

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 26 October 2009 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor M Thomas – Deputy Mayor in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

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

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Chris Goninan, Cornwall Councillor

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Monty Nicholls and Councillor Mrs S Olds.

TC.128 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-That the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 12 October 2009 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

TC.129. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillors M Thomas and C S McClary declared personal interests in minute no. 131 as members of the St Just Twinning Association.

TC.130 REPORT OF CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Councillor Goninan reported that in his role as Vice-Chairman of the Health Adults Overview & Scrutiny Committee he had attended meetings with the Chairman of the Cornwall Partnership Trust, Felicity Owen, Director of Health and Patient Advisory Service (PALS).

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust was in the process of developing a 5 year Strategic Plan which would go out for consultation after 31 October 2009. He reported that Alice Hosking had been appointed as the new manager at West Cornwall Hospital; and that she would be presenting her action plan to Penwith Cornwall Councillors, local Town & Parish Councils, Mayor's Parlour Campaign

Team & West Cornwall Health Watch during November.

In respect of Geevor, a new Management Agreement had been drawn up between Pendeen Community Heritage and Cornwall Council and would be ready for consideration by the Trustees by 31 October.

With regard to Affordable Housing, Councillor Goninan had attended two meetings, with Chris Burlton of the Affordable Housing Team, Cornwall Council, to look at potential sites in the St Just area. One was at the back of Pednandrea and the other the piggery and chicken farm at Boswedden.

He had also attended a meeting with Andrew Golay, Planning Officer, to look at the open space on the west side of Moorland Close, Pendeen to discuss proposals for the provision of a play space for under 6 year olds, up to 6 affordable homes and the retention of some open space. The Town Council would be consulted on any proposals that were brought forward.

Councillor Goninan reported that he was actively involved in the Levant Mine Disaster project and said that the quality of the exhibition was fantastic. Raffle tickets were on sale with the prizes being the 90 canvasses. The draw would take place on Friday 30 October.

Councillor Goninan also reported that he had been on patrol with the local Police, members of PACT and local firemen. No problems had been identified within the town but it was planned to repeat the process on a regular basis.

A meeting had also been held with Brian Keast and Shirley Downing, Cornwall Council to discuss dog fouling problems within the town and other environmental issues.

A celebration of old age event had been held at Kingsley Village Fraddam on 8 October which in excess of 800 people had attended.

Councillor Goninan confirmed that he would be calling a meeting of the Champions for Older People in early November.

Finally, a meeting was to be held on Thursday 29 October 2009 with land owners and officers of Cornwall Council to discuss the possibility of Boswedden Lane being included as a definitive path.

TC.131 COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA

Citizen of the Year Award

Councillor East suggested that it would be helpful for the Town Council to agree selection criteria for future nominations for the Citizen and Junior Citizen of the Year Awards. He circulated a list of possible criteria to all members of the Council for discussion.

The Town Council acknowledged that the response for this year's awards had been poor and that publicity needed to be improved. It was suggested that in future information on the awards be placed in "Just a Word", Outreach, on the Council's website and in the weekly St Just column in the Cornishman.

Following detailed consideration it was

RESOLVED: That the following selection criteria be approved:-

- (1) To be eligible nominee(s) must either live, work or carry out the activity for which they are being nominated within the St Just Town Council area;
- (2) 18 years to be the qualifying age for a recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award;
- (3) Nominations can be put forward for an individual, body, group or business which has made a significant contribution to the local community;
- (4) Anyone can make a nomination;
- (5) The local schools to be asked to put forward nominations for the Citizen of the Year Award as well as the Junior award; and
- (6) Town Councillors or any other elected representatives are eligible for nomination.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.132 TWINNING WITH HUELGOAT, FRANCE

Councillors M Thomas and C S McClary declared a personal interest in this item as members of the St Just Twinning Association.

The Deputy Mayor reported that to enable the legal formalities of the twinning process to be completed, oversight of the work of the St Just Twinning Association needed to be brought "in-house" enabling the Mayor and the Town Clerk, on behalf of the Town Council, to sign the formal twinning agreement between the Town Council and the Marie in Huelgoat, France.

The Town Council was currently represented on the association by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor McClary.

RESOLVED: - That the oversight of the work of the St Just Twinning Association be brought under the responsibility of the Town Council and that regular progress reports on the twinning be brought to future meetings of the Town Council.

TC.133 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2009

The Deputy Mayor advised the Town Council that, in the absence of the Town Mayor, he would be representing the Town Council at the Remembrance Sunday Service at Pendeen on 8 November 2009.

However, an additional Town Council representative was needed to attend the service in St Just.

RESOLVED: That Councillor C S McClary be nominated as the Town Council's representative at the Remembrance Service in St Just.

TC.134 SIGN IN MARKET SQUARE

The Town Clerk reported that she had received a response from Cornwall Council regarding the siting of a small sign in Market Square regarding advertising boards (*min no. TC.81/09 of the Town Council meeting held on 14 September 2009 referred*).

The Town Clerk reported that provided the sign did not exceed 0.3sqm the Planning Officer did not foresee any problems. However it was suggested that the Town Council submitted some ideas to the Planning Department for comment.

Following detailed consideration of the issues it was

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk be asked to respond on behalf of the Town Council with details on the size and content of the sign to be displayed.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.135 FINANCE

(a) Applications for Financial Assistance

The Town Council considered requests for financial assistance under S.137 from the Cornwall Blind Association towards transportation costs and the St Just Rugby Football Club towards costs for the annual firework display.

The Town Council also considered a request from the St Just Football Club for a financial contribution towards the cost of a veteran's football match as part of the feast weekend celebrations.

RESOLVED : That

- (1) A S.137 grant of £200 be awarded to the Cornwall Blind Association;
- (2) A S.137 grant of £600 be awarded to St Just Rugby Football Club; and
- (3) That a grant of £150 be awarded the St Just Football Club to mark the feast celebrations.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £251.17 be approved for payment.

(c) Letters of Thanks

The Town Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received from the St Just Pre-School Playgroup.

TC.136 PLANNING

(a) Applications

09-1071-P Retention and completion of two agricultural sheds at Bartinney Downs near Crows-an-Wra, St Just. Applicant Mr Adam Jacobs. **T C I objection on the grounds of the buildings being sited in an AONB, design of the buildings and lack of proven need for such facilities.**

TC 137 ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE OF URGENCY

The Deputy Mayor reported that the request for financial assistance made by St Just Rugby Football Club had been considered as a matter of urgency for the reason that the next meeting of the Town Council was after 5th November 2009.

TC 138 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 139 PROVISION OF PHOTOCOPIER FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES (EXEMPT PARAGRAPH 3)

The Town Council considered the details of three quotes which had been received for provision of a photocopier on a lease agreement.

RESOLVED: That the lowest quote from Concorde Copiers be accepted.

Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Town Mayor