

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 12 October 2009 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor M Nicholls - Mayor
Councillor M Thomas – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

| | |
|---------------|------------|
| B F Angwin | C McClary |
| Ms P S Angove | N McFadden |
| W F East | F Morris |
| Mrs S James | Mrs S Olds |
| | D Stevens |

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Lindsey Butterfield, National Trust
Delia Webb, Cornwall Council

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K McFadden and Councillor Chris Goninan, Cornwall Council.

TC.111 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-That the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 28 September 2009 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.112. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

TC.113 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Mayor reported that he had attended a "Save West Cornwall Hospital" meeting at St John's Hall on 22 September; the Older People's Forum at Cape Cornwall School and Community Network Meeting on 24 September, the awards ceremony for the St Just-in-Bloom ceremony on 25 September at the Commercial Hotel and a "Street Safe" police meeting with Sgt Andy Crawford on 29 September. The Mayor reported that this was a campaign within Penzance which would result in an increased level of policing within the town. He advised the Town Council that he had raised concerns that this may have a detrimental affect

on the level of police presence within the town although he had been assured that this would not be the case.

On 6 October 2009, together with the Town Clerk he had attended a very positive meeting with planning officers covering the West 1 Planning Area at the Penzance One-Stop-Shop. The meeting had been arranged to discuss the new proposals for planning consultation on applications and to meet the Council's new "friendly link officers" Andy Golay and Wendy Grocutt.

On 9 October the Mayor had presented awards to nine 14 yr olds from Cape Cornwall School who had attended a week long "Working Together" course at Penzance Fire Station.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had also attended the Community Network Meeting on 24 and the "Street Safe" meeting on 29 September.

Councillor Angwin reported that he attended the CALC meeting on 29 September 2009.

Councillor Mrs James reported that she had chaired a meeting of the Community Land Trust on 24 September 2009 and attended the PACT meeting on 8 October where she had raised a number of parking related issues. On behalf of the Town Council she raised the parking issues at Regent Terrace and reported that negotiations were taking place with the football club to ease the parking situation in the evening in that area.

TC.114 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

In the absence of PC Dan Care & PCSO Andrew Tonkin, the Town Clerk gave the Police report for the period from 14 September to 28 September.

There were five reported crimes during the period compared to ten for the same period last year: One theft related offence, one burglary (non domestic), one for criminal damage, one case of harassment and one of fraud.

The Town Mayor, on behalf of Councillor McFadden who was absent from the meeting requested information on the arrangements which were to be put in place during the road closure of Fore Street in November as this was likely to have an adverse impact on the local traders.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk be asked to raise the matter with the local community beat officers.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.115 90th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEVANT MINE DISASTER

Delia Webb, Cornwall Council gave a progress report on the arrangements to mark the 90th anniversary of the Levant Mine disaster. An outdoor memorial service was to be held at 2.00 pm on 20 October 2009 (which would have to be cancelled in the event of bad weather) culminating in the laying of flowers by local school children. Due to the level of public interest that had been generated in the project it was likely that an archiving project would be undertaken following the service.

Members of the Town Council were concerned that the service would have to be cancelled in the event of bad weather and suggested Geevor Mine as a possible alternative venue. It was agreed that this would be investigated.

Lindsey Butterfield, National Trust outlined the plans for the community art exhibition taking place at the Count House, Botallack from 17 – 30 October 2009. 90 pieces of artwork had been commissioned entitled “Levant 1919” created by local artists and residents to commemorate the anniversary of the disaster. A grand draw would be held at the close of the exhibition with the canvasses as prizes, with the monies raised being split between the Miners Statue Appeal and the National Trust.

A request was made to the Town Council for a financial contribution towards the cost of hosting a small reception at the end of the exhibition. The Town Mayor confirmed that the Town Council would consider the request at agenda item 15 (Any other Business).

TC.116 FOOTPATH – COT VALLEY

Lindsey Butterfield, National Trust advised the Town Council of proposals to change the route of the footpath at Adder Lane, Cot Valley. The change would see the reinstatement of the original footpath as identified on the definitive map. A meeting had been held with Toby Lowe, Cornwall Council who was in agreement with the proposed change. A map was circulated to all members of the Council outlining the changes. Signs would be placed advising walkers of the new route.

The Town Council was also advised that local residents were currently being consulted on proposals by South West Coastal Paths to alter the coast path at Cape Cornwall which were due to be undertaken in April 2010 (map circulated). The Town Council expressed concern that it had not been formally consulted on the proposals and Ms Butterfield agreed to look into the matter.

TC.117 CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISALS

The Town Council considered its formal response to the public consultation exercise which ended on 16 October 2009 in respect of the draft conservation area appraisal documents for the smaller villages of Bojewyan, Boscaswell, Botallack & Truthwall, Carnyorth, Nancherrow & Tregeseal, Pendeen and Trewellard.

It was acknowledged that there was some difficulty in formulating a response as individual views and opinions differed. However, there was general agreement amongst the Town Council that the draft documents contained a number of inaccuracies, were highly subjective, with a too greater emphasis on “naming and shaming” and the inappropriate use of photographs of individual properties.

Following detailed consideration of the issues it was

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council is advised that in respect of planning decisions, the Town Council would like to see a more consistent approach within the decision-making process. Regarding Article 4 Directions, the Town Council was happy with the way it was working within St Just but felt that any extension outside the town would be inappropriate.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.118 PUBLIC SEATS

The Town Council considered the schedule of Town Council and Cornwall Council public seating which had been complied following the inspection by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Morris and the Town Clerk. The inspection also included the Town Council's notice boards in St Just and Pendeen.

The Town Council felt that an annual maintenance programme should be established and that the precept for 2010 / 2011 and subsequent years should include financial provision for this purpose.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) A three year rolling maintenance programme be established for the maintenance of the public seats and notice boards owned by the Town Council;
- (2) Quotations for the maintenance of the seats be sought from local companies and brought back to a future meeting of the Town Council for consideration;
- (3) Financial provision be included within the Council's precept for 2010 / 2011 and subsequent financial years; and
- (4) Cornwall Council is advised of the details of the inspection in relation to the public seats in its ownership.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.119 SIGNAGE

The Deputy Mayor sought the Town Council's views on a Town Council sign being put on the front elevation of the building which would clearly identify the Council offices in the town.

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council be asked to consider the erection of a sign on the front of the building.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.120 PUBLIC TELEPHONE KIOSK – PORTHERRAS VILLAS, PENDEEN

The Town Council considered the merits of a scheme being administered by BT regarding the adoption of a telephone kiosk at Portherras Villas, Pendeen which had become uneconomically viable.

RESOLVED: That no action be taken on this issue.

TC.123 FINANCE

(a) Letters of Thanks

The Town Clerk reported that letters of thanks had been received from the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust and the St Just Twinning Association.

TC.124 PLANNING

(a) Decisions

09-0806-P Construction of affordable dwellings and associated works at rear of 1, Coastguard Cottages, Bosorne Road, St Just. Applicant Mrs N Rendell. **Refusal (T CI No objection if S.106)**

09-0846-HP Construction of replacement conservatory at Atlantic View, Carnyorth, St Just. Applicant Dr H Campbell. **Approval (T CI no objection)**

09-0855 –REMCOND Modification of condition 2 to permit use of site for caravan and camping between 1 April and 31 October at Trevedra Caravan and Camping Site, Sennen. Applicant Mr & Mrs J Nicholas. **Approval (T CI no objection)**

09-0852-HP Construction of two storey extension, detached garage and formation of new vehicular access at Higher Tregiffian Farm, St Buryan. Applicant Mr Jeremy Jenkins **Approved (T CI no objection)**

(b) Planning Forum

The Town Council noted the content of an email dated 5 October 2009 from CALC regarding the establishment of a Planning Forum by Cornwall Council. Representatives from every town and parish council would be invited to attend the forum which would meet at least annually. The first task of the forum would be to elect the town and parish council representatives on the Planning Liaison Panel.

(c) Local Council Protocol with the Planning & Regeneration Service Regarding Consultations on Applications

The Town Council considered a letter from Cornwall Council dated 5 October 2009 regarding officer comments on planning applications.

The Town Council also completed a satisfaction questionnaire in respect of the service.

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council be advised that the Town Council wishes to continue to receive planning officer comments on applications and that where possible every attempt should be made to send information electronically via email.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC 125 ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE OF URGENCY

The Town Council considered the request for a financial contribution towards the cost of a small reception as part of the exhibition to mark the 90th Anniversary of the Levant Mine Disaster.

RESOLVED: That a S.137 grant of £150 be awarded towards the cost of a small reception.

The Town Council also considered a request from the Community Network Manager for a financial contribution towards the cost of two Christmas Trees for St Just and Pendeen.

RESOLVED: That a contribution of 50% of the cost of the purchase price (£634.80 excl VAT) for the trees be made to Cornwall Council towards the cost of the trees.

The Town Clerk informed the Town Council that a letter had been received from Cornwall Council concerning the precept for 2010 / 2011 which requested that in view of the change to a single unitary authority, details of town and parish precepts be forwarded to Cornwall Council before 31 December 2009.

RESOLVED: That the Town Councils precept meeting is brought forward to 7 December 2009 and that Cornwall Council is advised accordingly.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC 126 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 127 NATIONAL FINAL SALARY AWARD FOR LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS (EXEMPT PARAGRAPH 1)

The Town Clerk informed the Town Council of the details of the pay award for 2009 which would be back dated to 1 April 2009.

Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Town Mayor