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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 24th November 2008 at 7.15 p.m.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs S Olds (illness). P.C Dan Care and the Press also apologised for their non-attendance.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were made as follows:

Councillor Morley Thomas, planning application re Benoni (amendment) 07/P/0410.

Councillor Monty Nicholls, planning application 08/1497/HP (garage) at Botallack.

3. REPORT OF TOWN MAYOR

The Town Mayor gave a report as follows:

6th November – Cornwall in Bloom at St Ives.

9th November – Remembrance Sunday, St Just.

9th November – Poems and Remembrance Stories at Cape Cornwall School.

12th November – meeting re Tregeseal/Cot Streams.

18th November – presentation of MBE to Councillor Bernard Rees.

The Mayor extended the Council's congratulations to Councillor Rees on the above award.

4. REPORT OF THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

Councillor Morley Thomas stated that he had attended the Remembrance Service and wreath laying at Pendeen on the 9th November and the Remembrance Stories and Poems at Cape Cornwall School in the evening.

5. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCILLORS

Councillor Mrs S James reported that she also had attended the service at Pendeen and the Remembrance Stories at the School, both on the 9th November 2008.

6. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Nil.

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7. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Angove reported that she had also attended the event at the Cape Cornwall School on the 9th November.

Information on the Unitary Authority and the proposed structures was continuing to pour through. Information on Health Services and P.C.T. expenditure was also available. The County had voted to support Option one in the Pharmacy White Paper, with the P.C.T. supporting option 2. Further information is available from Councillor Angove if any Councillor requires it.

8. REPORT OF POLICE OFFICER

In the absence of a Police Officer the Town Clerk read the report supplied to her by P.C. Dan Care as follows:

Reported crimes from 27/10/08 to 24/11/08 – 14. This compares to 13 for the same period last year.

3 criminal damage

3 theft related

6 assaults

1 driving whilst over prescribed limit

1 sex related offence.

Main issues reported from PACT meeting continue to be traffic related offences in the St Just area, along with anti-social behaviour and dog fouling. High visibility patrol will continue around the Christmas period.

Police are appealing to the public to be vigilant and to report to the Police any incident. Please report a crime on the 08452 777444 or emergency 999. Please do not leave messages on the 01736 356221 for reporting crimes as these are not always picked up at the time.

9. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th October 2008 were confirmed and signed. (proposed by Councillor McClary seconded by Councillor Thomas). The minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2008 were confirmed and signed. (proposed by Councillor McClary seconded by Councillor W East).

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a)One Cornwall information and update

Active Partnering Framework.

Parish and Town Council Engagement Events and Electoral Review.

Localism Charter.

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The Council agreed to hold a special meeting on Monday 1st December 2008 at 7.15 p.m. to consider these items in detail and to complete the expression of interest document for return to One Cornwall. (see attached Report)

b)Response from Headteacher at Cape Cornwall Comprehensive School

Ms Jackie Steele had agreed to meet with the Town Councillor informally after the next scheduled Planning Meeting on 8th December 2008 at 7.15 p.m.

c)Proposed allotments – update(DS)

Councillor Stevens stated that he was in the process of writing up the project to apply to the District Council for funding. He will shortly deliver it to the Clerk for presentation to Mr J McKenna, Chief Executive of Penwith District Council. Noted.

d)Healthwatch – letter from M Blundy (and comments from WFE)

The Clerk circulated a letter from the above regarding the Council's decision on the Pharmacy White Paper discussed at the last meeting. Mrs Blundy did not agree with the Council's decision and gave an explanation as to why she disagreed. Councillor East had drafted a reply that he wished to send on behalf of the Town Council. On a proposal by Councillor McClary seconded by Councillor Thomas it was agreed not to send Councillor East's response. Councillor Stevens stated that the work undertaken by Mrs Blundy for Healthwatch was very well appreciated and respected locally and the Clerk was instructed to reply on the Council's behalf.

e)Natural England

The Clerk reported an acknowledgement to the Council's comments on the Heath Project.

f)Just a Word – next publication

The Clerk reported that the next publication was due in a couple of weeks and she had very little in the way of articles from groups, organisations or individuals and asked for Councillors' assistance in this matter. David Smith had previously undertaken the set-up for printing when we had Rowe's printing the newsletter and he was prepared to continue with this arrangement for an acknowledgement fee of £25 per issue if the Council so

wished. The Council gratefully accepted Mr Smith's offer as above and the Clerk to write to inform him of this acceptance.

11. FINANCE

a) Local Government Act 1972 – Section 137

Applications for financial assistance

St Just Pre-school Playgroup (£500 October 2007)

On a proposal by Councillor McClary seconded by Councillor Thomas the Council resolved to grant £500 to the Playgroup. 8 in favour 2 absentions.

b) Letters of thanks – Nil.

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c) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Totalling	£2322.04
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d) The clerk informed the Council that the Approved maximum under the Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 for financial assistance that could be raised by the Precept for 2009/10 is £6.15 per elector.

e) Risk assessment meeting – recommendation by District Audit

The Clerk informed the Council that the Internal Audit Committee should hold a meeting in the near future to discuss the above subject matter.

It was agreed that the Town Council's Internal Audit Committee meet on Tuesday 2nd December 2008 at 9.30 a.m. in the Council Chamber.

f) Clerks's Report – Review of Pay and Conditions required prior to Budget arrangements for 2009/10

The Clerk circulated copies of the above information to all Councillors advising that the information would be required in the near future at the Precept Meeting in January.

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."

a) Applications

08-1379- P

Construction of replacement dwelling and associated works at Topknot Vean, Escalls Cliff, Sennen for Mr. E. Thornton.(T.Cl. no objection).

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08-1488-P

Demolition of Garage/Workshop and construction of 2 dwellings and associated works at land adjacent to 1, Carn View Terrace, Pendeen for Mr C Williams(T.Cl.support).

08-1489-CAC

Demolition of Garage/Workshop at 1, Carn View Terrace, Pendeen for Mr. C. Williams. (T. Cl. Support).

08-1498-HP

Construction of replacement porch at 11, Boscaswell Downs, Pendeen for Mr. S. Page. (T. Cl. No objection).

08-1501-HP

Construction of replacement conservatory with upvc, replacement of fascia board and associated works at 44, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just for Mr. R. Cargeeg.(T. Cl objection)

08-1208-P

Conversion, alteration and extension of existing outbuilding to provide annexed accommodation at Ocean View, 16 Carnyorth, St. Just for Mr. E. Dudley. (T. Cl. No objection).

Councillor M Thomas (Deputy Mayor) assumed the Chair for this one item of business.

08-1497-HP

Construction of double garage at Tinnors Way, Doylers Lane, Botallack, St. Just for Mr. R. Collins. (T. Cl. No objection).

08-1515-P

Construction of single storey extension on north east elevation and associated works at Cape Cornwall Surgery, Market Street, St. Just. (T. Cl. No objection)

08-1307-P

Amended Plan for extension to Benoni Nursing Home, Carallack Terrace, St. Just for Benoni Nursing Home Ltd. (T. Cl. No objection).

b) Decisions

08-1207-P

Construction of replacement dwelling and associated works at Peacehaven, Boscaswell Downs, Pendeen for Arcostudios Ltd. Approval (T.Cl. support).

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13. Application for use of Plain and Gwarry – Mr J McFadden – Tug-o-war 3/11/08.

The Clerk reported that this was a retrospective application to the Council which she had approved on the Council's behalf in accordance with Standing Orders (72 (a)).

The Council resolved to approve the Clerk's action in the above matter.

14. Future Staffing needs – job descriptions for the Town Council (SJ)

It was agreed that the Town Council hold an informal meeting (without the Town Clerk) on Monday next the 1st December immediately following the One Cornwall meeting to discuss the above subject.

15. Town Council's role/support for Community Land Trust (SJ)

Councillor James issued a report to all Councillors and made the following proposals:

1. That clerical support of up to 4 hours per month for up to 12 months is given. This is to prepare and distribute agendas and notes for the Steering Group.
2. That the address of the Town Council can be used as the registered office of the Trust. *(This would have a nominal ongoing administrative requirement but as the Company would need a Company Secretary, this should not be significant).*

3. That the Town Council becomes a member of the Trust and takes the role of Constitutional Custodian as described in the paper previously circulated. *(Such membership and role would ensure that the Trust, in the future, could not change the constitution to the detriment of local people or for the financial gain of those running the Trust. It is a safety net to ensure the Trust remains true to its founding aims.)*

After initial discussions Councillor James withdrew proposal 1.

On a proposal by Councillor McClary seconded by Councillor Stevens (9 in favour 2 absentions) the Council resolved to accept proposals 2 and 3 as detailed above.

16. St Just Feast (funding: consideration of for Precept meeting(CMc)

Councillor McClary raised this subject following recent publicity on St Just Feast Celebrations. He believed that the Town Council should set aside a fund of say £1500 to be available locally in support of Feast Celebrations/Events and suggested this be referred to the Precept meeting in January 2009. Funding could be provided under the Local Government Act 1972 – Section 145.

Proposed by Councillor McClary, seconded by Councillor Thomas the above proposal was approved for referral to the Precept meeting as suggested.

17. Citizen of the Year Awards – presented at Feast 2008.

The Clerk reported for the record that the Town Council's Awards were as follows:

1. Junior Citizens of the Year – Bridget and Tamsin Hitchens for their considerable community work in the area.

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2. Senior Awards – jointly to Bill Laiken and Sheila Russell – for their tireless work with Pendeen Community Heritage in raising the profile of the Geevor Site both as a tourists facility and a community facility.

18. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) CALC and LAIS updates (emailed to Councillors)
AGM postponed until 7/2/09

Information noted.

b) Letter re Citizen of the Year Award

Bill Laiken and Sheila Russell had written to thank the Town Council for the honour of the Award at Feast.

c) Landscape Goes Live survey – www.cornwalllandscapes.org.uk.

The Clerk reported notification of this on line survey. A copy is available from the Clerk for those Councillors who do not have access to the internet.

d)Communities and local government/Codes of Conduct for Local Authority Members and employees – a consultation.

The Clerk reported receipt of this consultation document. The Council made no comment.

19. PUBLICATIONS

The following publications had been received and were available from the Clerk's Office.

- a)The Selus – Church magazine
- b)Cornish Assocn. Of Victoria Newsletter.
- c)LCR Magazine
- d)Outreach Magazine
- e)PAROW – Agenda and Minutes
- f)Clerks and Councils direct magazine
- g)Your Cornwall publication.

20. MATTERS OF REPORT

The Clerk asked Councillors if anyone was accepting the invitation to Sennen Feast Sunday.

Unfortunately no one was available to accept.

The Mayor informed Councillors that planning applications that were scheduled for consideration at meetings would be available for inspection by Councillors from the Wednesday prior to the meeting in the Council Chamber.

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

CONFIRMED THIS 22ND DAY OF DECEMBER 2008.

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Mayor.....