

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 23 June 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	M Nicholls
Mrs F Cock	D Roberts
T McFadden	G Roberts
Mrs G McQueen	Mrs G Salmon

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Sue James – Cornwall Council

PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None.

TC.50 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

TC.51 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

TC.52 DISPENSATIONS

None received.

TC.53 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 9 June 2014 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.54 MATTERS ARISING

In respect of minute no. TC47/14 (Planning), the Town Clerk gave an update on the following planning applications which had been considered by the Town Council at the last meeting. The responses to Cornwall Council had been provided following consultation with the Town Mayor and site visits where appropriate:

PA14/04560 10 Foundry Close, Nancherrow – amended design received to remove timber cladding and replace with render. Advised acceptable to the Town Council.

PA14/04036 4, Crescent Place, Pendeen. Likely refusal; planning officer concerned at scale of design. Following site visit planning officer advised that the Town Council would not challenge planning officer's view.

PA14/04438 Gurland Farm Cottage, St Just. Amended plans received showing removal of timber cladding and replacement with granite. Subject to planning condition regarding type of granite to be used. Advised acceptable to Town Council.

PA14/04554 Hendra Cottage, Hendra. Amended plans to be submitted replacing timber cladding with slate hanging. Following site visit advised acceptable to Town Council.

TC55 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Mayor reported that he and the Town Clerk had attended a meeting with Mary Ann Bloomfield on 12 June 2014 to receive a tour of the new "Knut" facility and discuss booking arrangements for the Plain-an-Gwarry.

Cllr Mrs Blundy reported that the Mayor's Healthcare Campaign were unhappy with the decision taken on the future of Poltair Hospital and would be writing to the Secretary of State for Health outlining their concerns. Cllr Mrs Blundy also commented on the uncertainty over the future of St Michael's Hospital, Hayle.

Cllr Mrs Blundy also reported on the latest position regarding the Council's Sister City Relationship with Bendigo City Council, Australia. A flag was being sent from Bendigo and the Council had requested a photograph to be sent to them of the Town Mayor holding the flag which would be featured in their local newspaper.

Cllr Morris reported that the seats at Pendeen Lighthouse had been repaired and repainted.

Cllr Mrs Salmon gave an update on the progress of the community survey. 1,300 copies of the questionnaire were to be placed in the July edition of Outreach and she thanked Cllr G Roberts for his help in distributing the questionnaire to residents in Tregeseal Valley.

TC.56 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

In the absence of PSCO Andrew Tonkin, the Town Clerk presented the Police report for the period covering 27 May to 21 June 2014. During that period there had been eight reported crimes which compared to twelve for the same period last year.

Reported crimes were as follows:-

- 2 Common Assaults
- 4 Thefts
- 1 Criminal Damage
- 1 Fraud Offence

TC.57 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Councillor Mrs James gave an update on the following issue:

- Bus shelters
- St Just Library & the County Library Provision more generally
- Portherras Cove
- The new Community Network Manager
- The next round of budget discussions

Repair & Sustainability of our Bus Shelters

The glass had now been replaced at all three bus shelters. The lights in the St Just shelter had also been repaired which just left the slates on the roof to be addressed. Cllr Mrs James would then embark on some conversations to seek a more sustainable future, such as exploring the potential for community and / or business involvement that might reduce the risk of damage and / or help with maintenance, as it seemed to work in other areas.

Library Service

Cllr Mrs James had attended a Portfolio Advisory Committee meeting where there was a narrow majority vote supporting the proposal to withdraw all mobile Library vans. The portfolio holder would now take the issue to Cabinet and on to Full Council and, if approved, it could see the end of a mobile Library Service in Cornwall next year. Cllr Mrs James reported that she had had no vote but spoke in favour of keeping one Mobile Library Van to give some mobile cover to the most remote parts of Cornwall.

In the meantime, efforts would be made to promote the Home Library Service, through the RVS, taking books to people at home. There would also be an expansion of this volunteer led service to enable people to be brought to their local static Library, an initiative she was encouraging for villages surrounding St Just. There was also funding available, from Government, for small community Libraries in pubs (“the pub is the hub”) and the Council would support rural communities to have facilities in churches or village halls.

Cllr Mrs James was also pushing for progress to allow volunteers to be able to work alongside library staff to enable St Just Library to increase its opening hours again but this would not be considered fully until the next Portfolio Advisory Committee, which she would attend on 23 July.

Portherras Cove

The ‘Friends of Portherras Cove’ were to be supported by the Beach Care Scheme within the Keep Britain Tidy organisation. They were also going to become properly constituted, under the auspices of the St Just and District Trust, so that they might be able to seek funding to help with the removal of the wreckage materials on the beach.

New Community Network Manager

Cllr Mrs James had arranged to meet the new Community Network Manager, James Hardy, on Thursday 26 June. In addition he had confirmed his intention to make contact with the Town Clerk to arrange to come to introduce himself to the Town Council.

Cornwall Council Budget Setting

The next round of talks to set the budget, not only for the next financial year but developing the strategy through to 2017, had begun. Whilst it was clear that many cherished things would not continue to run as they were today it was hoped that by finding ways to do some things differently there would be some improvements and not only losses of services to report.

Cllr Mrs James also reported on a consultation being undertaken by Cornwall Council on a flooding strategy for Cornwall. A copy of the consultation would be emailed to all councillors.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.58 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990. THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (TREE PRESERVATION (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS) 2012 LAND ADJ TO LEAT ROAD, BOSCASWELL DOWNS, PENDEEN. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

The Town Council considered an application from Cornwall Council regarding the making of a Tree Preservation Order on land adjacent to Leat Road, Boscaswell Downs, Pendeen which had been the subject of a recent planning application for five terraced houses.

Cllr Mrs James stated this was a temporary order as Cornwall Council was concerned that the trees were under threat.

RESOLVED: That the making of a Tree Preservation Order be supported.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.59 APPLICATION TO USE THE PLAIN-AN-GWARRY & USE OF ELECTRICITY

RESOLVED: That the application by Seven Stones Theatre to use the Plain-an-Gwarry on Friday 25 July 2014 and use of the electricity supply be approved.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.60 COMMUNITY LANDING SITES

The Town Council gave consideration to the identification of possible night landing sites for the Cornwall Air Ambulance as part of the current consultation.

The Town Clerk reported that St Rugby Club had already put forward the rugby ground as a possible landing site.

The Town Council put forward the following possible sites for consideration:-

- St Just & Pendeen Football Grounds
- Plain-an-Gwarry, St Just
- Cape Cornwall School Playing Fields
- St Just Cricket Ground, Cape Cornwall Road

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.61 POLTAIR HOSPITAL NEXT STEPS

RESOLVED: That Cllr Mrs McQueen to attend the next meeting regarding Poltair Hospital as the Town Council's representative. Meeting to be held on 9 July 2014 at St Pirans Hall, Goldsithney.

TC.62 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME

The Town Clerk advised the Town Council of changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) which had come into effect on 1 April 2014 and some administrative matters which needed to be addressed. The changes related to discretions that an employer had over benefits it provided to its staff who were members of the LGPS. Under the scheme admitted bodies (which included St Just Town Council) needed to produce a policy on how each of the discretions would be applied in the future.

The discretions covered:

- Shared cost of Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs)
- Early Payment of Retirement Benefits
- Rule of 85 (whether an employer wanted to switch on the rule of 85)
- Permit early retirement on compassionate grounds
- Flexible Retirement
- Purchasing additional pension for an employee
- Extension of 12 month time limit for the transfer of service benefits into the LGPS

Up until 31 March 2014, these discretions had been dealt with by Cornwall Council as the administering-body for the LGPS, but under the new regulations all of the admitted bodies needed to produce their own policy and a copy submitted to Cornwall Council. The Town Clerk reported that work on the new policy was progressing and would be brought to a future meeting of the Council for approval.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.63 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

The Town Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which gave details on a request for financial assistance from the Cape Cornwall Pilot Gig Club regarding the purchase of a new set of oars and wheels.

RESOLVED: That the following grants be approved:-

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| (a) Cape Cornwall Pilot Gig Club | £850.00 (only to be paid on the receipt of written confirmation of required match funding being secured). |
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(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £1,315.76 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

The Town Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received from the Kenidjack Allotments Association following their recent grant award.

TC.64 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA14/04675 Removal of a Macropeta tree at Tregeseal Farm House, St. Just. Applicant: Mrs. Linda Edmonds. **(For Information Only)**.

PA14/04999 Conversion of existing redundant barn to residential dwelling at Leswidden Farm House, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. M. Jay. **(T Cl objection – design out of keeping with the character of the local area)**.

PA14/05017 Replacement dwelling at Little London, Bosworlas, St. Just. Applicant: Miss Heather Baker. **(T Cl objection on the grounds of inappropriate design. The Town Council would wish to see design of building amended to be faced with granite.)**

PA14/05329 3 No. Replacement windows at The Barn, rear of 10, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Bishop. **(T Cl no objection)**.

(b) Decisions

PA14/02963 Construction of two-storey extension and associated works. Alterations to the existing cottage including rooflights at 1, Carnyorth Terrace, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. R. Trickey. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA14/03711 General refurbishment of 10 and 11 Nancherrow returning cottages back to their original style. New first floor extension of existing ground floor footprint. Applicant: Mr. Alan Charters. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

TC.65 INFORMATION ITEMS

None received.

TC.66 Matters for Report

The Town Mayor reported that an additional 7m length of fencing was to be erected from the first new house at Gews Farm as an additional precaution to stop pedestrians from walking on to the road at the blind corner.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had received a number of complaints about the fly tipping signs in Tregeseal, and the new pedestrian crossing on Fore Street.

The Town Clerk gave an update on the Lafrowda Toilets following the complaint regarding cleanliness of the facilities. Together with the Town Clerk, Cormac Ltd had visited the conveniences and the Town Clerk was pleased to report that the concerns were being addressed.

The Town Clerk also reported that a Planning Contravention Notice had been served on Mr Olds in respect of the site at Chywoone Crossroads. As there were a number of ongoing enforcement cases at the present time the Town Clerk advised Town Councillors not to make any comments but to allow due process to take its course.

The Town Clerk gave details on training courses being provided by Cornwall Council on the Code of Conduct for town and parish councils.

Cllr Mrs Salmon raised the issue of signage for the new disabled toilet at The Knut. The Town Clerk advised that the matter should be raised with Cornwall Council's Street Works Team.

Cllr G Roberts commented on his attendance at the recent CAP meeting and reported on the decision to make an application to formally close the graveyard around the church.

Cllr Mrs McQueen reported that her campaign against dog fouling at the Closed Churchyard had been successful and that the campaign had closed.

Cllr Clemens reported on the success of the Pendeen Silver Band's training band at a recent competition and was asked to pass on the band's thanks for the Town Council grant which had assisted in the purchase of new instruments.

Meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

Town Mayor