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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 17th March 2008 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillor M Nicholls – Town Mayor
Councillor C McClary – Deputy Town Mayor
Councillors Mrs S Olds, Mrs S James, Mrs S Smith,
B F Angwin, N McFadden, K McFadden, M Thomas
D Stevens, together with the Town Clerk (Mrs E George).
NBM PC D Care and PCSO A Tonkin (part meeting)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms S Angove and B Rees.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Thomas declared an interest in planning application 08/0072/P.

3. REPORT OF TOWN MAYOR

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

27th February – opening of new facility at Pendeen School.
6th March - Internal Audit meeting
12th March – St Just in Bloom AGM
13th March – Bendigo/Nevada City Twinning Group meeting
13th March – Transport Forum

4. REPORT OF THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

Nil.

5. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCILLORS

a)Councillor Mrs Smith reported as follows:

February 25th Meeting of Age Concern St Just and Pendeen

March 6th Meeting of the Internal Audit Committee

March 7th As Chairman of Age Concern attendance with Day Care Managers in Penwith where a decision was taken to work closer together to become a stronger voice in Cornwall.

March 13th Meeting with Penzance Town Council regarding the twinning of Bendigo and Nevada City and the links through the Schools in the area.

March 14th Age Concern held an Open Day at the Day Centre where the members of the public were invited to come and seek information from the Exhibitors on many different issues. It was a successful and enjoyable event.

March 17th Invitation to Lunch which was mainly prepared by the students of Cape Cornwall School.

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b)Councillor Stevens reported his attendance at a meeting of the MCTI where the problems being experienced by the elderly in accessing services at Treiske was raised.

Attendance at the Rural Transport Forum (as a representative of MCTI) re local transport issues. The Forum is seeking letters of support from Town and Parish Councils.

6. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor M Thomas, in his position as District Councillor, reported that the Single Issue Panel were looking into the proposed set-up for the new Unitary Authority – number of Councillors, boundaries for the new areas etc.

7. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Nil.

8. REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

PC Care read the report as follows:

Reported crime from 8th February to 17th March 2008 – 17 (compared to 22 for that period last year).

1. Possession of a firearm without a licence
2. 6 Criminal damage to motor vehicles
3. 1 criminal damage to bus shelter at Lafrowda Close costing £450
4. 2 non crime domestics
5. Possession of drugs – offender on Police bail
6. 3 burglaries
7. Theft of pedal cycle
8. Theft of several ipods and mobile phones from a private party
9. Criminal damage to Botallack Mine – metal plating sheared.

Note: The St Just and Pendeen Partners and Communities together Meeting (PACT) AGM will be on Thursday 10th April 2008 at Cape Cornwall School Hall at 7.15 p.m. – you are all invited to attend.

9.CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 18th February 2008 and 3rd March 2008 were confirmed and signed.

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Land at Boscaswell Downs – future maintenance

The Clerk reported that the final lease document had now been received and she

asked the Council for their instructions regarding the future maintenance of the site.

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The Council instructed the Clerk to contact Pendeen Residents Association (as was the suggestion some time ago when the land was being acquired by the County Council) and ask the Association if they would be prepared to take the day to day maintenance of the plants, grounds, grass etc and keep the area tidy etc. in return for an agreed sum of money from the Town Council. The Council to be responsible for the seats on site etc.

b) CCTV – Maintenance Works

The Clerk reported that some problems were continuing and although the contractors had rectified some of the problems other small ones had arisen. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr Corin of Trelawney Securities to get the matter finally resolved as a matter of urgency. The Police to be notified of the situation and asked for support on the matter.

The subject of a maintenance agreement to be discussed at a later date when the current situation has been resolved.

c) Twinning with French Town – consideration of

The Clerk asked the Council if it still wished to proceed with this matter in the light of the recent links with Penzance Town Council's Twinning Committee.

It was agreed that a sub-committee be formed consisting of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, together with Councillors N McFadden and K McFadden to look into the matter further and report back to the Council in due course.

d) Environment Agency response

The Clerk reported an acknowledgement to her letter on the pollution of 2 local streams. Full response awaited.

e) CCC – responses re proposed No Waiting Restrictions

1. Trewellard Road – No Waiting at any time Restriction. – The County had replied to confirm that the proposal will go ahead as advertised.

2. Carn Bosavern – representations are being considered – decision at a later time.

Noted.

f)Plastic Bag Free Town?

The Clerk asked the Council if they had any further instructions on this subject. The Traders Association had been consulted and the Co-op were currently undertaking a survey of customers on the subject. It was agreed to wait for the response from the Co-op and to consider the matter again at the next full meeting of the Council. Councillor McClary agreed to speak with the Manager at the Co-op.

g)Letter re Affordable Housing from PDC (copies circulated with information)

A letter from the District Council Affordable Housing Officer included a copy of the Housing Needs Matrix for the Parish and a plan of "Affordable Housing in Protected Landscapes" for

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each Councillor. The Affordable Housing Task Force would be happy to investigate any potential affordable housing sites suggested by the Town Council. Noted.

11.FINANCE

a)Local Government Act 1972

Section 137 – Applications for financial assistance.

1. West Penwith Community Bus Association
2. The Plen Project
3. St Just Netball Club
4. Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre
5. Home Start West Cornwall

The Council resolved to award £400 to the St Just Netball Club and to reconsider the other 4 applications when the next financial year Precept is available.

b)Letters of thanks

Letters of thanks had been received from:

1. St Marys Haven Penzance
2. Lafrowda Festival Committee (for the letter of commitment for the next financial year)

c) Accounts for payment

Totaling

£2620.20

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12.PLANNING

Councillor Thomas made the following statement:

"In commenting of these applications 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:

08-0072-P

Change of use & conversion of workshop/store to form self contained dwelling at Radio House, Higher Bosavern for Mr Philip Saul. Town Council – no objection.

08-0235-P

Replacement of 3 timber windows with UPVC & Replacement of 2 doors on front & rear elevations at Greystones, Carn Bosavern for Mr B Rees, Town Council – no objection.

08-0250-S

Modification of section 106 agreement to allow the open market units to be occupied before the affordable units at Trelew House, 10 Cape Cornwall Street, St Just for Barham Properties Ltd. Town Council – objection to the proposed modification – adhere to original agreement.

08-0251-P

Change of use from dentist surgery to office at 1st Floor, 5 Bank Square, St Just for Spider Eye Ltd. Town Council – support.

08-0168-P Construction of single storey extension on rear elevation at 4 Tregeseal Terrace for Mr D Butterfield of the Counthouse Botallack. Town Council – no objection.

08-0184-P Construction of two storey rear extension at 50 Boscaswell Pendeen for Mr & Mrs R Hearn of Winkleigh Devon. Town Council – no objection.

08-0188-P Re-roofing of front elevation and retention of dormer window at 5,5a Chapel Road St Just for Robert Leaper. Town Council – Conservation Area- wet laid roof. No clips to front elevation.

08-0266-P Construction of sun lounge extension on North East elevation at 15 Stennack Parc Trewellard for Mr & Mrs M Strick. Town Council - No Objection .

08-0194-P Erection of wind turbine at The Barn Leswidden for Carolyn Jane Maule. Town Council – Support.

08-0277-P Construction of two storey rear extension to replace single storey extension at 11 Levant Road Pendeen for Mr R Cope. Town Council – no objection.

08-0278-P Construction of two storey extension at 3 St Johns Terrace Pendeen for Mr & Mrs I Dymond. Town Council - No Objection.

08-0298-P Installation of replacement UPVC windows at Trewellard Arms Hotel for Mr & Mrs Hutchings. Town Council- no objection

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08-0306-P Construction of two dwellings (one of which to be affordable) and associated works at part o.s. 5842 east of St Johns Terrace Pendeen for Executors to estate of Edith Oats. Town Council – objection to design and materials proposed in the Conservation Area.

b)Decisions:

08-0047-HP Construction of garage on East elevation at White Lodge Botallack for Mr K Trembath.(Approved)

c)Leaflets circulated re changes to the Planning System

Copies of the above information supplied to all Councillors.

13. ADOPTION OF COUNCILLOR M THOMAS AS ST JUST TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON CAPE CORNWALL COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY. (DS)

The above proposal by Councillor D Stevens was seconded by Councillor C McClary and approved by the Town Council.

14. REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE(MN)

A copy of the Internal Audit Committee was circulated to all Town Councillors for information.

The items suggested for review in the report would be auctioned by the Clerk. These mainly applied to the Council's insurance cover and revaluations of items of property.

The above report was accepted and noted.

15. CORRESPONDENCE:

a)Post Office Closures – new community website

The Clerk notified the Council of a new community website for their attention <http://www.postofficeclosures.org.uk/>

b)Letter from Matthew Taylor M.P.re affordable housing – reply requested

The Clerk informed the Council of this item of correspondence. Councillor Mrs S James asked for a copy of the letter for information.

c)The Boundary Committee for England (copy of info prev. circulated)

The Clerk reminded the Council of this review. Noted.

d)PDC – Alcohol Designated Spaces Order 2008 – further areas to be considered?

The Council were not aware of any additional areas to be considered in relation to this Order.

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e)St Pirans Day Holiday – letter from Celtic League

A letter from the Secretary of the above league asked if this Council had considered making St Pirans Day (5th March) a holiday for all employees. The Council did not support this suggestion.

f)PDC – Young Citizen of the Year Award 2008

Closing date for nominations 13th June 2008. If any Councillor wishes to make a nomination through the Town Council please notify the Clerk as soon as possible.

g)email received regarding Clean Cornwall Week – 12th to 20th April.

Noted.

16. PUBLICATIONS

The following publications had been received and were available from the Clerk on request.

- a)Outreach
- b)PAROW – minutes and agenda
- c)NALC – Local Council Journal
- d)Clerk and Councils Direct – newsletter
- e)Penwith District Council – minutes

17. MATTERS OF REPORT

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

CONFIRMED THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL 2008

Mayor.....

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