

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 2 December 2013 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

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

COUNCILLORS

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

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Sue James - Cornwall Council  
Josh Barrie – The Cornishman  
Dave Stevens – Former Town Councillor

TC.228 PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None.

TC.229 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

TC.230 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Town Mayor declared a non-disclosable interest in minute no. TC.237(a)/13 (Planning), in respect of PA13/09958 as the applicants were known to him and he agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

Councillor Roberts declared a non-disclosable interest in minute no. TC.237(a)/13 (Planning), in respect of PA13/09977 as the applicant was known to him and he agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

Councillor Nicholls declared a non-disclosable interest in minute no. TC236(a)/13 (Financial Assistance) in his capacity as Assistant Treasurer of the Children’s Ark.

TC.231 DISPENSATIONS

None.

TC.232 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 18 November 2013 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC. 233 MATTERS ARISING

On minute no. TC.217/13 (Matters Arising), the Town Clerk reported that she had now received confirmation from Cornwall Council's Environmental Health Service that regarding the fish waste disposal at Brea Veau Farm, the landowner did have a licence from the Environment Agency. The landowner was carrying out drainage work in the field and the shells were being used as gravel around the pipes. Therefore, no statutory nuisance had been witnessed and no environmental impact from shells.

Councillor Mrs Blundy reported on the commencement of the consultation on Poltair Hospital and that she would be attending a meeting at St John's Hall, Penzance on 11 December 2013.

In respect of Minute No. TC.221/13 (Neighbourhood Planning) the Town Clerk also reported that former Town Councillor Sandy Angove had agreed to help with the review of the Community Action Plan 2025 document and that the first meeting was due to be held on 6 December 2013.

TC.234 COUNCIL BUDGET & PRECEPT 2014 / 15

The Town Clerk, assisted by Dave Stevens presented an amended report which gave details on a proposed budget and level of precept for 2014 / 2015 (copy appended to the signed minutes). The Town Council was reminded that it had previously approved a substantial increase in its expenditure to cover the anticipated freehold purchase of the car parks and public conveniences in St Just and Pendeen, and the proposed budget for 2014 / 15 again included financial provision to cover increased expenditure, and continued financial provision for the possible freehold purchase of the public car parks and conveniences in St Just and Pendeen on which discussions were continuing with Cornwall Council. The report recommended that until the purchase took place, the under spend be transferred to a new ear marked reserve entitled "Capital Asset Transfer".

In addition, the Council was also advised that the proposed precept demand to Cornwall Council was based on the Town Council reducing its precept demand by the amount of assumed Council Tax Support Grant which had been assumed to be the same as last year £21,858. Subsequently, the report had been amended following confirmation from Cornwall Council on the level of Council Tax Support Grant to be paid in 2014 / 15.

The budget also proposed increases in the amount available for General Grants and Public Amenity to offset further reductions in grants and services by Cornwall Council.

The report set out the assumptions made in respect of each of the proposed financial allocations to assist the Town Council in reaching its decision on next year's budget and these were unanimously approved by the Town Council.

The Town Council also considered a request from Bosavern Community Farm to pass on the £4,103 allocated in earmarked reserves for allotments to the farm to enable it to provide a new access and to create a position for a farm apprentice.

RESOLVED: That

- (a) the proposed budget for the financial year 2014 / 2015 of £148,600 is approved and that a precept request of £128,462 is made to Cornwall Council by 31 December 2013;
- (b) the under spends in the financial provision for car parks and public conveniences be transferred to ear marked reserves from 2013 / 14 and subsequent financial years for the duration of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and Cornwall Council;
- (c) ear marked reserves be renamed Capital Asset Reserves; and
- (d) the remaining £4,134 in ear marked reserves in respect of allotments is transferred to the Capital Assets Reserve.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.235 CONSULTATION ON A PROPOSAL TO USE A LEGISLATIVE REFORM ORDER TO MAKE CHANGES TO ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING

The Town Council considered the detail of a consultation document from Cornwall Council regarding a proposal to use a Legislative Reform Order to make changes to entertainment licensing.

RESOLVED: That no formal response is made to Cornwall Council.

TC.236 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

Councillor Nicholls declared a non-registerable interest in the following item and withdrew from the meeting for its consideration.

The Town Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which gave details of a request for grant funding from the Children's Ark, Pendeen towards the cost of resurfacing its outdoor play areas.

RESOLVED : That the following grant be awarded:-

Children's Ark	£3,500 (on receipt of confirmation from the Children's Ark of all necessary funding being secured)
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(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £1,838.58 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Grant Feedback / Letters of Thanks

None received.

TC.237 PLANNING

(a) Applications

**PA13/10123** Change of use of the rear store to extend the existing dwelling and associated works. Replacement windows and doors. Juliet balconies to north elevation at 1, Regent Terrace, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. J. Curnow. (**Invalid application**)

**PA13/09977** The sub-division the current site for the creation of a new site and development of a new dwelling at 29, The Turnpike, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Gary Kaute. (**T Cl no objection**)

The Town Mayor declared a non-disclosable interest in the following planning application and withdrew from the meeting for its consideration.

The Deputy Mayor took the Chair for the following application.

**PA13/09958** Erection of a wind turbine 11kw on a 15 metre lattice tower, 21.5 metres to the tip on land at Tregeseal Hill, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicants: Messrs. M, J and R Harvey. (**T Cl no objection**)

Consideration of the following applications was deferred until the next meeting as comments from the Conservation Officer were awaited.

**PA13/08173** Replacement of 2 downstairs windows on front elevation and drilling of 2.5 x 0.5 diameter holes beneath window at 25, Chapel Street, St. Just. Applicant: Ms. Sue Ellery.

**PA13/08174** Listed Building Consent for replacement of 2 downstairs windows on front elevation and drilling of 2.5 x 0.5 diameter holes beneath window at 25, Chapel Street, St. Just. Applicant: Ms. Sue Ellery.

(b) Decisions

**PA13/08775** Proposed first floor extension and porch including rooflights and a Juliet balcony at Levant Cottage, Boscaswell Village, Lower Boscaswell, Pendeen. Applicant: Mrs. H. Weeks. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

**PA13/09282** Replacement porch windows and door at 43-44 Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Roger Cargeeg. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

TC.238 INFORMATION ITEMS

None received.

TC.239 MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Town Clerk also reminded those Town Councillors who had so far not submitted their biographies to the Town Clerk to do so as a matter of urgency.

Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Town Mayor