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A meeting of the Town Council was duly convened and held in the Council Chamber at 1 Chapel Street St. Just on Monday 3rd September 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 B F Angwin D Stevens M Thomas
N McFadden K McFadden together with the Town Clerk (Mrs E George).
P.C. Humphreys and P.C. Jones.(part meeting)
County Councillor S Angove
Press.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor B Rees. (sickness)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

REPORT OF TOWN MAYOR

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

25th July – NCI Cape Cornwall

26th July – Kids R Us at St Ives

29th July – Hayle Mayors Civic Service

31st July – Arts and Crafts Exhibition at St Just.

1st August – MCTI Launch of Local Survey

4th August – League of Friends at St Johns Hall

26th August – Cricket Club – new funding

27th August – Newlyn Fish Festival

2nd September – Trevarno. Camborne Band Concert in aid of Mayors Fund.

The Mayor reminded Councillors of Mayors Sunday on 16th September – responses to the Clerk as soon as possible please.

The Mayor informed the Council that they would be required to bring forward nominees for the Junior and Senior Citizen of the Year Awards at the next full meeting.

DEPUTY TOWN MAYORS REPORT

Nil.

REPORT OF TOWN COUNCILLORS

Councillor Mrs Smith reported that she had attended a meeting re Veterans Day on 27th July, Age Concern meeting on 30th July where it was reported that it was necessary to sub-contract the meals on wheels service to Pengarth for the cooking and delivery to be undertaken locally as the Centre was making a loss of some £300 per month. 3rd August

Veterans Day meeting, CAP meeting 9th August, Veterans Day meeting 13th August Age concern meeting and 14th and 17th further Veterans Day meetings.

Councillor D Stevens reported his attendance at the Launch of the MCTI document.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Nil.

REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Angove stated that the proposals for the two Traffic Orders in the area were going ahead as planned. One at Trewellard and one at Carn Bosavern

REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

(copy to the Clerk)

P C Simon Humphreys stated that this would be his last meeting as Neighbourhood Beat Manager for St Just and Pendeen and he introduced P.C. Andy Jones as the new NBM for the area. He stated that he had been involved in neighbourhood policing for 3 years and feels that the time is right to move on. P.C. Jones will be taking up his post from Monday 10th September. He expressed thanks to the Clerk and Councillor Sylvia Smith for their assistance and help in the last 12 months. Also to other Councillors for their input on local matters.

P.C.Humphreys reported that the number of reported crimes remained at 17 – the same as last year. Veterans Day Celebrations from a police perspective was well organized and ran without any known problems .

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2007, 6th August 2007 and 20th August 2007 were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a)Land at Boscawell Downs – update (EG)

The Clerk reported that the draft lease had raised some issues with the solicitors but the main area of concern was Clause 6.5 Past Mining Activity – obligation to indemnify the landlord against liabilities arising from mining related problems.

On a proposal by Councillor Stevens seconded by Councillor Neil McFadden, the Council instructed the Clerk to write to the solicitors and state that the Town Council felt that it should not be responsible for any liabilities arising from mining related problems on the site, as this could put an unreasonable demand on the Town Council. The solicitors be instructed to inform the County Council accordingly.

b)Casual Vacancy – update (EG)

The Clerk reported that a Poll would be held on 13th September 2007 for the vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor Andrew Trezise.

c) Veterans Day – review (BR)

In the absence of Councillor Rees, Councillor Smith gave a verbal report of the Veterans Day event held on 18th September in the centre of St Just.

The weather was not very good that day and that kept the numbers down, but the entertainment was well appreciated and the whole day went without incident.

Councillor K McFadden stated that in his opinion the event was not organized correctly. Councillor Mrs Smith responded that there were a few gaps in the arrangements but Town Councillors were invited to become involved to assist the Legion and the Town Council with the event.

d) Local Government Reorganisation – update

The Clerk reported that considerable information was now available on the above subject. The government discussion paper can be viewed online at www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?1512366. Responses required by 28th September 2007. Discussions were ongoing and further information would be available in the near future.

e) Response to Mayor's letter to groups/organizations offering advice etc.

St Just Cricket Club and the Just Youth and CP had requested a visit and some had declined the offer. Other responses were awaited.

f) Response to Mayor's letter inviting neighbouring parishes to meet together

Only one response had been received and this declined the offer at this point in time.

FINANCE

a) Applications for financial assistance

Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

Childrens Hospice South West-

St Just AFC

Pendeen Brownies

The Council resolved to grant £100 to Childrens Hospice Southwest

The Council resolved to await receipt of accounts from St Just AFC then reconsider.

The Council resolved to grant £245 to Pendeen Brownies.

b) Letters of thanks.

Nil.

c) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Totalling

£ 6902.13

PLANNING

a)Applications:

Councillor Thomas made the following statement:

“I would like to make it clear on commenting on this application 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.”

07/P/0848/F

Replace existing conservatory/rear porch with single storey extension at 26 Talveneth Pendeen for Mr W V A Holmes.

The Town Council had no objection to the above application.

b)Decisions

Nil.

c)Result of Appeal

21 Hillside Trewellard (06/P/0892/F) Mr D Brian, Construction of dwelling. Appeal Dismissed.

RECYCLING PROVISION IN ST JUST (DS)

Councillor Stevens raised the issue of the recycling facilities at Lafrowda Close and the regular complaints at overflowing recycling containers. Since the removal of the skip facility the site was regularly being used for fly-tipping. He suggested that regular and adequate monitoring should take place and an increase in the facilities currently being provided should be considered. The Council wished to know what provision is being made for the future of the service

The Council instructed the Clerk to write a letter to Mr Mike Toms the Recycling and Refuse Manager expressing the concerns above, with a copy to Mr Arthur Roberts.

MEETING OF THE COUNCILS POLICY COMMITTEE

The Clerk requested a meeting of the Council,s Policy Committee.

It was agreed that the meeting be held immediately following the scheduled Planning meeting on 17th September 2007 in the Council Chamber.

EMPLOYEES PENSION SCHEME

The Council resolved to GO INTO COMMITTEE.

IN COMMITTEE

The Council resolved to advertise the Agenda item as suggested in correspondence from the County Councils Pensions Department to be considered at the next full meeting in October.

OUT OF COMMITTEE

CORRESPONDENCE:

a)Letter from A George M.P.

Notification had been received regarding a meeting to be held on “Housing Challenges in West Cornwall” in the Guildhall St Ives at 7.30 p.m. on 6th September. Open invitation to attend.

b)Penwith District Council – Den Building Day.

Open invitation to attend this event at Marazion.

c)Carrallack Lane – correspondence re concern at development – local residents letters – copies to all Councillors.

The Clerk issued copies of various letters from local residents for the information of Town Councillors.

d)Project Officer for West Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Rural Transport Partnership – invitation to appoint replacement representative.

Councillor Monty Nicholls volunteered to be the representative and was duly appointed.

e)Penwith District Council – letter re Xmas trees

Mr Brian Hosken, Open Spaces Manager clarified that the District Council would be supplying the trees as normal to the Parishes and Towns, but not erecting or maintaining as in previous years.

f)Police Authority Meeting (previously notified) – 3/9/07 Noted.

g)Cornwall Countryside Access Forum – Annual Report to March 2007

The Council noted this report.

h)Penwith District Council – Making a Positive Difference Conference – 19th September 2007 – invitation to attend.

All Councillors received this invitation to attend. Contact PDC if attending as requested on the letter.

i)Local Works – Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill

The Clerk reported an update on the progress of this Bill and informing the Council that the Government had now officially supported the Bill. It would now need to go through the House of Lords. Noted.

j)Penwith District Council – Penwith Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. Site Identification Proforma.

The Council made no comment.

k)Letter from local resident re Weeds on the highways.

Councillor Thomas stated that he believed the chemical sprays to now be completely safe and the time had come to return to that method of control. Some Councillors were still concerned at this method of control.

The Council agreed to put an article in the next publication of “Just a Word” to ask the public for their views/opinions on the use of chemicals to control weeds on the highways in towns and villages. The subject to also be placed on the next full Agenda for the October meeting of the Council.

l)South West Regional Assembly – public consultation – review of additional pitch requirements for Gypsies and Travellers in the South West.

The Council were informed of the receipt of this consultation document.

PUBLICATIONS

The Clerk reported receipt of the following publications which were available to Councillors on request.

a)PDC Minutes

b)Piskey Post

- c)Outreach Magazine
- d)Cornwall Enterprise – project design and management
- e)Archaeology Alive – Annual Report
- f)PDC - Housing Health and Community Safety – rent deposit scheme leaflets
- g)CALC – County Bulletin
- h)Cornish Assocn of Victoria – Hocking Descendants Society.

MATTERS OF REPORT

Councillor Mrs Smith reported vandalism to the ATM machine in Market Street.
Councillor Stevens stated that he was currently looking at another piece of suitable land for allotments and investigating the costs of sheds and fencing. He would report back with detailed information when available.
Councillor Angwin raised the subject of a reflective sign for the Chyoone Cross Roads junction. This matter had been raised over one year ago and the Council were informed by County Council that the matter was in hand, but no action had yet been taken. County Councillor Angove stated that she would take the matter up with County Highways.

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

CONFIRMED THIS 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2007

Town Mayor.....

