

MINUTES of the MEETING of ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 7 July 2010 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D Stevens - Mayor  
Councillor M Thomas – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Ms P S Angove	K McFadden
B F Angwin	T N McFadden
W F East	F Morris
Mrs S James	M Nicholls
C S McClary	Mrs S Olds

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

None.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Chris Goninan.

TC.100 PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None received.

TC.101 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 21 June 2010 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

TC.102 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor McClary declared a personal interest in minute no. TC104/10(St Just Coastguard Rescue Service) as a member of the Land's End Coastguard Service.

Councillor Stevens declared a prejudicial interest in minute no. TC111/10(a) (Planning) in respect of applications W1/10-0220 and PA10/03209 as the applicants were known to him and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of these applications.

TC.103 COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ITEM TO PLACE ON THE AGENDA

The Council considered a request from Councillor Mrs James to invite Rob Pickering, advisor of Community Energy Plus to attend a future meeting of the Council to discuss the Council's participation in becoming a Sustainable Energy Community."

Councillor James reported that having discussed the issue further with Mr Pickering it was felt that a further presentation on the issue would not provide any additional information on the scheme to that already circulated with the agenda. Therefore the issue for consideration before the Council was to decide at what level, if any it wished to be involved. Projects for consideration could include providing home energy checks, working with other agencies to assist those in fuel poverty, local car sharing schemes or renewal energy projects such as local wind turbine projects.

An important element of becoming a Sustainable Energy Community was community involvement and engagement and therefore it was suggested that a sensible way forward would be for the Council to organise a public meeting on the issue to gauge public support for the concept.

Following discussion of the issues it was

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk be asked to arrange a local community meeting to gauge public opinion on the issue, in consultation with Rob Pickering, Community Energy Plus.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.104 ST JUST COASTGUARD RESCUE SERVICE

Councillor McClary declared a personal interest in this item as a member of the Land's End Coastguard Service.

The Mayor advised the Council that he had received replies from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and Andrew George MP regarding the closure of the St Just Coastguard Rescue Service which confirmed that the decision to close the service had been taken following a review of local operations.

The Mayor also reported that the Deputy Mayor, Town Clerk and he were due to meet Helen Hutson, Coastal Safety Manager on 14 July, 2010 to discuss the current situation in more detail.

St Ives Town Council had also written to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency as it was also concerned about the impact that the St Just closure would have on its service locally.

RESOLVED: The content of the letters be noted.

TC.105 ACTIVE PARTNERING AND CORNWALL COUNCIL / LOCAL AGREEMENTS – NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

The Council considered the contents of a letter from Lance Kennedy, Cabinet member for Community Safety and Neighbourhoods, together with accompanying background material regarding the possibility of the Council participating in the "Active Partnering" model for joint service delivery in partnership with town and parish councils and Local Council Agreements which were a new way to shape how Cornwall Council and local councils would work together in the future.

The Mayor also reported on his attendance at a meeting on 1 July in Saltash which had been arranged by the Cornwall Association of Local Council's to discuss the future of Tourist Information Centres (TICs) in Cornwall.

The Mayor reported that of the 21 TICs in Cornwall, 15 were either wholly or partly run and / or funded by local town or parish councils, with only Penzance, St Ives and Falmouth being fully funded by Cornwall Council. Cornwall Council's budget for this financial year was £400,000, of which 80% was allocated to them. It was anticipated that the budget for next year would be reduced to £150,000 for the whole of Cornwall with an announcement on the level of funding for next year due to be announced later in the year.

The Mayor also reported that Cornwall Council's policy with regard to the ungraded accommodation was also in the process of being reviewed and that it may be possible for such accommodation to be publicised in the future. It was anticipated that a new accommodation strategy would be in place by March 2011 based on some form of Cornwall Council self certification scheme.

In view of the uncertainty over the future of the St Just TIC it was suggested that TICs might be one area that the Town Council might wish to look at in relation to an Active Partnering project.

RESOLVED: That the Local Community Network Manager be advised of the Council's interest in participating in the Active Partnering Scheme.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.106 COMPLETION OF ANNUAL AUDIT

The Town Clerk informed the Council that the Audit Commission had completed its work on the Council's annual return for the year ended 31 March 2010 and that in the Commission's opinion the information contained in the annual return was in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements and no matters had come to its attention which gave cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met.

RESOLVED: That completion of the audit for the financial year 2009 / 2010 be noted.

TC.107 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PUBLICATION SCHEME

The Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which sought the Council's approval to the publication of a schedule of information setting out those documents that the Council will make available to the public as part of the Freedom of Information Act. The Model Publication Scheme had been previously adopted by the Council on 22 December 2008 but no accompanying scheme had been published.

RESOLVED: That

- (a) the publication scheme as set out at Appendix 1 to the report be approved;

- (b) the Town Clerk be authorised to publish the scheme on the Council's website and that responsibility for updating the scheme as and when necessary be delegated to the Town Clerk, subject to an annual review by the full Council; and
- (c) in the interests of openness and transparency that charges be waived for the present and that this is reviewed in six months following publication of the scheme.

TC.108 BOSVARGUS BRIDGE STRENGTHENING WORKS

The Council considered a further letter from Cornwall Council which gave further details on the strengthening works at Bosvargus Bridge which would include the use of an orthotropic steel plate over-slabbing method.

The Council had no additional comments to make on the proposed works but asked the Town Clerk to check with Cornwall Council that the works would be restricted to the road surface.

RESOLVED: That the proposed works be noted.

TC.109 APPLICATION TO USE PLEN-AN-GWARRY AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

The Council considered two applications from the Lafrowda Festival for the use of Plen-an-Gwarry on 11 July 2010 for the Ceilidh and Storytelling, 17 July for the Lafrowda Festival Day with Plen stage to be installed 14 – 18 July. The other application was for the use of the electricity supply in Market Square from 16 – 17 July 2010.

RESOLVED: That the applications be approved.

TC.110 FINANCE

- (a) Application for Financial Assistance

None received.

- (b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £2,322.79 be approved for payment.

- (c) Letters of Thanks

The Town Clerk reported receipt of a letter of thanks from the Nancherrow Centre for the donation of the £1,000.

TC.111 PLANNING

- (a) Applications

The Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in respect of planning applications W1/10-0220 and PA10/03209 and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of these applications.

**PA10/03425** Construction of two storey extension on rear elevation at 7, Trewellard Road, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. Duncan Adams. **T Cl no objection but would prefer to see use of slate on the roof.**

The Deputy Mayor took the chair for consideration of the following two applications.

**W1/10-0220** Refurbishment and conversion of existing garage outbuilding to an office studio at Truthwall Barn, Truthwall Farm, Truthwall, St. Just. Applicant Mrs. S. Tieken. **T Cl no objection.**

**PA10/03209** Change of use, conversion and extension of barn to self contained living accommodation and installation of solar panels on the roof at Little Carn Green Access Track to Little Carn Green, St. Just. Applicant Mr. Ben Veschke. **T Cl no objection.**

The Mayor re-joined the meeting.

**PA10/03533** Certificate of Lawfulness in respect of annexe used as a separate dwelling at 1, Old Coastguard Cottages, St. Just at access to rear of Regent Terrace, St. Just. Applicant Mr. M. Rendell. **T Cl no comment.**

(b) Decisions

**W1/09-0170** Construction of 2 dwellings (one of which to be affordable) and associated works at the East of St. Johns Terrace, Pendeen for the Executors to the Estate of Edith Oats. **Grant of Conditional Planning Permission.** (T. Cl. No objection in principle but would prefer use of granite in quoins and lintels).

**W1/10-0317** Retention of 2 grille/extracts and 1 switch gear unit at Co-operative Supermarket, Market Square, St. Just for The Co-operative Group. **Grant of Conditional Planning Permission.** (T. Cl. No objection).

**W1/10-0391** Removal of Condition 7 (Limited occupation to someone working at the Garage) from The Bungalow, Carn Bosavern, St. Just for Mrs. L. Sturgeon. **Grant of Conditional Planning Permission.** (T. Cl. Support).

**W1/10-0241** Demolition of rear extension and construction of 2 storey extension at 14, Pleasant Terrace, St. Just for Mr. Adrian Eddy. **Grant of Conditional Planning Permission.** (T.Cl. Support).

**W1/10-0429** Various internal alterations at 6 & 6A Market Square, St. Just for Proven Properties Ltd. **Grant of Listed Building Consent.** (T. Cl. No Objection).

TC.112 STANDING ORDERS

The Council reviewed and made comments on the content of sections 7 to 14 of the new draft model standing orders in advance of formal adoption by the full Council.

TC.113 INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Town Mayor