

MINUTES of the TOWN COUNCIL MEETING of ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 18 May 2009 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor M Nicholls - Mayor
Councillor M Thomas – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

B F Angwin	N McFadden
W F East	Mrs S James
C McClary	Mrs S Olds
K McFadden	D Stevens

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – An apology for absence was received from Councillor Angove.

TC.11 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-That the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 20 April 2009 and the Annual Meeting held on 11 May 2009 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.12 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

TC.13 REPORTS OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Mayor reported that he had attended the Marazion Charity Ball on Friday 15 May 2009.

The Deputy Town Mayor reported that he had attended the “Big Tidy Up” on Wednesday 6 May 2009 which had been arranged by the local primary school. The school was to produce a report on the type and location of waste collected a copy of would be supplied to the Town Council which could be used to improve the location of rubbish bins within the town.

Councillor Angwin reported that he had attended a stakeholder event at St John’s Hall, Penzance on the review of the Shoreline Management Plan.

Councillor Mrs James reported that she had chaired a further meeting of the Community Land Trust on 14 May 2009. Good progress was being made and the next meeting was due to be held on 2 July 2009 when it was hoped there would be a decision on the start up funding.

Councillor Mrs James had also attended a meeting of the Centre of Pendeen on 5 May 2009 and reported that an agreement between the Centre and the Residents' Association had been reached to give the Residents' Association some space within the Centre to help raise its profile locally.

TC.14 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

There was no report from the Councillor Angove, Cornwall Councillor as she was absent from the meeting.

TC.15 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

Pc Dan Care gave a report on local Police activity for the period from 20 April to 18 May 2009.

Within that period there had been six recorded crimes, compared to 21 for the same period last year which was a substantial decrease in crime within the area. There had been three burglaries, one driving with excess alcohol, one theft and one aggravated vehicle taking.

The last PACT meeting had been held on 7 May which had focussed on parking related offences, use of mobile phones whilst driving and dog fouling. The next meeting was to be held at 7.15 p.m. on 3 September 2009 at Cape Cornwall School.

The summer drink driving campaign was due to begin on 1 June until 30 June 2009 and the St Just pubwatch meeting had been held on 12 May 2009 at the Commercial Hotel resulting in one banning letter and three warnings.

PSCO Tonkin reported that parking on the pavement by customers of the Co-op Shop was becoming a local issue and asked if the Town Council could offer some assistance to alleviate the problem.

Following discussion of the issues it was

RESOLVED – That the Town Clerk be asked to write to St Just-in-Bloom to seek their assistance in putting a planter outside the shop to stop drivers from parking their vehicles on the pavement.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.16 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

The Town Council considered the appointment of representatives to the Heathlands Forum and the St Just and District Liaison Group.

The Town Clerk reported that John Waldon had been appointed as a "link" officer by Natural England to provide an overview as to why the open areas of Penwith Moors were so important and that he was willing to attend a meeting of the Town Council to respond to Councillors questions. The next meeting of the Heathlands Forum was due to be held on 7 July 2009.

RESOLVED - that

- (1) Councillor K McFadden be appointed as the Town Council's representative on the Heathlands Forum for this Municipal Year;

- (2) That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, together with all members of the Town Council be invited to attend meetings of the St Just and District Liaison Group; and
- (3) That John Waldon be invited to a future meeting of the Town Council.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.17 FUTURE OF THE ACCOMMODATION LIST

Councillor McClary referred to the decision taken by Cornwall Council, in response to Government policy to withdraw the accommodation list, and the need for the Town Council to take steps to ensure that the list was adequately publicised locally so that tourists / walkers seeking accommodation were given as much assistance as possible.

The Town Council felt that a Public Information Board sited opposite the Library in Lafrowda Car Park would help to offset the problems.

Cornwall Council's Highways Department had been approached and had agreed, in principle, to the siting of a notice board in the car park.

Following discussion of the issues it was

RESOLVED:-That the Town Clerk be requested to provide the Town Council with details of the cost and erection of a new double sided Public Information Board and to look into the possibility of a financial contribution from Cornwall Council towards the costs of the work.

(Action by :Elaine Baker)

TC.18 TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY

The Town Clerk reported that she had spoken to Richard Dunn, Elections Officer, Cornwall Council about the current Town Council vacancy. From the date of the publication of the Election Notice, the election had to be held within 60 working days. If the notice was published now, an election would need to be held within the main summer / holiday period which could affect elector turnout. In view of this September / October was suggested for the election.

RESOLVED: That the Elections Officer, Cornwall Council be informed that that the Town Council wish to hold the election on Thursday 3 September 2009.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.19 FINANCE

(a) Applications for Financial Assistance

The Town Council considered requests for financial assistance under S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 from the St Just Pre-School Playgroup towards the cost of new play equipment and Pendeen Silver towards the provision of new uniforms.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the request from St Just Pre-School Playgroup be deferred to the next full meeting of the Town Council; and
- (ii) That £500 be awarded to the Pendeen Silver Band.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the following accounts be approved for payment:-

Allianz Insurance Renewal	£1,892.36
Viking	£138.24
Viking	£159.78
Town Clerk Leaving Party	£180.14
Karn Solutions	£30.00

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

The Town Clerk reported that letters of thanks had been received from St Just-in-Bloom and the Bendigo / Nevada Twinning Group.

TC.20 PLANNING

(a) Applications

09-0475-HP – Construction of summer house at Roscommon Cottage, Roscommon, St Just. Applicant Mrs J Ellery. The Town Council raised **no objection** to the application.

(b) Decisions

None received.

(c) Planning Matters

The Town Council noted the contents of an email from CALC regarding the new Planning and Regeneration Service, Cornwall Council.

TC.21 BOSAVERN FARM

The Deputy Mayor gave an update on the current position in respect of Bosavern Farm following a meeting which he had attended with Councillor Angove, as the local Cornwall Councillor and representatives from the Duchy College, Truro & Penwith College and the Allotments Group on 6 May 2009. The farm was currently owned by Cornwall Council but was on the open market for sale.

At that meeting Truro & Penwith College had expressed an interest in acquiring the site for educational purposes and handed a declaration of their interest to Councillor Angove.

The Deputy Mayor commented on the benefits to St Just in having a college in the town and felt that the Town Council should support the interest that the college had shown.

Councillor Stevens said that part of the overall expression of interest submitted by the college included the use of two fields for allotments which had good access and had been endorsed by the Allotments Group.

The outcome of the expression of interest submitted by Truro & Penwith College would be brought to a future meeting of the Town Council.

(Action by : Deputy Mayor / Councillor Angove)

TC.22 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The Town Council received the following items for information:-

- Letter fro a resident in Carrallack Lane, St Just in respect of a Freedom of Information request concerning potential sites for affordable housing.
- Plen-an-Gwary Geophysical Survey report.

TC.23 PUBLIC REQUEST FOR ADDRESS TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Council considered two requests to address the Town Council.

RESOLVED: that

- (a) Alyson White be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss the lack of NHS dental services in the West Penwith area; and
- (b) Nicholas Johnson, Manager of the Historic Environment Service be invited to attend a future meeting of the Town Council to discuss listed and historically important buildings within St Just.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.24 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED - that in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following matters on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the identified paragraphs of Part I, Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).

TC.25 PROPOSED RELOCATION OF BRITISH INTERNATIONAL HELICOPTERS TO LAND'S END AIRPORT (EXEMPT PARA 3)

The Council considered the proposed relocation of British International Helicopters to Land's End Aerodrome.

Meeting closed at 8.07 p.m.

Town Mayor