been brought to the Councils attention. This work was undertaken by the Cornwall County Council.

16. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Standards Board – Ethical Standards Information

Noted.

b)Letter from Mr Nigel Sumpter – Project Officer Cornwall County Council

Mr Nigel Sumpter had written to express his thanks to the Town Council for their assistance and co-operation while the Regeneration Project was being undertaken in the area.

c)The Methodist Church St Just – open letter

The Clerk circulated a copy letter to all Councillors from the Methodist Minister inviting them to attend a meeting to discuss possible future uses of the Methodist Church building by the wider community.

d)PDC – Where should we build in Penwith and what Planning Policies should there be?

Details of forthcoming consultation meetings were contained in a letter from Mr Andy England of the Planning Department.

On Wednesday August 2nd there would be two such meetings at the St Just Cricket Club premises. 2- 4 p.m. and 7- 9 p.m. Councillors to inform the Clerk of their proposed attendance in order to notify the Planning Department.

17. PUBLICATIONS:

The following publications had been received and were available to Councillors on request:

- Town and Parish Standard: 07
- Discovery – Disability aware lifestyle magazine
- Sure Start Magazine
- Penwith District Council – Regeneration Tourism and Leisure magazine
- Local Council Review
- PAROW – Minutes and agenda
- Homestart West Cornwall.

18. MATTERS OF REPORT

Nil.

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

CONFIRMED THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2006

Town Mayor.....

