

MINUTES of the MEETING CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 4 July 2011 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT

Ms P S Angove  
B F Angwin

M Thomas

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

CRC.01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Ms Angove be elected Chairman of the Constitutional Review Committee for the municipal year 2011 / 2012.

CRC.02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor N McFadden and Councillor Nicholls.

CRC.03 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Angwin be elected Vice-Chairman of the Constitutional Review Committee for the municipal year 2011 / 2102.

CRC.04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

CRC.05 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 1 October 2010 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

CRC.06 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a work programme for the current municipal year and agreed that at its next meeting the annual review of standing orders would be undertaken.

The review would also consider the use of mobile phones at Council meetings.

The Committee also agreed to monitor the situation with regard to the abolition of the Members' Code of Conduct and the Standard Board for England and what mechanisms were to be introduced to replace the present system.

The Committee considered a consequential amendment to Standing Order 32 (Variation, Revocation & Suspension of Standing Orders) which proposed that a written motion signed by a defined number of members was required to pass any permanent changes, rather than the previous requirement that for the change to be carried it required a two thirds majority voting at a meeting.

The Committee **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND** to the Town Council that

*A motion to add or vary or revoke one or more of the Council's standing orders, not mandatory by law, shall be proposed by a special motion, the written notice whereof, bears the names of at least three councillors."*

Meeting closed at 10.50 a.m.

Chairman