

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 14 September 2009 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor M Nicholls - Mayor
Councillor M Thomas – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

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

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor C Goninan, Cornwall Council

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C McClary and Mrs S James.

TC.75 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-That the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 27 July 2009 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.76 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Ms P S Angove declared a prejudicial interest in respect of planning application no. 09-0776-P (The Brambles Nursery & Children's Centre) at agenda item no.17 (a) as a member of the Steering Committee and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of this item. Councillor Ms Angove also declared a personal interest in planning application 09-0852-HP (Higher Tregiffian Farm) at agenda item 17 (a) as she was known to the applicant.

Councillor M Nicholls declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 16 (a) Applications for Financial Assistance as a member of the St Just Twinning Association and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of this item.

Councillor Stevens declared a prejudicial interest in respect of planning application no. 09-0776-P (The Brambles Nursery & Children's Centre) at agenda item no.17 (a) as the applicant and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of this item.

Councillor M Thomas declared a prejudicial interest in respect of planning application no. 09-0855-REMCND (Trevedra Caravan & camping Site) at agenda item 17 (a) as a relative of the applicant and agreed to withdraw from the meeting

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TC.77 ELECTION OF TOWN COUNCILLOR

The Town Mayor congratulated Councillor Farmer Morris on his election success and on behalf of the members welcomed him to the Town Council.

TC.78 REPORTS OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR & TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Mayor reported that he attended meetings of the Mayor's Parlour Campaign Team on 20 July and 24 August 2009. Older People's Forum on 21 August, Mayor's Sunday, Hayle on 26 July, Penzance Community Network Meeting on 30 July and the St Julia's Fete, Hayle. The Town Mayor had also hosted a reception for a group of French Motor Enthusiasts (La Solexiene XI) on 8 August and had been presented with a small plaque to mark the occasion. On 20 August, together with the Deputy Mayor he had been invited to the 25th Anniversary at Sky Bus at Lands End Airport. On 1 September he had attended a meeting organised by Cornwall Council at St John's Hall, Penzance, together with other members of the Town Council, to discuss the provision of affordable homes in St Just. Finally, on 8 September he had met Superintendent Martin Orpe, to discuss policing issues within St Just.

Councillor K McFadden reported that he had attended the meeting of the Heathland Forum held on 2 September.

Councillor Stevens said that he attended the public consultation event being held at Centre of Pendeen on 14 & 15 September on the draft conservation area appraisals and he urged all the Town Councillors to read the document and to comment on the draft documents.

TC.79 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Councillor Goninan reported that as Vice-Chairman of the Health Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee he had held meetings with Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust, Primary Care Trust, Local Involvement Networks (LINK's), Adult Care and Support. Meetings were also to be held with Cornwall Partnership Trust, Felicity Owen and the Patient Advisory Service.

Speculation continued regarding the future of West Cornwall Hospital. A new 5 year strategic plan was in the process of being developed which would be out for public consultation on 31 October 2009. The current staffing levels at A & E were also being looked into.

Councillor Goninan had also attended meetings at Geevor, Cape Cornwall School, a meeting with Tregeseal residents concerned about possible development of affordable homes at the Turnpike, Community Land Trust and Brambles Nursery.

TC.80 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

In the absence of the Local Community Beat Officers the Town Clerk circulated a note which set out the report for the period 13 July to 10 September 2009.

In that period forty crimes had been reported this compared to 35 for the same period in the previous year. These included 14 relating to criminal damages, 6 burglaries, 6 theft, 4 assaults, 6 possessions of drugs, 1 failure to disperse, 1 drunk and disorderly, 1 public disorder and 1 driving with excess alcohol.

It was acknowledged that the rise in the reported offences for the two month period was due to offences reported at Lafrowda Day.

Criminal damage continued to be the main concern of the Police. However, they were difficult to detect as most offences were carried out in the early hours. To address this, late night and early morning patrols were being undertaken, together with changes to shift patterns.

TC.81 COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA

Bill Boards in Market Square

Councillor East expressed concern at the siting of notice boards within market square which he felt was unfair to the local traders who were not allowed to put up advertising boards. In response Councillor Stevens commented that he presumed Councillor East was referring to the information boards which had been sited for Lafrowda and Plen Week. He felt that this was a totally different situation as there was no commercial aspect to these boards as they were purely advertising local community events.

Members of the Town Council agreed that they did not wish to see a proliferation of boards within the square and Councillor Ms Angove commented that the Chamber of Commerce was looking into the possibility of a community notice board to address the problem.

Following detailed consideration of the issues it was

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk be requested to approach Cornwall Council with a view to a small sign being put up in the square which clearly stated that only signs for charitable events would be permitted.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Opening Hours for Office

Councillor East expressed concern that on a number of occasions in recent weeks he had found the Town Council offices closed and requested that the office opening hours be displayed. In response, the Town Clerk said that a list of the office opening hours was now displayed but commented there would continue to be periods when the office was unmanned due to the hours of working of Town Council staff.

TC.82 OUT-AND-ABOUT SERVICE

The Town Clerk informed the Council that Cornwall Council's Out-and-About Service would commence on Friday 2 October 2009 for an initial six month trial period. Officers from the Council would be available each Friday from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm to deal with queries from the public. Separate arrangements had been made for Pendeen.

Sally Newby, the Community Network Manager had confirmed that she would be in attendance, together with the local Cornwall Councillor.

The Police had been advised of the service and it was hoped that an officer would also be available. Cornwall Community Banking had also agreed to participate.

Publicity material was currently being prepared and would be circulated in due course.

The Town Clerk commented that it would be helpful if a Town Councillor was present and suggested that a rota be prepared that would ensure that one Town Councillor was present at each session.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that any Town Councillor who wished to take part in the scheme would contact the Town Clerk.

TC.83 ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN GUIDE

The Mayor reported that the 3rd edition of the guide was now out of stock and asked the Town Council what action it wished to take.

The Town Clerk explained that she was currently waiting to hear from Burrows about the possible production of a new edition.

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred until the next meeting of the Town Council.

(Action by :Elaine Baker)

TC.84 COMMUNITY NETWORK PANELS

The Town Council considered the details of the August edition of the Town & Parish Council newsletter, and in particular the decision taken by Cornwall Council to postpone the September / October round of community network meetings while investigations into alternative mechanisms for engaging with town and parish councils took place.

The Town Council expressed its disappointment at the postponement and also asked the Cornwall Councillor for clarification with regard to speculation that the budget for the community networks had been reallocated to members' highways budgets.

Councillor Goninan confirmed that the budget had not been reallocated to highways but that each Cornwall Councillor had been allocated £2,500 to be spent on projects within their local area. He believed that the postponement of the network meetings was due largely to problems within the east of the county. However, the Penzance Community Network Forum had agreed to continue to meet informally which he regarded as a positive step for the localism agenda.

Following detailed consideration of the issues it was

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to the Chief Executive of Cornwall Council, Cabinet member for Stronger Communities and the Head of Localism setting out the Town Council's disappointment at the postponement and urging Cornwall Council to put the Community Network meetings on a formal basis at the earliest opportunity.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.85 CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISALS

The Town Council considered its formal response to the current public consultation period in respect of the draft conservation appraisal documents for the smaller villages of Bojewyan, Boscaswell, Botallack & Truthwall, Carnyorth, Nancherrow & Tregeseal, Pendeen and Trewellard.

Councillor Stevens said that this was an important issue and that there appeared to be a number of inconsistencies within the draft documents which needed to be addressed. He urged all members of the Town Council to read the documents.

The Town Clerk advised the Council that the public consultation period ended on 16 October and that in view of the comments it might be helpful to defer consideration on the Council's response until the Full Council Meeting on 12 October.

RESOLVED: That consideration of this item be deferred until meeting of the Full Council on 12 October 2009.

TC.86 HEATHLAND FORUM

Councillor Kevin McFadden reported back on his attendance at the meeting of the Heathland Forum held on 2 September 2009. He explained that the main issues discussed related to the fencing of the moors and the grazing of cattle. It appeared that Natural England were in favour of disbanding the forum which he felt would be unhelpful as the forum undertook an important monitoring role. He commented that "Save Penwith Moors" had requested that a public meeting be arranged but in view of the fact that works had been completed there seemed little benefit in holding a public meeting.

The Town Council welcomed the report and there was unanimous agreement that Councillor McFadden should continue as the Town Council's representative on the forum.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Kevin McFadden be re-affirmed as the Town Council's representative on the Heathland Forum.

TC.87 ST JUST MINING HERITAGE PROJECT PLAQUE

The Town Clerk reported that the plaque commemorating the works done in the St Just area had now been produced. Cornwall Council had been in contact regarding its location and installation.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk be asked to make arrangements for delivery of the plaque and it was agreed that the Town Council would cover the costs of the siting of the plaque on the Town Council building.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.87 PUBLIC SEATS

The Town Clerk referred to the schedule of public seats owned by the Town Council and those owned by Cornwall Council which had been circulated to all members of the Council. The Council considered the schedules and following discussion it was

RESOLVED: That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk be asked to undertake a survey of the public seating and to bring forward recommendations on a maintenance programme to a future meeting of the Town Council.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.88 CORNWALL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (CALC)

The Council considered the request from CALC for representatives on the Planning Liaison Panel and representation on other liaison and outside groups nominations for which were being sought.

RESOLVED: That the Mayor and Councillor K McFadden be nominated as the Town Council's representatives on the Planning Liaison Committee.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.89 FINANCE

(a) Applications for Financial Assistance

The Town Council considered a request for financial assistance under S.137 in respect of The St Just and Huelgoat Twinning Association and the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in respect of the request for financial assistance for the St Just Twinning Association, as members of the association, and withdrew from the meeting for consideration of this item.

In the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor it was

RESOLVED: That Councillor B F Angwin be elected as Chairman for consideration of the item in respect of St Just Twinning Association.

The Town Council considered the application and

RESOLVED: That a S. 137 grant of £300 be awarded to the St Just Twinning Association to help towards the cost of hosting the visit from a group from the community of Huelgoat, France.

Following consideration of the item the Mayor and Deputy Mayor returned to the meeting and it was

RESOLVED: That a S.137 donation of £100 be awarded to the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust in support of its work to the local community.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £2,390.82 be approved for payment.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(c) Letter of Thanks

The Town Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received from the Chair of the Lafrowda Committee.

TC.90. PLANNING

(a) Applications

09-0806-P-Amended. Construction of dwelling and associated works at r/o 1 Coastguard Cottages, Bosorne Road, St Just. Applicant Mrs N Rendell. This description of this application had been amended and now only related to a dwelling and not an affordable dwelling. **T CI objection Overdevelopment of the site.**

09-0343-P. Change of use and conversion of workshop / store to form a holiday cottage at Karensa, Numphra, St Just. Applicant Miss L Ankers. **T CI no objection.**

09-0817-P. Construction of dwelling at 10 Carn Bosavern Close, St Just. Applicant Mrs Marna Blundy. **T CI no objection.**

09-0846-P. Construction of replacement conservatory at Atlantic View, Carnyorth, St Just. Applicant Dr H Campbell. **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 Jeremy Jenkins. **T CI no objection.** Councillor Ms Angove declared a personal interest in this application as the applicant was to known to her.

09-0855-REMCOND. Modification of condition 2 to permit use of site for caravan and camping between 1st April and 31st October at Trevedra Caravan and Camping Site, Sennen. Applicant Mr & Mrs J Nicholas. **T CI no objection.** The Deputy Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in this application as a relative of the applicant and withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the item.

09-0887-P. Construction of single storey extension on N E elevation and associated works (Amended Design 08-1515) to incorporate 1st Floor extension. Applicant Cape Cornwall Surgery. **T CI no objection.**

09-0889-HP. Construction of extensions, balcony associated works at Nineveh Barn, Levant Road, Trewellard, St Just. Applicant Ms M Butcher. **T CI no objection.**

09-0892-CLEUD. Continued use of dwelling and garden (without compliance with conditions 3 & 4 attached to planning permission 1/93/P/0568/F). Applicant Dr M Weller. **T CI no objection.**

09-0906-HP. Construction of conservatory at Crannon, Trevegean, St Just. Applicant Mr & Mrs D Reynolds. **T CI no objection.**

09-0602-P. Construction of extension at Melyn, Bosverghas, St Just. Applicant Mr James Green. **T CI no objection.**

09-0891-HP. Construction of extension at Assembly, r/o Old Sunday School, St Just. Applicant Ms Abigail Reynolds. **T CI no objection.**

09-0946-HP. Construction of replacement conservatory at 15 Bosorne Street, St Just. Applicant Mr & Mrs Harvey. **T CI no objection.**

09-0776-P. Construction of Nursery, Children's Centre and Associated works on land at cape Cornwall School, St Just. Applicant The Brambles Nursery and Children's Centre. **T CI no objection.** Councillors Ms Angove and Stevens declare a prejudicial interest in this item as a member of the steering committee and the applicant and agreed to withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the item.

(b) Decisions

09-0831-CLOPUD. Installation of replacement windows and door, 21 Carn View Terrace, Pendeen. Applicant Mrs & Miss Trehwella. **Certificate of Lawfulness (No application).**

09-0223-P. Conversation and extension of store to create dwelling at The Cottage, Levant Road, Trewellard. Applicant Mr Jeffrey Orriss. **Approved (T. CI no objection).**

09-0599-P. Demolition of garage and outbuildings and construction of 2 dwellings on land at Boscaswell Road, Lower Boscaswell, Pendeen. Applicant Mr N Bennetts. **Withdrawn by applicant (T CI no objection).**

09-0604-LBC. Retention of replacement windows on front elevation at 4 Church Street, St Just. Applicant Patchell Davies Solicitors. **Consent (T CI no objection).**

09-0608-HP. Construction of detached garage at Tangaroa, Carrallack Terrace, St Just. Applicant Mr Martin Uren. **Approved (T CI no objection).**

09-0627-HP. Construction of extension at The Watch Tower, Calartha Road, Pendeen. Applicant Ms Zhorida Carder. **Withdrawn by applicant (T CI strong objection).**

09-0675-HP. Construction of extension and garden shed, 5 Parc-an-Yorth, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant Miss J Male. **Approved (T CI no objection).**

09-0712-HP. Replacement windows 16 Falmouth Place, St Just. Applicant Mr & Mrs Kevern. **Approved (T CI strong objection).**

09-0727-HP. Construction of extension and replacement garage 1 Bollowal Place, cape Cornwall Road,, St Just. Applicant Mr D Barker. **Approved (T CI no objection).**

09-0769-HP. Construction of extension 14 Boscaswell Terrace, Pendeen. Applicant Mr R Marment. **Approved (T CI no objection).**

(c) Cornwall Council's Draft Protocol for Local Councils

The Town Council noted the details of the protocol produced which showed how local councils would be involved in the planning process.

TC 91 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).

At this point in the proceedings Councillor Goninan left the meeting.

TC 92 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN ST JUST (EXEMPT PARAGRAPH 3)

The Mayor gave a summary of the meeting held on 2 September 2009 with representatives of Devon & Cornwall Housing Association, Cornwall Council and the Town Council. The meeting had been extremely constructive and it was hoped that progress could now be made on the delivery of affordable homes within St Just. A feasibility study was currently being carried out to assess the local need with a further meeting to be held between the parties in the coming weeks. This would be followed by a period of public consultation on the proposals.

RESOLVED: That the progress which had been made on this issue be welcomed.

The Deputy Mayor left the meeting at 9.16 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Town Mayor