

A Meeting of the Town Council was duly convened and held in the Council Chamber at 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 20th April 2009 at 7.15 p.m.

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

P C Dan Care
PCSO Andrew Tonkin
Mrs Elaine Baker
Press.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor W F East.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were made as follows:

Councillor K McFadden – planning applications 09/1557/HP and 09/0388/P.

Councillor N McFadden – planning applications 09/1557/HP and 09/0388/P.

3. REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR

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

31st March 2009 – meeting of the Tourism Committee

16th April 2009 – St Just Operatic's Society performance of a play.

4. REPORT OF THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

31st March 2009 – meeting of the Tourism Committee.

5. REPORTS OF TOWN COUNCILLORS

Councillor Angwin reported that he had attended a meeting of the Penzance, St Just, Nevada and Bendigo Twinning association.

Councillor James stated that she had attended a meeting of the Mayor's Parlour Group on behalf of the Town Mayor on 30th March and had Chaired a meeting of the Community Land Trust Steering Group on 9th April.

6. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Nil. As the District Council no longer existed, this item could be removed from the Agenda.

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7. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Nil. As the Cornwall County Council no longer existed, this item could be removed from the Agenda.

8. REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

P.C. Dan Care gave a report as follows:

16th March to 20th April 2009 – reported crimes 13. This compares to 28 for the same period last year.

3 burglaries

3 assaults

5 thefts

1 criminal damage to dwelling (offender arrested)

1 drunk and disorderly (arrested and on Police Bail).

P.C. Dan Care stated that as he was aware that this was the final Council meeting that Elaine George would attend as Town Clerk he would like to take the opportunity to thank her for her help and co-operation in working with the Police in this area for several years and to wish her well for her retirement.

9. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2009 were confirmed and signed subject to the following amendments:

1. Agenda item 15 – Car Parks (WFE)

It was proposed by Councillor S James, seconded by Councillor N McFadden that the minute should read " that the Clerk write to the Cornwall County Council expressing an interest in taking responsibility for the two Car Parks and for maintaining them as a free facility."

The Clerk to send a second letter with details as above. Voting 9 in favour, 1 abstention (SA).

2. Agenda item 16(a) – In Committee – Consideration of shortlisting and appointment of Panel to interview and appoint Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

Proposed by Councillor C McClary seconded by Councillor M Thomas that it should be recorded that prior to the Council coming out of Committee and

the Mayor closing the meeting Councillor W East left the meeting. Amendment to be made accordingly.

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th March 2009 were confirmed and signed. Proposed by Councillor C McClary seconded by Councillor N McFadden.

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10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Appointment of Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

The Clerk reported that Mrs Elaine Baker has been offered and has accepted the above position with the Town Council. She will take up her duties on 1st May 2009.

b) Bosavern Farm

The future use of the above farm was discussed and following a reply to the Council's letter from the Cornwall Council land agent Councillor Angove stated that a meeting to discuss the matter further was being held on 22nd April at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber if anyone wished to attend. Noted.

c) Allotments Project – update and letter from Planning Officer

The Clerk had circulated to all Councillors a copy of a letter from Mr Paul Gage giving advice and comments on the proposed site as Bosworlas. Councillor Stevens informed the Council that no further information had been received from Toby Lowe, the Area Ranger for Cornwall Council regarding the footpath in that location. There had been some concerns from residents in Bosworlas at the proposed site and there had been support from residents as well. Other sites, including Bosavern Farm, could still be considered for this project.

d) Balleswidden Minestack – update- further instruction required.

The Clerk reported that the land owner had been into the office and identified the extent of his interest.

The Council further instructed the Clerk to contact Mr Lovelock and ask if he could provide some ideas for a scheme to conserve the structure of the minestack after which the interested parties could meet to discuss the way forward.

11. FINANCE

Income: First half of 2009/10 Precept received
£38,562.50

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a)Applications for financial assistance

1. Contrast Dance Group
2. Home Start Kernow – waiting accounts
3. St Just Pre-School Playgroup – waiting accounts
4. Pendeen Silver Band – waiting accounts
5. St Just in Bloom – held over from March 2009.

On a proposal by Councillor C McClary seconded by Councillor N McFadden £250 was awarded to Contrast Dance Group (now called Imajin). Applications 2,3 and 4 waiting accounts to be reconsidered in due course.

On a proposal by Councillor C McClary seconded by Councillor N McFadden £1000 was awarded to St Just in Bloom Committee.

b)Letters of thanks

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Letters of thanks for recent donations had been received from:
Cornwall International Male Voice Choral Festival and Shelter Cornwall.

c)Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

102698 to 102707

Totalling £5109.72

d)Financial Statements

The Clerk issued copies of the following to all Councillors.

1. Financial Statement for year ended 31st March 2009.
2. Bank Reconciliation Statement
3. Local Government Act 1972 – Section 137 totals for year to 31st March 2009.
4. Travelling expenses list for year to 31.3.09 – circulated and published as required.

e)Notification of Audit of Accounts and procedures

The formal notification of Audit has been received.

12. PLANNING

Councillor S Angove 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 Cornwall Council Planning Committee and full information is available.”

a) Applications

08-1557-HP

Installation of replacement windows with upvc on south east elevation at Kimberley House, 9, South Place, St. Just for Mr. T. McFadden.(T. Cl. – Objection)

09-0388-P

Retention of oil tanks, external boilers and flue at Gews Farm Barns, Bethany Place, St. Just for Danick Developments Ltd. (T. Cl. No objection).

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b) Decisions:

08-1655--P

Construction of polytunnels and compost toilet on land at Little Waters, Tregeseal, St. Just for Mr. Simon Pickard. Approval (T. Cl. No objection).

09-0163-TPO

Reduce Canopies, General Pruning and maintenance of pines, sycamores, leylandii, cupressus and ash trees at Carrallack Cottage, Cot Valley, St. Just for Mr. B. Tregear. Consent (T. Cl. No objection).

08-1513-CLOPUD – **Application not received at T.Cl.**

Installation of runway lights and approach lights at Lands End Airport, Kelynack, St. Just for Westward Airways (Lands End) Ltd. Refusal of a Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Use or Development.

09-0091-CLOPUD – **Application not received at T.Cl.**

Proposed construction of porch on rear elevation at Carncroft, 50 Boscaswell, Pendeen for Mr. & Mrs. Roger Hearn. Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Use or Development.

13. DEHUMIDIFIER FOR COUNCIL PREMISES (MN)

The Mayor raised the matter of the possible purchase of a dehumidifier for the store room where Council records were kept. Currently the room was fairly damp and this was affecting some of the surfaces.

The Council resolved to purchase a suitable dehumidifier for the above purpose. Proposed by Councillor K McFadden, seconded by Councillor S James.

14. JUST A WORD PRINTING REQUIREMENTS (EG)

The Clerk reported that there had been an unreasonable delay with the printing of the last publication of the above newsletter. She suggested that the Council could consider other quotes for the task and she was currently in possession of one quote which might be of interest.

Councillor M Thomas proposed that the matter be left until after the new Town Clerk was in post following which it may be reconsidered by the Council. Agreed.

15. BENDIGO TWINNING ASSOCIATION – re – Australian Bushfires(BFA)

Councillor Angwin raised this subject following the recent devastating fires that had affected Australia. Many Cornish miners had settled in the area around Bendigo and South Australia and the Penzance, St Just, Nevada and Bendigo Asscn. were intending to raise some funds to provide an appropriate seat/commemorative plaque or similar to mark the Twinning Association's support for that area.

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The Council agreed that they would like to contribute some funding for this purpose. On a proposal by Councillor Angwin seconded by Councillor K McFadden the Council awarded £250 from Sect. 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

16. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR BERNARD REES M.B.E.

The Clerk formally reported the resignation from the Town Council of Councillor Bernard Rees.

The Elections office had been notified of the resignation and a copy of Councillor Rees letter forwarded to them for the appropriate action in due course. Further instructions were now awaited from the Elections Office of the Cornwall Council.

17. LOCAL MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP 2009/10 – GRANT OFFER FROM C.C.

The Clerk reported that the amended grant offer had now been received at £5592.29.

With the small budget provided by the Town Council this should provide adequate funding to maintain the footpaths to the standard of previous years. The method of calculating the funding had changed somewhat, with categories of paths requiring different priorities. This year stiles would also be included in the costings, but paths requiring what is perceived to be little

attention would not be funded. This year would identify if the new method was cost effective and workable.

The Council, on a proposal by Councillor Angwin seconded by Councillor D Stevens, accepted the above offer as detailed by the Clerk.

18. REPORT OF THE TOURISM COMMITTEE (previously circulated)

On a proposal by Councillor C McClary seconded by Councillor D Stevens the above report was accepted. (attached to these minutes)

Councillor McClary asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to Mrs Pat Hosken at the Newscentre for her co-operation in circulating the accommodation lists to tourists on request.

Councillor McClary asked for the subject of "The Future of the Holiday Accommodation List" to be placed on the agenda of the next full meeting.

19. CORRESPONDENCE:

a)Clean Cornwall Group – information

The Clerk informed the Council on the projects being undertaken by the above Group. Noted.

b)Animal Aid Compassionate Charter

Information noted.

c)Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Health Authority.

The Council resolved to go into Committee for this one item of business.

IN COMMITTEE

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The Clerk read a letter from the PCT regarding information on First Responders and Defibrillators in rural areas. Noted.

The Council resolved to come OUT OF COMMITTEE.

d)PDC – Consultation of Taxi Provision for Cornwall

Noted.

e)PDC – minutes of Penwith Town and Parish Forum

The Clerk informed the Council that the minutes of the final meeting of the Forum had been received.

f)Good night – skies light up – previously circulated to all Councillors

Noted.

20. PUBLICATIONS

