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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 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillor M Thomas – Deputy Town Mayor (Chairman of the meeting)

Councillors Ms S James, Mrs S Olds, B F Angwin, W East, C McClary, K McFadden

N McFadden, D Stevens together with the Town Clerk (Mrs E George).

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Nicholls, (holiday), Councillor B Rees (illness) and Councillor S Angove (previous engagement).

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

Councillor N McFadden declared an interest in agenda item 11 (a).

### **3. REPORT OF TOWN MAYOR**

In the absence of the Town Mayor the Clerk read his report as follows:

29<sup>th</sup> September 2008 – Fitness products demonstration

4<sup>th</sup> October 2008 – Kurt Jackson Exhibition

6<sup>th</sup> October 2008 – Working Party

11<sup>th</sup> October 2008 – Geevor Museum Opening

19<sup>th</sup> October 2008 – Cricket Club Parade and Reception

20<sup>th</sup> October 2008 – met with Sally Newby – Community Networks

The amount of the retiring collection at the Feast Sunday Church Service in aid of Precious Lives Appeal amounted to £114.

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

29<sup>th</sup> September 2008 – Fitness products demonstration

20<sup>th</sup> October 2008 – Community Networks meeting with Sally Newby

### **5. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCILLORS**

Councillor James reported her attendance at the Geevor Exhibition, meeting of the Centre of Pendeen , Steering Group of the CLT, and the P.A.C.T.

### **6. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Nil.

## 7. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Nil.

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## 8. REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER(P.C.S.O. Tonkin)

(copy to the Clerk)

There had been 16 reported crimes. This compares to 17 for the same period last year.

5 criminal damage, 3 theft related, 3 assaults, 2 driving over prescribed limit, 1 burglary, 1 possession of controlled substance, 1 possession of an air weapon.

Patrols have been stepped up in the area especially on weekends in attempt to combat the increase in anti social behaviour around the Halloween period. Police are appealing to the public to be vigilant and report any crimes.

## 9. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008 and 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008 having been previously circulated were presented for confirmation.

Councillor K McFadden proposed refusal of the minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008. This was put to the vote with 4 in favour of his proposal, 3 against and 1 abstention. No amendment was proposed. The Clerk advised the Council that the Standing Orders rules that no discussion shall take place upon the Minutes except upon their accuracy. The Council did not adhere to the Clerk's advice and proceeded to have a full discussion on a previous matter. In conclusion Councillor McClary proposed and Councillor Stevens seconded that the minutes of the meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008 be confirmed and signed. 5 in favour 3 against and 1 abstention.

The minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008 proposed by Councillor McClary and seconded by Councillor Angwin, were confirmed and signed.

## 10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### a)One Cornwall – Update

Issue 13 of the One Cornwall Newsletter had been received.

### b)CCTV – Commencement of maintenance contract update.

The Clerk reported the Contractor had undertaken an initial inspection of the equipment and the maintenance would be undertaken in the very near future.

### c)Proposed allotment update

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter of objection from a local resident on the location of the proposed site. Noted.

The District Valuer had been contacted as was prepared to undertake a valuation on receipt of the Town Council's instructions. The Planning Authority had indicated that planning permission would not be required for change of use but may be required for any siting of sheds, access, car parking, toilets etc. With regards to the footpath access to the site – it may be possible for the Town Council together with the County Council to make application for funding to improve the status of this path if the project goes ahead.

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Councillors N McFadden, C McClary and D Stevens volunteered to get together to produce a sketch plan of the initial proposals for consideration by the Town Council prior to applying to the Planning Authority.

d)Just a Word publication by Headland Printers

The Clerk reported that in accordance with the Council's instructions and liaising with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor it was agreed to accept the quotation of Headland Printers in the sum of £297 plus VAT. The printers required the print set-up prior to submission. The Clerk stated that a local resident with experience in this skill had volunteered to undertake the task, free of charge, on this one occasion. The printing had now taken place and copies were available in local outlets as per the distribution list. Noted.

e)CCC. – response to request for re-classification of A.3071

The Divisional Surveyor had responded to the above request stating that it was very unlikely that a re-classification would be considered as there was no real advantage in down grading a highway and the expense of having to provide new signage of the classification could not be justified. Noted.

f)Meeting re Cot Valley/Tregeseal streams

The Clerk informed the Council that a meeting had been agreed for 12<sup>th</sup> November at 10 a.m. in the Council chamber for an informal discussion on the above subject with South West Water, National Trust, Cornwall County Council together with any member of the Town Council who wished to attend.

g)Balleswidden Stack – response from the Historic Environment Manager

The County Council's Historic Environment Manager had replied that he was unable to be positive with this matter. He agreed that the stack was a significant landmark but it was a difficult site to access and there was currently no funding available for conservation works of this type in view of

the fact that a considerable number of mining structures had been conserved in recent years under the Regeneration Project funding. Noted. The Council instructed the Clerk to write to local interested parties to see if there was enough interest in the subject to generate an informal meeting.

h)Heath Project – press release and letter from Andrew George M.P.

The information contained therein was duly noted.

i)Response to Town Council’s request for representation on Age Concern and P.A.C.T

Age Concern had responded to say that they did not require any further representation from the Town Council at this point in time.

Sgt Crawford on behalf of P.A.C.T. had telephoned the Clerk to say that he had no objection if the Town Council felt it really needed another representative, but as the Council had currently 1 appointed representative and 3 Councillors who were attending in other capacities he felt the Council was well represented.

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j)CCC – Nancherrow Bridge strengthening works.

The Clerk reported that there had been some problems with the local bus services at this location but it was hoped to be resolved satisfactorily in the very near future.

k)Community Land Trust update(SJ)

Councillor James reported that a meeting arranged for the 15<sup>th</sup> October would be to set up a Steering Group. Further information would be available by the next full meeting when the subject would be placed on the Agenda.

## **11. FINANCE**

a)Local Government Act 1972 – Section 137

Applications for financial assistance.

1. Penwith Community Development Trust
2. St Just R.F.C.

The Council resolved to grant £250 to Penwith Community Development Trust for their work with the youth and the community and £600 to St Just Rugby Club towards the Firework Display on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

b)Letters of thanks

A letter of thanks for the recent donation had been received from the Rev Stephen Leach on behalf of the Parochial Church Council.

c) Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Totalling                      £4846.64

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d) **Six months financial statement circulated to all Councillors for information  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008.**

## **12. PLANNING**

Councillor Thomas made the following statement:

“On 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

08-1253-TCONS

Felling of 5 Ash Trees and 1 Alder. Coppicing of 2 Alders and crown reduction by 30% of 4 Ash Trees on land rear of 16, 18, 20, 21, 26 & 27 The Turnpike, Tregaseal, St. Just by Toby Clark, Tree Surgeon. (T. Cl.

Asked for Tree Officer's report).

08-1315-P

Conversion and extension of garage to form holiday accommodation  
At Kelly Bray, Higher Bosavern, St. Just for Mr. A. Holliday. (T. Cl. No objection).

08-1333-P

Continued use of land as part of the domestic curtilage of building at  
Keigwin, St. Buryan for Mrs. Anne & Mr. Paul Gray. (T. Cl. No objection).

08-1360-P

Construction of replacement dwelling and associated works at Boswedden  
Vean, Wheal Cuning, St. Just for Mrs. H. Casley. (T. Cl. Objection – Out of  
keeping, inappropriate design).

08-1374-P

Erection of 5m of 11,000 volt overhead line from existing H.V. Pole (UG103) to  
new pole (UG103A) which will support a transformer to enable underground  
cable to run to Trewellard Farm at Trewellard Hill, Trewellard, Pendeen for  
Western Power Distribution.(T. Cl. No objection).

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08-1382-P

Installation of P.V. Solar Panels at St. Just Sports Centre for St. Just & District  
Sports Association. (T. Cl. Support).

b) Decisions

08-1129-HP

Construction of double garage at Tinnars' Way, Doyler's Lane, Botallack,  
St. Just for Mr. R. Collins. Withdrawn by Applicant (T.Cl. objected as  
Inappropriate location within site).

### **13. Computer Maintenance/Check up(EG)**

The Clerk informed the Council that she had on occasions had to call in a  
local expert to deal with problems that had arisen with the computers and  
she suggested that a regular maintenance or check on their performance  
could be in the Council's best interest.

The Council did not think that a regular check or service was necessary.

### **14. Christmas Window Display Competition (EG).**

The Clerk asked the Council if they intended to run a Window Display  
Competition again this year.

The Clerk was instructed to make the arrangements as in previous years and contact the Traders inviting them to participate in the competition.

**15. Christmas Tree - arrangements – Council's instructions invited.**

The Clerk informed the Council that the Christmas trees would be delivered on the 20/21 November and asked for instructions on the arrangements for erection, lighting and dismantling for the festive period.

Councillor Neil McFadden volunteered to erect and dismantle the tree as per last year but stated he would need a qualified electrician to check the electrical connection to the mains etc. The Clerk to contact a local electrician to undertake this check as per last year.

**16. In Committee – Clerical Assistant – end of probationary period(EG)**

The Council resolved to go INTO COMMITTEE –

The Clerk reported on the end of this probationary period for the Clerical Assistant.

The Council resolved to confirm the six months contract for the employee.

OUT OF COMMITTEE.

**17. CORRESPONDENCE**

a)CCC – Temporary prohibition of through traffic on the B3306 at Boswednack

Noted.

b)PDC – Info re Britain in Bloom judging

The Clerk reported receipt of this information.

c)Digital Switchover.

Further publicity was available on this forthcoming switchover.

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d)Direct Let Scheme leaflet (PDC)

Available to Councillors on request.

e)Cape Cornwall Surgery – Pharmacy reform

The Clerk circulated to all Councillors at the last meeting a copy of a letter from Dr Carruthers seeking the Council's support to the surgery's campaign in relation to the government White Paper on Pharmacy reform. The contents of the letter to now be the subject of the discussion.

The Council discussed the subject in some detail and felt that the White Paper was addressing what it believed to be a lack of equality in the service currently being provided. The Town Council unanimously resolved that it could not offer its support to the campaign being organised by the Surgery as it believes that supporting the local Chemist in St Just is more in the interests of the people that they represent bearing in mind that many elderly

and disabled people benefit from the delivery service readily available from the Chemist and that encouraging people to come into the Town centre could be of benefit to the other traders in the locality, hence improving the economy of the area.

### **18. PUBLICATIONS**

The following publications were available from the Clerk's Office on request:

- a)The Piskey Post Newsletter
- b)Older Peoples Forum Newsletter
- c)Penwith District Council – Agenda and Minutes
- d)Outreach magazine
- e)PAROW –Agenda and Minutes
- f)St Just Cricket Club Newsletter
- g)Your Cornwall publication.

### **19. MATTERS OF REPORT**

a)Councillor Angwin reported the dog fouling bins were often full in the Carrallack area.

The Clerk stated that this matter had been reported to the District Council. Councillor Angwin expressed his concerned at obstructive and inadequate parking in the area of Benoni Residential home.

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

**CONFIRMED THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2008.**

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