

A Meeting of the Town Council was duly convened and held in the Council Chamber at 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillor M Nicholls – Town Mayor  
Councillor M Thomas – Deputy Town Mayor  
Councillors Mrs S Olds, Ms S Angove, B F Angwin, B Rees,  
C McClary, D Stevens, K McFadden together with the  
Town Clerk (Mrs E George).

7 members of the public  
Press  
Police Officer

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs S James and Councillor N McFadden.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor M Thomas declared an interest in planning application 08/00206/CCDEV/3/FBM.

Councillor S Angove declared an interest in planning application 08/00206/CCDEV/3/FBM.

Councillor B Rees declared an interest in agenda item 16(1) re Miner's Statue.

### **3. TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

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

19<sup>th</sup> May – St Ives Mayor Choosing

20<sup>th</sup> May – Marazion Mayor Choosing

22<sup>nd</sup> May – Breakfast at Cape Cornwall School

22<sup>nd</sup> May - Penzance Nevada & Bendigo Twinning with Penzance Town Council.

3<sup>rd</sup> June – working meeting with Mr Mike Peters of County Highways.

8<sup>th</sup> June – Helston Mayor Choosing

9<sup>th</sup> June – Twinning meeting with Town Council

18<sup>th</sup> June – Pendeen Church Rooms AGM

21<sup>st</sup> June – Midsummer Parade St Just

22<sup>nd</sup> June – Feast of St John Penzance.

### **4. REPORT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

Councillor M Thomas reported that he had attended a Twinning meeting and the meeting with Mr Mike Peters.

## 5. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCILLORS

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- a) Councillor Rees reported his attendance at a meeting of CALC regarding the Unitary Authority.
- b) Councillor Stevens reported a meeting of the Community Sports Hall Committee.
- c) Councillor C McClary reported his attendance at a meeting of the Geevor Partnership. The official opening of improved facilities at the site had been postponed due to vandalism. Clearance of the adits is planned in order to facilitate increased underground tours.

## 6. REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Nil.

## 7. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Angove reported that a £3000 one of payment from the Community Fund was available.

## 8. REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER – Sgt. Andy Crawford

A verbal report was presented to the Town Council. There had been 32 reported crimes in the area since the last full meeting. No copy available.

## 9. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008 and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

It was agreed that the minor amendments to the minutes could be initialled by the Clerk and corrected accordingly. The minutes as detailed above were confirmed and signed.

## 10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### a) One Cornwall – news release and update

The Clerk reported receipt of the One Cornwall News Release and the Parish and Town Council Communication. A copy could be supplied to Councillors on request.

Councillor Angove reported on the decision on the new black and gold logo that had received so much publicity.

### b) St Just Area Guide

The Clerk reported receipt of the 3000 copies of the guide. A 2008 survey was being undertaken by inserting a questionnaire in each book. The results would be made available at the end of the year.

c)Land Registry

The Clerk asked the Council if they wished her to look into the possibility of registering the land in which the Council had interests. Advice to be sought on the matter.

d)Twinning Committee Report

The Mayor gave a verbal report as follows:

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He had visited Brec'h recently and been well received. Dignitaries would be paying a return visit in September.

It is intended to get the public interested in a Twinning Committee/Group and to this end the Mayor said he would call a meeting of the general public/ traders etc to determine the interest locally.

e)Land at Boscaswell Downs – letter from Pendeen Residents Association

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Secretary of the above Association stating that they did not wish to be involved in the maintenance of the above land as was originally intended.

The Mayor stated that Pendeen School had offered to help with this project if required. They already had a gardening club and looking after this piece of public land in the centre of the village would be a positive community activity and give the young people an opportunity to have a visible contribution to a public facility. The Council could provide the School with funding for the project and ask Penwith Council to assist if required with plants and initial tidying up of the site.

The Council agreed that this idea be pursued and the matter taken up with the School.

f)CCTV – quotations received – IN COMMITTEE

The Council resolved to go INTO COMMITTEE –

After initial discussions it was agreed to delay this item of business until the next full meeting of the Town Council in July.

OUT OF COMMITTEE –

g)Boundary Committee for England – further consultation

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the Boundary Committee for England stating that a further six weeks of consultation would take place on the size of the new Authority and views are invited by 18<sup>th</sup> July.

## 11. FINANCE

### a) Applications for financial assistance

#### Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act

1. Pendeen Parish Rooms
2. Centre of Pendeen
3. Victim Support
4. W.R.V.S.

The Council resolved to make the following donations:

Pendeen Parish Rooms - £1000 – proposed D Stevens, seconded S Angove.

Centre of Pendeen - £1000 – proposed C McClary, seconded B Rees.

Victim Support - £150 – proposed C McClary, seconded B Rees.

W.R.V.S. – leave.

### b) Section 19 of the Local Government (Misc. Prov. Act) 1976

#### Grant award from budget meeting 28/1/08 – 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 year award

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St Just Community Sports Hall - £2500, proposed by D Stevens, seconded by C McClary.

### c) Section 145 of the 1972 Local Government Act

#### Grant award from budget meeting 28/1/08 – 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 year award

Councillors Stevens and Nicholls declared an interest in this item of business and Councillor M Thomas assumed the Chair.

Lafrowda Festival Committee - £2000 – proposed by S Angove, seconded by K Mcfadden.

b) and c) above both awarded on the following conditions –

Annual Review

Production of Accounts

Twice yearly report of activities

Councillor invited to attend meetings.

### d) Letters of thanks

A letter of thanks had been received from the Outreach Magazine Committee.

### e) Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Totalling  
£15,157.60

The Clerk also informed the Council of an invoice received from Trelawney Securities that required further details from the contractor. The Council agreed that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Clerk meet with Mr Corin to discuss the matter at the earliest convenience. A representative from the Police to be in attendance if at all possible as they had an interest in the item under discussion.

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## **12. PLANNING**

Councillor M 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:**

08/00260/CCDEV3/FBM

Proposed erection of a Glass and Steel framed canopy over existing courtyard. The covered floor space is to be used for and Arts display area.  
For Cornwall County Council at Cape Cornwall School. The Town Council made no decision on this application due to lack of information.

08-0775-ORM

Demolition of existing drill hall & construction of 7 dwellings for Mr J Jilbert at The Drill Hall, Carn Bosavern.

Tcl: Concern at loss of brown field site (although houses needed), Imposing proposal of buildings, excavate site to road level otherwise bungalows (as currently either side of the site.), fencing is inappropriate it should be a traditional granite hedge.

08-0783-HP

Replacement of windows with UPVC at 1 Falmouth Place, Carnyorth for Mr & Mrs E Kinge  
Tcl: Objection due to inappropriate materials in Conservation Area.

## **b) Decisions**

08-0004-P

Construction of dwelling & integral garage at St Johns Bungalow, Boscaswell Downs for Stone Cross development & Construction Ltd.

Tcl: No Objection, PDC: APPROVED

08-0059-P

Raising of ridge height to provide second storey, construction of two storey conservatory & balconies on front & side elevations at Crugkern, Bosworlas for Laurence York Moore.

Tcl: Support, PDC: REFUSED

08-0638-HP

Re-roofing of kitchen extension with mineral felt & installation of 2 replacement rooflights at 23 Fore Street, St Just, for Susan Thompson

Tcl: No Objection, PDC: APPROVED

## **c) Appeal decision**

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Restoration of cottage for use as a holiday letting unit at Old Forge, Crippas Hill, for Mr N McFadden. APPEAL DECISION : APPROVED

Councillor B F Angwin left the meeting at this point.

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## **13. ALLOTMENT UPDATE AND FUNDING (DS)**

Councillor Stevens stated that this project was progressing. Town and Parish Councils were now being encouraged to apply for funding particularly if they were working in partnership with a community group such as the Allotment Society. He stated that he would be meeting with a local land owner in the near future to discuss the matter further. With the Town Council budget allocation of £4000 that could attract £40,000 in Lottery funding for such a project. The Council voted unanimously to progress the matter further if possible.

## **14. NOTIFICATION OF TRAINING ON 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY (previously notified)**

The Clerk reminded Councillors of this forthcoming Training after the next Planning Meeting.

## **15. APPLICATION TO USE THE PLAIN AND GWARRY – St Just and District Trust Plain Project**

2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2008 various events in the Plain. Miracle Theatre, Barn Dance and other events.

The Council were pleased to approve the application, but asked that the applicant be informed that the Council requires that the entrance to the Plain is not obstructed by vehicles parking on the pavement.

## **16. CORRESPONDENCE**

### a) Nancherrow Bridge Strengthening Works – letter from CCC

A letter had been received regarding the proposed strengthening works proposed for the bridge over the B3306 at Nancherrow. The Council stated that the visual identity of the bridge was important and should be retained and that the contractors working for the County be made aware that there is (allegedly) an ancient cross incorporated into the structure of the bridge

### b) Letter from PDC – re One Cornwall Community Networks

This letter suggested a meeting of the Town and Parish Forum be arranged to discuss Community Networks. The Clerk had contacted Sally Newby some weeks ago for a suggested date of a meeting.

### c) Fields in Trust – info from NPFA (circulated)

The Clerk circulated this information regarding the concern at the disappearance of Playing Fields. More than 250 fields are at threat of development. It is feared that disposal of sites within Cornwall could follow the creation of a Unitary Authority. Noted.

### d) Fly-tipping at Lafrowda Close – communication with PHA

The Clerk reported incidents of fly-tipping in the residential areas at Lafrowda Close, possibly by persons not resident in that location. It was becoming a matter of real concern to the residents and PHA. Councillors were asked to be observant and seek information on those responsible for this offence.

### e) Devon and Cornwall Police Liaison Meetings list

A list of forthcoming public meetings of the above group was published.

### f) PDC - letter re removal of telephone kiosk at Tregeseal.

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BT were undertaking a consultation on the proposed removal of 13 telephone kiosks within the Penwith Area.

The kiosk at Tregeseal, opposite Fernlea, was scheduled for removal. This kiosk had no lights and was for card users only so had very limited public benefit. The Clerk stated that after making local enquiries she believed that the facility is rarely used and of little value to the community.

The Council agreed that they could not justify its retention based on the above information.

### g) Western Power – Stakeholder Consultation

Copies of the proposed Business Plan for 2010-2015 were available and comments and views were being sought by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

h)Household batteries recycling information

Information had been received from the County Council regarding this new initiative.

The Clerk was asked to obtain further information on the matter if possible.

i)PDC – re Miners Statue

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Mr J McKenna asking if this Council supported the initiative of the statue as he wished to inform his Members prior to consideration of a financial contribution.

The Clerk was instructed to inform Mr McKenna that the Council adheres to its decision of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007 not to support the project any further. It had granted £250 in 2004 and £250 in 2007.

**17. PUBLICATIONS:**

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

- a)PDC – Shorelines
- b)PAROW – minutes and agenda
- c)Outreach Magazine
- d)CCC – Archaeology Alive magazine
- e)St Just in Bloom 2008.
- f)Friends of West Cornwall Hospital and Poltair – minutes.

**18. MATTERS OF REPORT**

Nil.

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

**CONFIRMED THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JULY 2008.**

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Mayor.....