

A Meeting of the Town Council was duly convened and held in the Council Chamber at 1 Chapel Street St Just on Monday 16th March 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,(part)
N McFadden (part) Ms s Angove (part) D Stevens, Mrs S James
W East, B Rees together with the Town Clerk (Mrs E George).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for late attendance was received from Councillor S Angove who entered the meeting at 8.30 p.m. (agenda item 18).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. REPORT OF TOWN MAYOR

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

1st March - Civic Service of PDC

4th March – Working Party Meeting

11th March – Unveiling chough painting at Library.

4.REPORT OF THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

The Deputy Town Mayor also attended the meeting of the Working Party.

5.REPORTS OF THE TOWN COUNCILLORS

Councillor James reported a meeting of the Community Land Trust . The project was going ahead and an application for funding had been made. She had also attended a meeting of the Centre of Pendeen Committee.

6.REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Thomas reported that he had attended the last full meeting of the District Council. The transfer of artefacts from PDC to Cornwall Council and other authorities had taken place. The Warm Front Project in future would be appointing local installers to work on the project. A Health Campaign Update would be available shortly. Councillor Thomas passed to the Clerk copies of Conservation Areas Draft proposals that had been issued to him.

7.REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Nil.

8. REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

In the absence of a Police Officer the Clerk read the Police Report as follows:

6 reported crimes for the period 16th February to 16th March 2009 compared to 23 for the same period last year.

2 criminal damage to vehicles

1 theft from shop

1 criminal damage to building

1 possession of a class B drug (amphetamine)

1 burglary of outbuilding (flat packed conservatory stolen).

Councillor N McFadden entered at this point of the meeting.

9.CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2009 were confirmed and signed.

Proposed by Councillor Rees, seconded by Councillor Angwin. Unanimous.

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2009 were confirmed and signed. Proposed by Councillor Rees, seconded by Councillor Angwin. Unanimous.

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

a)One Cornwall – letter re Active Partnering Pilots and Newsletter issue 17

Receipt of the above were noted.

b)Allotments project – update

Councillor McClary and Stevens provided an update on this project as follows:

They had met with Toby Lowe and Paul Gage (CCC Area Ranger re footpaths and Planning Officer respectively) regarding the proposed site at Bosworlas. It would be necessary for a Diversion Order for footpath 41 in part. Planning Permission would not be required for change of use but would be required for other construction works. The Allotments Association would be holding their AGM within the next week and it is hoped that local residents within the vicinity of the proposed site would attend and exchange views/comments etc. It was anticipated that Mr Gage would have written to the Clerk outlining his comments etc. No letter had yet been received so the Clerk was instructed to contact Mr Gage.

11. FINANCE

a)Local Government Act 1972 – Section 137

Applications for financial assistance.

1. Just Arts
2. Truro Hospital Radio
3. St Just in Bloom
4. Pendeen Silver Band
5. Shelter Cornwall
6. St Just Pre-School Playgroup.

The Council resolved as follows:

1. Just Arts – on a proposal by Councillor Stevens seconded by Councillor McFadden a donation of £250 was awarded.
2. Truro Hospital Radio – a proposal for £200 by Councillor Rees seconded by Councillor Olds was lost by 5 votes to 4 (2 abstentions).
3. St Just in Bloom – delay consideration until next full meeting.
4. Pendeen Silver Band – delay consideration until next full meeting.
5. Shelter Cornwall – on a proposal by Councillor C McClary seconded by Councillor D Stevens a donation of £100 was awarded.
6. St Just Pre-School Playgroup – awaiting receipt of accounts.

b) Letters of thanks

Letters of thanks for the receipt of recent donations had been received from –

1. Age Concern St Just & Pendeen.

c) Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Totalling £2107.41

d) Financial Statement

The Clerk issued a monthly financial statement of income and expenditure totals for Councillors information. Noted.

e) Council Tax for 2009/10 – copies previously circulated to all Councillors

Noted.

12. PLANNING

a) Applications

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 and full information is available.”

09-0206-P

Construction of three dwellings (one of which to be affordable) and associated works on land adjacent to Maitland House, Trewellard, Pendeen for Stone Cross Developments Ltd. (T. Cl. No objection).

09-0233-LBC

Repair of chimney following lightning damage. Installation of lightning conductor and reconstruction of head of brickwork at Cape Cornwall Chimney, St. Just for The National Trust. (T. Cl. No objection).

b) Decisions:

09-0011-P

Change of use and conversion of former workshop to form self contained ancillary accommodation to Radio House, Higher Bosavern, St. Just for Mr. & Mrs. Philip Saul. Approval (T. Cl. No Objection).

c) Letter from CCC (Planning Liaison and Performance Officer) re Planning and Regeneration: Consultation on Planning applications.

The Council responded to the questionnaire by stating that they wished to be consulted on all types of planning applications. They further stated that if the Cornwall Council intended to consult on applications electronically then the Town Council would require a lap top computer, projector and screen and that the Town Council had no financial provision for such a facility at this point in time.

d) CCC – letter re Regulation 3 Planning Application transition arrangements for Cornwall Council (email)

Contacts at the area offices were detailed and emailed to all Councillors for information.

e) NCDC – future Validation Document

An email detailed a single validation document for planning which was largely an amalgamation of the existing validation documents which exist across the County, adapted and brought together to form a single document. Consultation of the process is required and this is taking place from 13th February to 27th March 2009. Access to this document <http://www.ncdc.gov.uk/media/adobe/7/3/validationconsultationversion.pdf>

13. BOSAVERN FARM (BR)

On a proposal by Councillor Olds seconded by Councillor Angwin it was resolved to defer this item until the end of the meeting.

14. FARMER'S MARKET (BR)

Councillor Rees raised the subject of the possibility of a Farmer's Market in St Just Town area following the success of the one at Pendeen.

Councillor James outlined the success of the Pendeen Market and the perceived benefit to the community.

Councillor Thomas stated that the subject had been previously referred to the St Just Chamber of Commerce but there was a lack of support for the idea among members, however, he felt that it could be of real benefit to the Town.

Councillor C McClary proposed that the idea be referred back to the Chamber of Commerce for re-consideration. Councillor N McFadden supported the proposal. Councillor East felt that it should be outside – possibly in the Plain an Gwarry. Councillor Thomas agreed to consult with the Chamber of Commerce as requested.

15. CAR PARKS (WFE)

Councillor W East raised this subject as he was concerned that the free car parking facilities that currently exist in St Just and Pendeen should continue in the future.

The new Cornwall Council would take over the responsibility of the existing car parks in the area from 1st April 2009.

On a proposal by Councillor East, seconded by Councillor K McFadden (5 in favour 4 against and 2 abstentions) the Clerk was instructed to write to the Cornwall County Council and state the importance of the free parking status to the communities here in St Just and Pendeen and to respectfully request that the current “free parking” status should continue in the future and to ask for their reassurance on this matter.(see amendment to mins of 20/4/09) E.G.

16. PROVISION OF AN OUT AND ABOUT SERVICE AND COUNCIL INFORMATION POINT AT ST JUST AND PENDEEN. (report by Sally Newby Community Network Manager)

A copy of the above proposal had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting for their consideration.

On a proposal by Councillor C McClary seconded by Councillor D Stevens (7 in favour 4 abstentions) the proposals as contained in the document were accepted.

The Council instructed the Clerk to write to Sally Newby and invite her to a meeting for a discussion with the Council in the near future.

16a) POST OF TOWN CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER – Consideration of shortlisting applications.

On a proposal by Councillor S Olds, seconded by Councillor B F Angwin it was resolved to defer this item to the end of the meeting.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

a)Health Initiative for Cornwall (Press Release) – previously circulated.
Noted.

b)Coastline Housing – Affordable Housing at St Ives – information leaflet
Noted.

c)PDC Overview and Scrutiny Committee – draft report – West Cornwall Your Hospital Your Health Service.

Noted.

d)PDC – Report of the Older People’s Forum

Noted.

e)Local Associations Information Service

-Governance and Accountability for Local Councils

This important information had been circulated to Councillors via email. A copy would be retained in the office for future reference.

f)Andrew George M.P. – Cornwall- a new beginning

Noted.

g)HM Court Service – amendments to counter services at Penzance

Noted.

Councillor S Angove entered the meeting at this point.

18. PUBLICATIONS

- a)Town and Parish Standard – newsletter from Standards Board
- b)PDC – Minutes and Agenda
- c)Cornwall Community Foundation – Annual Report
- d)Cornish Association of Victoria – newsletter
- e)Your Cornwall Newsletter
- f)Clerks and Councils direct
- g)NALC – Journal
- h)CCC – Cornish Mining Heritage Site Newsletter
- i)Children’s Hospice Southwest – newsletter re Little Harbour
- j)Outreach Magazine
- k)Cornwall Countryside Access Strategy Document
- l)PAROW –minutes and agenda
- m)Marazion and Penzance – Conservation Area Appraisals from PDC

19. MATTERS OF REPORT

The Clerk asked for a meeting of the Tourism Committee. It was agreed to hold the meeting on 24th March 2009 at 7.15 p.m.

Councillor Nicholls requested that the purchase of a de-humidifier be put on the next full agenda.

Deferred Agenda items:

13. Bosavern Farm:

Councillor Rees raised this subject and suggested that the land could be considered for public use in the community. The possibility of the use of the land for allotments was suggested by Councillor East. Councillor Angove stated that the County Council wanted to sell the land concerned.

The Council instructed the Clerk to contact the relevant officer at the County Council and express their concerns at the future plans for Bosavern Farm and request that the land particularly should be retained in public ownership in some way. The use of the land for community use is an option that the Town Council would like the County to consider as a priority.

16(a) Consideration of shortlisting and appointment of Panel to interview and appoint Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

The Council resolved to go INTO COMMITTEE

Councillors K and N McFadden left the meeting at this point.

The process of shortlisting took place and 5 candidates were identified for interview.

The Panel appointed to interview and appoint were:

Town Mayor, Councillor Monty Nicholls, Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor M Thomas together with Councillors Mrs S Olds, Ms S Angove, and B F Angwin.

The date agreed for interview was Wednesday 25th March 2009.

Councillor W East left the meeting at this point.

The Council resolved to come OUT OF COMMITTEE.

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

CONFIRMED THIS 20TH DAY OF APRIL 2009

Town Mayor.....

