

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 21 July 2014 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT

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

COUNCILLORS

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

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Sue James – Cornwall Council
Mr W Ticken - Local resident

PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None.

TC.78 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Cock, Cllr Nicholls and Cllr D Roberts.

TC.79 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr Morris declared a non-discloseable interest in minute no. TC 89(b)/14 (Planning) in respect of planning application PA14/06329 as he was related to the applicant and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

Cllr G Roberts declared a non-discloseable interest in minute no. TC 89(b)/14 (Planning) in respect of planning application PA14/06126 as the applicant and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

TC.80 DISPENSATIONS

None received.

TC.81 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 7 July 2014 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.82 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

TC.83 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Mayor reported that together with the Mayoress and Town Clerk he had attended the royal visit by HRH The Princess Royal on 7 July. In addition, he and the Town Clerk had met with James Hardy, the new Community Network Manager on 17 July 2014.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had attended the judging for the South West in Bloom Competition on 16 July 2014 and congratulated the St Just-in-Bloom Group for their tremendous efforts which was much appreciated. The results of the judging would be announced in September.

Cllr Mrs Blundy reported that the Town Council stall at Lafrowda had been well received and gave an update on the number of completed surveys which had been positive but was lacking representation from younger people.

Cllr Clemens reported on illegal parking at Carn Bosavern Garage. The Town Clerk stated that the Police were aware of the problem and had informed Cornwall Council's Parking Enforcement Team who would be monitoring the situation. Cllr Clemens also raised the issue of overgrown hedgerows on to the public footpaths which had caused injury to a local resident. Cllr Mrs James reported that unfortunately Cornwall Council was not responsible for cutting overhanging hedgerows, responsibility for which lay with the landowners. Cllr Clemens also reported on problems with the Dog Waste Bins being removed from Pendeen to Geevor Tin Mine, and the allocated disabled parking space located at the recycling facility in Lafrowda Car Park. Cllr Clemens also reported that the waste bin adjacent to the bus shelter had been repaired and replaced. Cllr Clemens also gave an update on the "Macmillan Mix" event.

Cllr Mrs McQueen gave reports on her attendance at the Penwith Rural Transport meeting on 30 June 2014 and the Poltair Next Steps meeting on 9 July 2014 (copy appended to the signed minutes). In respect of the Rural Transport meeting Cllr Mrs McQueen reported an amendment to point 5 which should have stated "*discussion around employed officers and not Cornwall Councillors*" and point 8 which should have read "*Friendly community buses*".

TC. 84 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

In the absence of PCSO Andrew Tonkin and PCSO Charlotte Trembath, the Town Clerk presented the police report for the period covering 22 June to 19 July 2014.

During that period there had been 14 reported crimes which compared to 6 for the same period last year.

However, the Police report did not include any Crime's reported during the Lafrowda. The reported crimes were as follows:-

- 4 Assault's
- 3 Criminal Damages
- 1 Theft by Employee
- 2 Thefts
- 1 Burglary
- 1 Possession of Class B Drug (Cannabis)
- 1 Abstraction of Electricity
- 1 Section 4 (Use threatening words, Alarm, Harassment, Distress)

TC.85 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Cllr Mrs James presented her monthly report on county matters, including the new bus contracts, some new charges for taking domestic waste to recycling centres, an achievement for Cape Cornwall School and neighbourhood planning.

New Bus Contracts

Cllr Mrs James provided some additional information to complement the report from Cllr McQueen which had been provided at the Community Network meeting.

Cornwall Council was currently spending £5.5m per year supplementing the commercially run bus network. In the negotiations to let the tenders, officers managed to get some good added value deals which had achieved the identified optimum level of services for the price they would have expected to pay for a more basic cover. A founding member of West Penwith Community Transport attended the meeting and explained that by Cornwall Council allocating a route for four years it enabled the bus company to plan ahead and as a result expand their local offering so there was now a service running between Zennor and Land's End, along the coast road all year round. Officers were asking town and parish councils to feedback to them any local issues over the network, based on local resident information.

The concessionary fares scheme costs Cornwall Council a further £5.2m. The Government did not permit any charging when a passenger shows a pass. Once the pass is shown they travelled free. That was the reason why the 300 service had to be deemed a tourist route to remove it from the scheme. The 1A and 17B (St Ives to Penzance and Penzance to St Ives) although using open top/ vintage buses have been kept within the service bus provision so bus passes could be used.

New Charges for Disposing of Household Waste at Recycling Centres

Cllr Mrs James explained that in an attempt to try and protect essential services some charges were being introduced where the service provided by Cornwall Council was beyond mandatory requirements.

From 1 September a charge of £1.75 per sack for soil and rubble, £4.40 per sheet of plasterboard, £10.10 per sheet of bonded asbestos and £3.20 per tyre was being introduced at Household Waste Recycling facilities, although commercial and agricultural tyres would not be accepted and bicycle tyres would be free. Some

Cornwall Councillors were expressing concern that this would be counterproductive as there would be increased costs of dealing with fly-tipping.

Cape Cornwall School

Cape Cornwall School had become the first in Cornwall to achieve the Equalities Award in recognition of their commitment to equality. To achieve this award schools had to demonstrate that they supported pupils and families from all backgrounds, celebrated the achievements of disabled people and promoted positive role models and provided opportunities for learners to enjoy cultural and enrichment experiences that reflect and celebrate diversity. The Town Council and Cllr Mrs James congratulated the school on its achievement.

Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Mrs James reported that she had recently attended some further neighbourhood planning training at County Hall and informed the Town Council of the experience of St Cleer Parish Council which was in the process of producing its own plan, albeit collaboratively with neighbouring parishes of St Neots and Warleggan, the cost for which was anticipated to be less than £2,000, all covered by a grant from Cornwall Council. Officers had warned that although grants of up to £7,000 were available they could not be guaranteed beyond April 2015.

TC.86 CHACEWATER PARISH COUNCIL

The Town Council noted the content of a letter from Chacewater Parish Council which had been sent to all parishes in Cornwall which expressed concern at the performance of Cornwall Council.

TC.87 POLICE AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Cllr Mrs James, as a member of the Police and Crime Panel was seeking the Town Council's views on the decision taken by the Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable to close some Police Enquiry desks, including Penzance. Town Councillors were advised that if they had any comments to forward them to Cllr Mrs James on an individual basis.

TC.88 APPLICATION TO USE THE PLAIN-AN-GWARRY

RESOLVED: That the application by Sundance to use the Plain-an-Gwarry on 23 July 2014 between 3.00 – 5.00 p.m. be approved.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.89 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

The Town Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which provided details on a request for grant funding from the St Just & Huelgoat Twinning Association towards the cost of an exchange trip.

St Just & Huelgoat Twinning Association No grant awarded.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £5,778.47 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

None received.

TC.89 PLANNING

(a) Pre-Application Advice

The Town Council outlined its informal view on the proposal for a new dwelling by Mr & Mrs Pingree, Chywoone Cottage, St Just which had been deferred from the last meeting to provide Town Councillors with an opportunity to visit the site.

The Town Council's informal view was as follows:

The Town Council was concerned at the proposed location of the new dwelling as its lies to the north of the existing property and is outside of the building line; and was concerned that the new dwelling would be an unacceptable incursion into the countryside. The Town Council was also concerned about the potential access to the site which is located on a bad bend and would have poor visibility. However, the Town Council would have no objection "in principle" to a new dwelling between Chywoone Cottage and the property to the south.

The Town Council also commented that it appeared that the chalet located on the proposed site was being lived in on a permanent basis and the Town Clerk was requested to report the matter to planning enforcement for investigation.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Applications

PA14/05593 Re-erection of part of the old Lands' End radio mast for use as a transmission site for Penwith Radio at Lands' End Radio Station, Higher Bosavern, St. Just. Applicant: Penwith Radio. **(T Cl no objection)**.

PA14/05835 Removal of Condition 3 (holiday accommodation only) attached to Decision Notice PA13/01911 on land at 1/2 Crippas Hill, Kelynack, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Richard Wallis. **(T Cl no objection)**.

PA14/06095 Proposed ground floor kitchen/utility extension and front porch at Fawn Glen, Bosworlas, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Stephen Woolstenhulme. **(T Cl no objection)**.

PA14/06185 Single storey side porch extension at 15, Botallack, St. Just. Applicant: Miss L. Hilton. **(T Cl no objection)**.

PA14/06200 Replacement windows at 1, Chapel Road, St. Just. Applicant: Mrs. Doreen Gannon. **(T Cl no objection)**

PA14/05084 Certificate of Lawfulness existing use: Use of building as a dwelling house on land north of the Count House, Balleswidden, St. Just. Applicant: Ms. H. Spenceley. **(T Cl no additional evidence support planning officer's recommendation)**.

PA14/05896 Formation of farm tracks at Levant Farm, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicants: F.E. & E.M. Murley & Sons. **(T Cl no objection)**.

PA14/05997 Demolition of part of wall and installation of gate at 3, Lafrowda Terrace, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Stephen Hancock. **(T Cl no objection)**.

In accordance with his declaration of non-discloseable interest Cllr G Roberts withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the following application.

PA14/06126 Proposed replacement granite chippings to front and side elevations of dwelling at 18, The Turnpike, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. G. Roberts. **(T Cl no objection)**.

In accordance with his declaration of non-discloseable interest Cllr Morris withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the following application

PA14/06329 Erection of an agricultural shed at Bosworlas Farm, Bosworlas, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. T. Morris. **(T Cl no objection, provided no infringement of the PROW)**.

PA14/05544 Proposed pair of holiday units at Highfield, Nancherrow, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. W. Tieken. **(Deferred pending the receipt of the feasibility study and the planning officer's comments in the light of the study)**.

(c) Decisions

PA14/03797 Demolition of existing storage building and erection of a new dwelling on land at site of former Trewellard Stores, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. David Ramsay. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA14/04560 Construction of a side extension, alter the porch and installation of p.v. panels at 10, Old Foundry Close, Nancherrow, St. Just. Applicant: Mrs. J. Hemphill. **Approval** (T. Cl. Objection).

PA14/04438 Conversion of attached outbuildings and extension to form granny annexe to Gurland Farm Cottage, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Morrison. **Approval** (T. Cl. Objection).

PA14/04554 Demolition of extension and construction of new timber frame extension. Replacement of all upvc doors and windows with painted hardwood doors and windows at Hendra Cottage, Hendra, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Alexei Rutkowski. **Approval** (T. Cl. Objection).

PA14/04710 Proposed refurbishment of rear sunroom with upvc windows/doors at 8, Pleasant Terrace, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. M. Watkins. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA14/05020 Replacement windows and front porch door at 42, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cargeeg. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA14/04999 Conversion of existing redundant barn to residential dwelling at Leswidden Farmhouse, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. M. Jay. **Withdrawn** (T. Cl. Objection).

PA14/05245 Conversion of barn to dwelling at Chywoone, St. Just. Applicants: W.K. & D McFadden. **Withdrawn** (T. Cl. Objection).

PA14/05245 Listed Building Consent for the conversion of barn to dwelling at Chywoone, St. Just. Applicants: W.K. & D McFadden. **Withdrawn** (T. Cl. Objection).

(d) Enforcements

The Town Clerk advised the Town Council that the following locations had been logged with Cornwall Council's Enforcement Team for investigation:-

- Land adj. to Count House, Balleswidden, St Just – Ground works
- Former Cape Store, Cape Cornwall Road – erection of fence on public highway
- Land at Chywoone Crossroads – planning application for building on the site to be submitted.

TC.90 INFORMATION ITEMS

The Town Clerk reported that the Town Council had received an invitation to attend the fund raising preview of the Arts & Crafts Exhibition at Cape Cornwall School in aid of Cancer Research.

TC.91 Matters for Report

The Town Clerk reported that the Town Council had received an invitation from the St Just Branch of the Royal British Legion to attend the "Lights Out" First World War remembrance event on 4 August 2014.

The Town Mayor advised the Town Council that there may be need to hold an extraordinary meeting during the summer recess to consider planning applications and to set aside 18 August as a possible date.

A number of Town Councillors expressed concern at the lack of policing at the music event in Market Square on Lafrowda Eve and requested the Town Clerk to write to the local Inspector to outline the Council's concerns.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

The Town Clerk was also requested to send a letter of thanks to Cornwall Council expressing the Town Council's appreciation to Cory in respect of the "clean up" operation after Lafrowda Day.

(Action BY : Elaine Baker)

Cllr Clemens passed on the thanks from the family of the child that went missing during Lafrowda Day and the help from the whole community in the successful search.

Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Town Mayor