

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING of ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 20 October 2014 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor K McFadden - Town Mayor
Councillor N McFadden - Deputy Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Mrs M Blundy	F Morris
B Clemens	M Nicholls
Mrs F Cock	G Roberts
T McFadden	Mrs G Salmon
Mrs G McQueen	

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Sue James – Cornwall Council
Richard Marsden – Laurence Associates
Edward McFadden – Local Resident
Rob Pickering – Director, Bosavern Community Enterprise
Rob & Rosemary Evans – Local Residents

PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None.

TC.155 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr D Roberts.

TC.156 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor and Cllr T McFadden declared a non-discloseable interest in minute no. TC.168(a)/14 (Applications) in respect of planning applications PA14/08374 & 5 as the applicant and being related to the applicant and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the applications.

TC.157 DISPENSATIONS

None received.

TC.158 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 6 October 2014 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.159 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Mrs Blundy referred to the confidential response from NHS Kernow regarding Poltair Hospital. The confidentiality aspect had been added in error and therefore a copy of the response would be made available to the Town Council.

TC.160 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Mayor reported that he and the Town Clerk had hosted a meeting on 13 October 2014 with representatives from Cornwall Council regarding St Just Library.

Cllr Mrs McQueen tabled a report on her attendance at the special Budget meeting of the Community Network Panel held on 8 October (copy appended to the signed minutes).

TC.161 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

No monthly report was presented.

TC.162 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Cllr Mrs James presented her report of Cornwall Council matters as follows:-

The budget for 2015/16 through to 2018/19 continued to dominate discussions and the work of the Council. The focus of Cllr James's attention was seeing whether there was a way of preserving the limited youth provision, which was often a safety net to troubled youngsters who had been below the radar, but were just finding their voice or starting to make unwise and / or risky decisions. Cllr Mrs James stated that she did not support the £0.95m proposed cut despite knowing that it would mean that something else had to go. She was currently working with Finance staff and the Cabinet members on this. The other area of concern was the proposal to end discretionary business rates relief, in year 17/18, to not for profit organisations, this would affect those with premises within the parish and she was trying to raise awareness so that affected organisations could contribute to the budget debate and plan for their future. If the proposal were to be implemented, Cllr Mrs James wanted to ensure that constructive conversations were held regarding the Cornwall owned assets and services in the Town and she hoped these might lead, once again, to a plan that would protect things that meant the most to the people of St Just and Pendeen.

Cllr Mrs James had attended her first Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee and had set a challenge for the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board to calculate the cost of the Board and what they had achieved.

In addition, she had recently attended a Police and Crime Panel meeting where the format had been changed to act more like a scrutiny committee. In this new style, the Panel considered the decision of the PCC and Chief Constable to close several more Police Station front desks, including Penzance. Whilst it was accepted that their consultation process had been flawed, particularly in Cornwall, as it was an operational decision, the closure would go ahead from 1 November. The PCC and Chief Constable accepted that they had work to do to ensure that people were still able to contact the Police, in a variety of ways, and that more effort was needed for those not wishing to

or not able to use the Internet or mobile devices. They recognised that in Cornwall, where there were no district councils, they needed to engage with towns and parish councils.

Finally, as this Town Council had been such a supporter of Land's End Peninsula CLT, Cllr Mrs James extended an invitation to the Town Council to join Andrew George MP and Baroness Kate Parminter when they visited the site at the end of Moorland Close, on Saturday at 12.30 p.m. Craig Weatherhill, local historian would be there to formally name the site. There would also be a chance to look around a couple of the properties although they were not yet complete.

TC.162 BOSAVERN COMMUNITY FARM

(a) Feasibility Study

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

(b) The Town Council also considered a response to Cornwall Council regarding its continued interest in a parcel of land at the farm for the delivery of allotments.

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council is advised that the Town Council has no remaining interest in the use of the land for allotments.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.163 COMMUNITY SURVEY

Cllrs Mrs Blundy, Mrs McQueen and Mrs Salmon gave a presentation to the Town Council on the results of the community survey following the completion of an evaluation of the returned questionnaires.

A total of 401 completed surveys were returned (10% of the parish population) which included responses from St Just Primary and Cape Cornwall Schools. 50% of the responses were from people over 60 years of age.

The survey indicated the following as being the most important jobs, public transport and public toilets, "free at the point of use" car parking with "preserving the character of the area" being of overriding importance. Affordable housing was also of importance but there were concerns on the location and size of developments.

The Town Council expressed its thanks to Cllrs Mrs Blundy, Mrs McQueen and Mrs Salmon for the work they had undertaken in connection with the survey. It was AGREED that all Town Councillors would be provided with copy of the final document which would be discussed by the Town Council at its next meeting on 4 November 2014.

TC.164 BANK HOLIDAY ON-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS

The Town Council received a letter from Helston Town Council regarding bank holiday on-street car parking regulations. Helston Town Council had recently considered the matter and resolved that *"The following City, Town and Parish Councils of Cornwall respectfully request, in line with many councils in the UK, that Cornwall Council applies the Sunday Parking restrictions, as enforced in Cornwall, to all of the English calendared Bank Holidays."* to which it was seeking the support of the local councils across Cornwall.

RESOLVED: That Helston Town Council be advised that this Town Council supports their resolution.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.165 ST JUST POST OFFICE

The Town Council considered a consultation letter from the Post Office regarding the relocation and modernisation of the St Just Post Office to the Newscentre, 18 Bank Square, St Just.

RESOLVED: That the Post Office be advised that the Town Council supports the proposal.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.166 EXPLORING THE COVES AND HARBOURS OF WEST CORNWALL

The Town Council considered a letter from the Penwith Access Rights of Way Forum which gave details on a project which had received EFF funding to improve rural access around fishing communities to encourage visitors to spend more time in these communities by providing walking guides etc.

The letter sought the support of local communities to the project and help to identify and prioritise problems with paths in our local community.

RESOLVED: The Town Council noted the contents of the letter and agreed to forward any suggestions on areas which might benefit from the project to the Town Clerk.

TC.167 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

The Town Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which gave details on an application for grant funding from the St Just Free Church in connection with its Lifehouse and Fireplace Community Rooms and Internet Café

In addition the Town Clerk referred to a letter which had been received from Roger King, Acting Chairman of St Just Free Church Trustees which provided some additional background to the project.

PA14/08375 Listed Building Consent for the conversion of barn to a dwelling on land off New Road, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. W.K. McFadden. **(T Cl support)**.

The Town Council also agreed that if the Planning Officer's recommendation was to refuse the applications it would request that the applications be "called in" by the local Cornwall Councillor.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Decisions

PA14/08641 Proposed conservatory at 6, Enys Cottages, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. B. Havery. **Approval.** (T. Cl. No Objection).

TC.169 APPLICATION TO USE THE PLAIN-AN-GWARRY AND USE OF ELECTRICITY

RESOLVED: That the application by Golden Tree Productions to use the Plain –an-Gwarry on 30 April 2015 for a Medieval Cornish Theatre, including the use of the electricity supply be approved.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.170 INFORMATION ITEMS

The Town Clerk gave details on an event being organised by Cornwall Council on the Care Act.

The Town Council was advised of the arrangements for the annual Remembrance Sunday Parade and Church Service being organised by the British Legion on 9 November 2014.

TC.171 Matters for Report

Issues raised included a broken lock at the public conveniences and the footbridge at Tregeseal Valley. The Town Clerk was requested to advise Cornwall Council accordingly.

Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Town Mayor