

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 Tuesday 27 May 2014 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor K McFadden Town Mayor
Councillor N McFadden Deputy Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

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

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

None.

PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None.

TC.21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence was received from Cllr Nicholls and Cllr D Roberts.

TC.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None received.

TC.23 DISPENSATIONS

None received.

TC.24 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 12 May 2014 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.25 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the meeting.

TC26 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Mayor reported that together with the Town Clerk he had attended a meeting at the St Just Library on 23 May 2014 with officers from Cornwall Council, Cllr Mrs James and the National Trust, a potential partner organisation regarding the Tourist Information Centre.

The Mayor was pleased to report that discussions were continuing between Cornwall Council and the Trust on the possibility of using National Trust volunteers to provide additional opening times during the peak summer season which would be in addition to the additional hours provided by the Town Council. Following this season further discussions would be held on the longer term position. The Mayor undertook to keep the Council updated on progress.

Cllr Mrs Blundy reported on arrangements for the Penzance, St Just, Nevada & Bendigo Twinning Committee on Lafrowda Day and the future of Poltair Hospital.

Following the public consultation exercise, the NHS Kernow Board had considered the future of Poltair Hospital at its meeting on 13 May 2013.

- The feedback from the consultation survey strongly supported Option 2 – Retention of Poltair and 5 in-patient beds.
- The feedback from the consultation as a whole indicated that none of the five options were acceptable.
- The Board voted unanimously to approve Option 5 of the Consultation – Relocation: all services moved from Poltair to other local health and community sites.

Cllr Mrs Blundy outlined her concerns regarding the Board's decision as follows:-

1. The decision was premature, given that no alternative sites had yet been assessed for suitability.
2. There had been no assessment of the number of community hospital beds Penwith actually needed, just an assumption that not as many were needed because patients could be cared for at home.
3. The proposals for a new centre at St Clare linked with the receipt of the proceeds of sale of Poltair, had not been explored properly.

Cllr Mrs Blundy confirmed that she had agreed to continue as a 'stakeholder' in the continuing discussions, and therefore would be able to continue to report back to the Town Council in that capacity.

In addition, she asked Town Councillors to provide her with details regarding people in St Just and Pendeen who had received treatment either in hospital or at home, so that a picture could be built of the impact of the current situation on our community.

Cllr Clemens gave an update on the "McMillan Mix" event which was to be held on 27 September 2014. A number of local acts had been confirmed and Cllr Clemens thanked the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor for their donations in support of the event.

Cllr Mrs Cock reported that she had been appointed as a Trustee at the Brambles Nursery and that she had represented the Town Council at the Year 11 Breakfast and Achievements Award Ceremony.

TC.27 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

In the absence of PCSO Andrew Tonkin and PCSO Charlotte Trembath, the Town Clerk presented the monthly Police report for the period 21 April to 27 May 2014. During that period there had been a total of 16 reported crimes which compared to 20 for the same period last year.

The crimes reported were as follows:-

- 5 Common Assaults
- 2 Thefts
- 1 Possess Cannabis with intent to supply
- 1 Theft from Motor Vehicle
- 2 GBH
- 2 Criminal Damages
- 2 Dog out of control in a public place
- 1 Misuse of Communication Act

TC.28 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

In the absence of Cllr Mrs James, the Town Clerk presented her monthly report on the following matters:-

- Repair of bus stops
- St Just Library
- Portherras Cove
- Penwith Landscape Project

In addition there was a report on

- a Cabinet change
- Penwith Pioneer
- Cornwall Uncovered map

Repair of Bus Stops

Sadly getting the glass replaced in the Pendeen and St Just bus stops had been dogged with problems but it was hoped that by the Council meeting the repairs would have been achieved.

In St Just, progress was being made on repairing the roof and replacing the lights and once the glass had been replaced attention would be given to ensuring that these repairs were undertaken. Attention also needed to be given to finding a sustainable future for the bus stops. Preserving the unique design of these bus stops, for our local area, was achievable when money was more plentiful but it now appeared unaffordable for Cornwall Council to maintain.

St Just Library

Cllr Mrs James had attended a meeting with representatives of the 'Friend's, the Head of Service, the officer responsible for rural provision and volunteering and the relevant Cabinet member. Whilst there was a commitment, in principle, to work with the community so that the community groups meeting at the library could continue to do so and that the doors might be opened on days that paid staff were not present, it was not as easy as making the keys available to local people. Cllr Mrs James agreed to

update the Town Clerk, before 1 June, when the reduction of hours was implemented, but whilst she was reasonably hopeful the community groups would be accommodated there would likely be a gap whilst systems were put in place for volunteers to be able to open the doors to the public, even to provide limited services.

Portherras Cove

The Town Council's attention had previously been drawn to the fact that ship wreck debris was again causing a potential hazard at Portherras Cove. 'Friends of Portherras Cove' had been put in touch with a Beach Care Officer, from Keep Britain Tidy, and he was hopeful that a way might be found to support the 'Friends' in removing the wreckage from the beach. This would obviously be the best solution but it was appreciated that, because of the isolated location, there were challenges ahead in view of the potential risk to volunteers.

Penwith Landscape Partnership

The Lottery bid had been submitted for £2 – 3 million of Heritage Lottery funding to restore and conserve our local landscape and improve access and understanding of it. A decision on whether the application had been successful in moving to the second round would be known by the autumn, at which time more detailed project plans and costings would have to be provided. Cornwall Wildlife Trust were leading the bid but there were many partner organisations involved.

Cabinet Change

For information, Cllr Judith Haycock had decided to resign from the Cabinet and Cllr Jim McKenna, had been appointed to the Cabinet as Portfolio holder for Health and Social Care. It was a Directorate with huge challenges ahead of it, in a climate of reducing budgets but increasing demands. It was a Directorate that had overspent in previous years, a situation that could not continue without other Council Services becoming seriously compromised. Cllr McKenna's challenge would be to work with staff to redesign services to reduce costs and reduce budgetary pressures. The Town Clerk drew the Council's attention to a statement which had been issued by Cllr McKenna.

Penwith Pioneer

The pilot project had begun which may prove to be the way forward for Health and Social Care. It brought Health, Adult Care and the voluntary sector together to deliver integrated services to meet the health and social needs of people at a lower cost. An initial, very small pilot in Newquay had showed impressive results for those using the services, staff and the statutory agencies. Cllr Mrs James had attended a session, with Chris Goninan, to help those running the pilot understand the resources and key people, in our local community. An aim of the project was to reconnect people who had become isolated back into their communities. The pilot was also looking for volunteers and anyone interested in the scheme was asked to contact Cllr Mrs Blundy, Chris Goninan or Cllr Mrs James.

Cllr Mrs McQueen reported that she and Crystal Wakefield were arranging a meeting with the Age UK representative involved in the project to develop the "Good Neighbour Scheme" on which the Town Council had recently received a presentation. The scheme was being taken forward as part of the pilot project with referrals made through the Cape Cornwall Surgery.

Cornwall Uncovered Map

A copy of the newly launched Cornwall Uncovered map was presented to the Town Council.

TC.29 THE FUTURE FOR ST JUST & PENDEEN – COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN 2014

The Town Council received a report from Cllr Mrs Blundy, Cllr Mrs McQueen and Cllr Mrs Salmon which set out a proposed timetable for consulting the local community. The Town Council also received an amended version of the questionnaire and poster for approval.

Subject to an amendment to the return date to 31 July 2014, the Town Council

RESOLVED: That the questionnaire and associated publicity material be approved for distribution to the local community.

(Action by : Cllrs Mrs Blundy / McQueen / Salmon / Town Clerk)

TC.30 SURFACE WATER RUN-OFF GRANT SCHEME

The Town Council received details of a new Cornwall Council grant scheme which aimed to promote a positive relationship between landowners / tenants and their neighbours where there was clear evidence that surface water run-off was causing flooding and / or a flood risk to property, and where the apportioning of liability was likely to be contested. The Town Council was asked to consider if there were any potential schemes which may benefit from the grant funding.

No further action was taken.

TC.31 GEWS FARM DEVELOPMENT, ST JUST

The Town Council considered a letter from Mr B Cuddy regarding the development at Gews Farm, St Just, and in particular the granite stonework of the new houses which in his view was not in keeping with the local surroundings.

The Town Council was also informed that a number of complaints had been received from applicants for the new homes concerning the continued delay in the letting of the homes. The Town Clerk provided the Town Council with a response from Sanctuary Housing on the current position.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk be asked to reply to Mr Cuddy noting the content of the letter.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.32 APPLICATION TO USE PLAIN-AN-GWARRY

The Town Council noted the action taken by the Town Clerk in approving an application for the use of the Plain-an-Gwarry on Sunday 25 May 2014 as part of the opening of "The Knut".

TC.33 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

The Town Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which gave details on requests for financial assistance from the Centre of Pendeen towards running costs and a new exhibition and the Kenidjack Allotment Association to enable it to purchase a new mower.

RESOLVED: That the following grants be approved:-

(a)	Centre of Pendeen	£1,000.00
(b)	Kenidjack Allotment Association	£250.00

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £1,881.63 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

A letter of thanks had been received from the St Just Mines Research Group in respect of the recent grant award and included an invitation to attend the opening of the new exhibition on 30 May 2014. In addition, a letter of thanks had also been received from the Lafrowda Festival in recognition of the Council's continued support.

In response to a request from the Deputy Mayor, the Town Council RESOLVED to cover the cost of additional road signage required for Lafrowda Day.

(Action by : Elaine Baker / Deputy Mayor)

TC.34 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA14/01377 Erection of a wind turbine 18.5m to tip and associated access at Cocks Roost, St. Just. Applicants: Ms L and S Chenery and Watt. **(T Cl strong objection)**.

PA14/03711 General refurbishment of 10 and 11 Nancherrow Row, St, Just returning cottages back to their original style. New first floor extension on existing ground floor footprint. Applicant: Mr. Alan Charters. **(T Cl no objection)**.

PA14/04158 Two storey side extension, including Juliet balcony, to replace existing pre-fabricated garage, front porch extension (amended design of PA14/02254) at Carn Vellan, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Skinner. **(T Cl no objection)**.

PA14/03835 Construction of five dwellings and associated works to include new vehicular/pedestrian access to highway on land off Leat Road, Pendeen. Applicant: Golowji Ltd. **(T Cl strong objection on the grounds of over development of the site and design not in keeping with adjoining properties and the area.)**.

PA14/03941 Proposed conversion and extension of annexe to form dwelling at The Annexe, Trevegean Veor, Trevegean, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. J. Tregear. **(T Cl objection, design not in keeping with adjoining buildings)**

PA14/04036 Build over existing extension to include a balcony at 4, Crescent Place, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. Paul Glasspoole. **(Deferred until the next meeting)**.

(b) Decisions

PA13/03170 Retention and completion of three dwellings with associated works on land adjacent to Maitland House, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant: Stone Cross Developments & Construction Ltd. **Approval** (T. Cl. Strong Objection).

PA14/02195 Erection of a dwelling on land opposite (SE) 4 and 5 Crescent Place, Pendeen. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection in principle subject to receipt of detailed planning application).

PA14/01522 Replacement of front extension with a single storage orangery at Fern Lea Guest House, 19, Nancherrow, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Martin Franks. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA14/02856 Construction of detached annexe to replace existing former workshop to form annexed accommodation to main house at Kelynack Farm, Kelynack, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Howard Eddy. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA14/03121 Listed Building Consent for the installation of solid fuel burning stove and new flue pipe on roof at No. 1 Cottage, Pendeen Lighthouse, Pendeen Watch, Pendeen. Applicant: Corporation of Trinity Trust. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA14/03257 Proposed single storey rear extension at 7, Calartha Terrace, Pendeen. Applicant: Ms. A. Penberthy. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

TC.35 INFORMATION ITEMS

The Town Clerk presented details on a session being organised by Cornwall Council in respect of the Allocations Scheme Review & Consultation.

TC.36 Matters for Report

The Town Clerk raised a number of matters including a letter from Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group dated 20 May 2014 confirming that the Governing Body had supported the Poltair Consultation and recommendations and that the hospital would close at some time in the future. Engagement with stakeholders would continue regarding service development.

The Town Clerk also gave details of two training sessions being organised by Cornwall Council: Code of Conduct Training and Equality & Diversity. Any Councillors interested in attending the sessions were advised to contact the Town Clerk's Assistant.

The Town Clerk also reported that the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team was to hold two surgeries a month in St Just commencing in June 2014. The local community were being encouraged to attend the sessions which were being held in the Council Offices. The local Cornwall Councillor and a representative from Devon & Cornwall Housing would also be in attendance.

Fly Tipping Signage Tregeseal, the Town Clerk reported on additional information which had been received from Cornwall Council on the type of signage which could be provided. The Town Council agreed that, in the first instance, laminated Boards be placed in the valley.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Town Mayor