

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 8 February at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor M Thomas – Deputy Mayor – in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

B F Angwin
W F East
Mrs S James
C S McClary
K McFadden

N McFadden
F Morris
Mrs S Olds
D Stevens

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Chris Goninan, Cornwall Councillor

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Town Mayor, Councillor Monty Nicholls and Councillor Ms P S Angove.

TC.214 MINUTES

RESOLVED: - That the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 25 January 2010 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

TC.215 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Angwin declared a prejudicial interest in respect of minute no.TC.201 (Balleswidden and Wheal Hearle Agri-environment Scheme) as the landowner of one of the sites and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

Councillor McClary declared a personal interest in respect of minute no.TC.209 (a) (Miner's Statute) as a member of the St Just and District Trust but agreed to take no part in consideration of the item.

Councillor Goninan declared a prejudicial interest in respect of minute no.TC.209 (a) (Miner's Statute) as a member of the Trust and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

TC.216 SALTING / GRITTING

The Town Clerk reported that she had still not received clarification from CALC on the legal position with regard to the Town Council undertaking salting / gritting on the minor roads and pavements during icy periods.

RESOLVED: That the item be deferred for consideration until the next meeting of the Town Council on 22 February 2010.

TC.217 MINER'S STATUE

Councillor Goninan declared a prejudicial interest as a member of the Trust, and withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the item.

Councillor McClary declared a personal interest in respect of the request made by the St Just and District Trust but stated that he would take no part in consideration of the request.

The Town Council reconsidered its previous decision taken on 1 October 2007 not to support the Miner's Statue project (min no.2800 of the meeting held on 23 June 2008 refers), and depending on the outcome of its decision to consider the request from the St Just & District Trust for a financial contribution towards the project.

Some members of the Town Council expressed concern that the project had still not attracted sufficient funding as a further £40,000 still needed to be raised to enable the project to proceed. However, the Town Council felt that there appeared to be more community support for the project as local artists and members of the community were now actively engaged in the project.

Councillor East urged the Town Council to support the project as recognition of the town's mining heritage.

Following detailed consideration of the issues the Town Council

RESOLVED :

1. That the Town Council agreed to support "in principle" the Miner's Statue project and
2. That the St Just & District Trust be invited to resubmit its request for financial support in November 2010, together with full details on the amount of funding raised towards the cost of the project, prior to the Council's precept meeting in December.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.218 BALLESWIDDEN AND WHEAL HEARLE AGRI-ENVIRONMENT SCHEME

Councillor Angwin declared a prejudicial interest in this item as one of the landowners and withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the item.

The Town Council received a letter from Ann Reynolds, Senior Archaeologist, Cornwall Council which gave a summary on the site visit which had taken place on 21 January 2010 and outlined the likely works which were required to the buildings

and the next stage forward.

It was felt that consolidation of the engine houses and the chimney on the two sites would ensure the continuing prominence of the features as they currently acted as “gateways” into the St Just mining landscape.

The estimated cost of the consolidation works was £230,000 which would be 100% funded by Natural England through the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme. It was confirmed that other elements of the works would also have no financial implications on the Town Council.

Further discussions were to take place with Natural England to ensure that the total scheme would be self funding. If all was acceptable, the Town Council and the land owners would be asked to approve the scheme, and enter into a 10 year tenancy agreement between the parties.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the letter be noted.

TC.219 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

Councillor James advised the Town Council that the Lands End Community Land Trust with effect from 19 January 2010 had become a registered company. The company’s articles had been registered which named the Town Council as constitutional custodian.

Councillor James confirmed that a copy of the articles would be kept at the Town Council offices and sought guidance from the Town Council as to how it wished to be kept informed on the Trust’s progress.

RESOLVED :

1. That the Town Council receives copies of the quarterly progress reports; and
2. That Councillor James, in her capacity as Chair of the Trust, be requested to keep the Town Council updated / advised of all key decisions.

(Action by : Sue James)

TC.220 FINANCE

(a) Applications for Financial Assistance

The Town Council considered requests for financial assistance under S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of Pendeen Rovers AFC which had been deferred from the last meeting pending receipt of the club’s accounts and the Bendigo and Nevada Twinning Association.

Councillor Angwin, as one of the Town Council’s representatives on the Nevada & Bendigo Twinning Committee asked the Town Council to consider making a financial contribution to help support the work of the committee.

RESOLVED: That

- (i) a S.137 donation of £2,500 be awarded to Pendeen AFC Club towards improvements to the facilities at the club; and
- (ii) a S.137 donation of £250 be awarded to the Nevada & Bendigo Twinning Committee as a contribution towards administrative costs.

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £645.82 be approved for payment.

(c) Letters of Thanks

The Town Clerk reported that letters of thanks had been received from St Just Rugby Football Club and the St Just Football Club.

TC.221 PLANNING

(a) Applications

10-0038-P Change of use of ground floor to Cafe. Demolition and rebuilding of boundary wall and gates at Blackbird Barn, Bank Square, St. Just. Applicant Alison Richer. **T Cl supported.**

10-0039-CAC Demolition and re-building of boundary wall and gates at Blackbird Barn, Bank Square, St. Just. Applicant Alison Richer. **T Cl supported.**

(b) Decisions

09-1254-P Demolition of garage and construction of 2 dwellings on land east of Barn Cottage, Boscaswell Road, Lower Boscaswell, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. Nigel Bennetts. **Approval (T. Cl. No objection).**

09-1255-CAC Demolition of garage at land east of Barn Cottage, Boscaswell Road, Lower Boscaswell, Pendeen for Mr. Nigel Bennetts. **Consent (T. Cl. No objection).**

09-1268-HP Construction of extensions and alterations at 28, Nancherrow Terrace, St. Just for Mr. C. Boden. **Approval (T. Cl. Support).**

09-1341-TCONS Lifting of canopy of ash tree in St. Just closed yard, just off Church Square and Pilgrim Mews, St. Just for Cornwall Council. **Approval provided work carried out within 2 years. (T. Cl. No objection)**

TC.222 ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE OF URGENCY

Revised Draft Conservation Area Appraisal Documents

The Town Clerk reported that she had taken receipt of copies of the revised draft Conservation Area Appraisal documents for the smaller villages surrounding St Just which were circulated to all members of the Town Council.

The Town Council was asked to agree a date for the special meeting of the Town Council which would formulate the Council's detailed response to the content of each of the draft appraisal documents for submission to Cornwall Council for further amendment.

RESOLVED: That a special meeting of the Town Council be held at 7.15 pm on Monday 1 March 2010 in the Council Offices, St Just to consider the revised draft Conservation Area Appraisal documents for the smaller villages.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

Town Mayor