

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 6 September 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	N Mc Fadden
W F East	F Morris
Mrs S James	M Nicholls
C S McClary	Mrs S Olds

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Alan McCrae, Station Manager, Cape Cornwall Coastwatch
Martin Banks, Deputy Station Manager, Cape Cornwall Coastwatch

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Goninan, Cornwall Council.

TC.138 PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council received a presentation from Martin Banks, Deputy Station Manager, NCI, Cape Cornwall regarding the stations recent success in receiving The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service for its contribution in helping to save lives at sea and along the Cornish coastline.

Alan McCrae, Station Manager was also in attendance and presented the Council with a copy of the certificate.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council said that he was delighted to accept the copy of the award and also said that the Council was extremely proud of the team's achievement and the work that they undertook.

TC.139 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 2 August 2010 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

TC.140 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

TC.141 LOCAL REFERENDUMS TO VETO EXCESSIVE COUNCIL TAX INCREASES – CONSULTATION

The Council considered the detail of the response submitted by the Cornwall Association of Local Councils to the consultation currently being undertaken by the Department for Communities and Local Government in respect of local referendums to veto excessive Council Tax increases.

Given the importance of the issue the Council felt that a further letter of representation should be sent to the Department setting out the Council's concerns in respect of the impact on the Council's precept for additional election expenses and the issue of second home owners.

RESOLVED: That the Town Mayor be requested to write to the Department for Communities and Local Government setting out the Council's concerns to the consultation.

(Action by : Dave Stevens / Elaine Baker)

TC.142 HM COURT SERVICE ESTATES – PLANNED CLOSURE

The Council considered a report from Penzance Town Council concerning proposals to close the Magistrates' and County Courts in Penzance as part of a wider review to reduce costs.

Penzance Town Council was seeking the support of the Council to the recommendations contained in the report which had also been considered and supported by the West Penwith Community Town and Parish Forum at its meeting on 15 July 2010.

RESOLVED: That a letter setting out the Council's support to the proposals and recommendations contained in the report from Penzance Town Council be sent to HM Courts Service.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.143 PENWITH INDEPENDENT CHARITABLE DAY CENTRES

The Council considered the content of an "open letter" from the Penwith Independent Charitable Day Centres which sought support for the continuing development of day care centres in Penzance and "drop in" centre in St Just and also requesting support from the Town Council to a letter being sent to the Chairman of the Funding for Older Peoples Care Panel.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to the Chairman of the Funding for Older Peoples Care Panel setting out the Council's support for the continuation of day care centres in Penzance and the "drop in" centre in St Just.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.144 WINTER SERVICE POLICY – PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF SALT BINS: PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS

The Council considered the contents of a letter from Cornwall Council regarding the new policy for the provision of salt bins for the next winter (2010 / 2011) and beyond.

The letter highlighted the problems that had been experienced during the severe weather last winter, issues relating to the location of salt bins and the willingness of town and parish councils to assist with the salting of roads not on the “Precautionary Salting Network”.

For winter 2010 / 2011, the Council was advised that Cornwall Council planned to remove all salt bins that were currently sited contrary to national best practice and existing Cornwall Council policy (on existing precautionary salting route), together with bins that had been identified as serving no useful purpose. Cornwall Council would continue to maintain the existing bins throughout 2010 / 2011 (including the provision of salt) but would not provide any new bins.

However, Cornwall Council was happy to provide, at cost, any local council with new bins if requested. However, the local council would be responsible for maintaining the new salt bins for which training would be provided.

From 2011 / 2012 onwards, subject to consultation, local agreements would be developed with town and parish councils wishing to manage salt bins due to the financial constraints on Cornwall Council. This in effect would mean that the Council would become responsible for the ownership, management and maintenance at the Council’s cost.

Following discussion of the issues raised the Council

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council is advised to remove the salt bin currently located on Nancherrow Hill.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.145 EMERGENCY BUDGET – CORNWALL COUNCIL

The Council considered the content of a letter which had been sent to the Leader of Cornwall Council from the Cornwall Councillors representing the West Penwith area requesting that a cross cutting review was taken of the cumulative impact on the provision of services locally in preparation for the emergency budget in November 2010.

RESOLVED: That no action be taken.

TC.146 WEST PENWITH COMMUNITY TOWN AND PARISH FORUM

The Council considered the nomination of two Councillors, one as a substitute member, at its representatives on the West Penwith Community Town and Parish Forum.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Stevens be appointed as the Council’s representative on the West Penwith Community Town and Parish Forum and that Councillor Thomas be appointed as substitute member.

TC.147 WASTE RECYCLING AWARENESS

Councillor Mrs James reported that in light of the leaflet that was recently circulated by Cornwall Council's Waste Management Team the situation in the West Penwith area meant that it was not possible to obtain a second recycling box which was contrary to the details on the leaflet. General comments were also made about recycling and the poor provision currently being made in this area.

Following detail consideration of the issue it was

RESOLVED That the Town Clerk be requested to write to Cornwall Council's Waste Management Team setting out the Council's concerns.

(Action By : Elaine Baker)

TC.148 FINANCE

(a) Application for Financial Assistance

None received.

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £3,122.12 be approved for payment.

(c) Letters of Thanks

None received.

TC.149 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA10/04269 Creation of hardstanding at Lyndhurst, Penzance Road, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. D. Belsham. **T CI strong objection on the grounds that the proposal was out of keeping with the area, crossing of a footpath and the proximity of a free car park to the site.**

PA10/03586 Conversion of former dairy into residential accommodation and first floor extension at 23, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. R. Baker. **Deferred until the next meeting pending receipt of amended drawings and plans.**

PA10/04475 (presented on 7/6/10 as PA10/03159 by Gareth Burt Design Team: (Town Council – No Objection – Cornwall Council – Grant of Conditional Permission) Demolition of rear porch and construction of conservatory at Lanherne, Botallack. Applicant Miss M. Clarke. **T CI no objection.**

PA10/03839 Demolition of rear single storey extension and construction of two storey rear extension and single storey side extension at Stone Farm, 26, Bojewyan Stennack, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. Inger Ford. **T CI objection, agreed with the planning officer's comments.**

PA10/04160 Felling of Macrocarpa tree at 12, Carn View Terrace, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. S. Trow. **T CI strong objection.**

PA10/04496 Outline Application for construction of dwelling at Trevarno, Leat Road, Boscaswell Downs, Pendeen. Applicant Mrs. V. Flinn. **T CI supported planning officer's comments, but stated that the design of the new dwelling should be sympathetic to adjacent listed building.**

W1/04/P/1049 Construction of three dwellings and associated works at Wheal Carne, Pendeen. Applicant Mrs. S. Chrimes. **T CI support.**

PA10/04817 Change of use from public house to private dwelling, replacement windows and doors, demolition of rear extension and installation of 4 rooflights on rear flat roof at 9, Bank Square, St. Just. Applicant Mr. Andrew Morris. **T CI support on the basis that timber windows are used rather than UPVC, more sympathetic design within the conservation area.**

(b) Decisions

PA10/03067 Crown reduction of 1 sycamore at 8, Cresswell Terrace, Botallack, St. Just. Applicant Mr. N. Reynolds. **Consent to be carried out within 2 years** (T. Cl. No Objection).

W1/10-0217 Replacement of conservatory roof and formation of roof terrace at Gorsefield, Portherras Cross, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. Mark Travis. **Grant of Conditional Planning Permission** (T. Cl. No Objection).

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. Tiekin. **Grant of Listed Building Consent** (T. Cl. No Objection).

W1/10-0466 Construction of ground floor, first floor and porch extension with associated works at Nineveh Barn, Levant Road, Trewellard. Applicant Ms. M. Butcher. **Grant of Conditional Planning Permission** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA10/03240 Construction of extension on side elevation at Chippings, Portherras Cross, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. B. Sims. **Grant of Conditional Planning Permission** (T. Cl. Support).

PA10/03264 Installation of replacement windows with UPVC at Ty Gwenn, South Place, St. Just. Applicant Mr. T. Olds. **Grant of Conditional Planning Permission** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA10/03321 Demolition of outbuilding and construction of single storey extension at 15, Regent Terrace, St. Just. Applicant Mr. T. Pike, Penwith Housing Association. **Grant of Conditional Planning Permission** (T. Cl. Support).

PA10/03425 Construction of two storey extension on rear elevation at 7, Trewellard Road, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. Duncan Adams. **Grant of Conditional Planning Permission** (T. Cl. No Objection but would like to see use of slate on roof).

PA10/03693 Felling of cypress tree at 9, Tregeseal Terrace, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicant Mr. T. Clark. **Consent if carried out within 2 years.** (T. Cl. Objection to felling of trees without a compelling reason).

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 **Certificate of Lawfulness** (T. Cl. No comments).

PA10/03823 Felling of 1 Monterey Pine at Trehithion, Penzance Road, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. P. Colliver. **Consent** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA10/03840 Change of use and conversion of existing self-contained unit to form offices at 1, Chapel Street, St. Just. Applicant Cornwall Council. **Grant of Conditional Planning Permission** (T. Cl. Support).

PA10/03779 Construction of replacement single storey extension at Carvolth, 6, Higher Bojewyan, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. L. Le Vasseur. **Grant of Conditional Planning Permission** (T. Cl. Supports Planning Officer's comments).

PA10/03706 Installation of replacement window on front elevation at 15, Fore Street, St. Just. Applicant Mr. M. Lee Welsh. **Grant of Conditional Planning Permission** (T. Cl. No Objection).

W1/10-0448 Re-roofing of dwelling, garage and shed using scantle slate at Lower Hailglower Farm, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicant Mr. R. Plank. **Grant of Listed Building Consent** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA10/03561 Change of use of former airfield buildings to canine hydrotherapy unit at Little Brea Veau, Kelynack, St. Just for Mr. S. Brown. **Grant of Conditional Planning Permission** (T. Cl. No objection but would request that consideration be given to access requirements).

TC.150 RENEWABLE AND LOW CARBON ELECTRICITY GENERATION IN CORNWALL

The Council considered the attendance of a councillor at the Renewable and Low Carbon Electricity Generation in Cornwall event being organised by Cornwall Council on 30 September 2010.

RESOLVED: That either the Mayor or Deputy to attend the event on 30 September 2010.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.151 LISTENING TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CONFERENCE

The Council considered the attendance of a Councillor at the Listening to Children and Young People Conference being organised by Banardo's South West on 18 October 2010.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Morris be appointed as the Council's representative at the conference on 18 October 2010.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.152 INFORMATION ITEMS

(a) Land's End Peninsula Community Land Trust

The Council noted the contents of the Land's End Peninsula Community Land Trust's fourth quarterly report and the business plan which had been tabled at the meeting.

(b) Use of Plen-an-Gwarry

The Council noted the action taken by the Mayor in approving the application by the Plen Project to use the Plen-an-Gwarry on 17 and 22 August 2010.

(c) Police Authority Liaison Meetings

The Council noted the content of a letter from the Assistant Chief Constable regarding changes to Police Authority Liaison meetings.

Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Town Mayor