

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 9 September 2013 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

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

COUNCILLORS

T McFadden	Mrs G McQueen
F Morris	Mrs G Salmon

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Sue James – Cornwall Councillor
Julie Nash - Head Teacher, Cape Cornwall School
Sarah Hamshaw - Asst Head Teacher (Leadership Team), Cape Cornwall School

TC.117 PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None.

TC.118 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Councillor Mrs Blundy, Councillor Nicholls and Councillor Roberts.

TC.119 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

TC.120 DISPENSATIONS

None.

TC.121 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 5 August 2013 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC. 122 MATTERS ARISING

On minute no. TC.105/13 (St Just Recreation Ground), Cllr Mrs James reported that she had received an estimate from Cornwall Council's Public Space Officer on the likely installation cost of new goal posts, and she was to raise the issue at the next CAP meeting on 12 September 2013; including the possibility of the CAP becoming a formally constituted group which would allow it to access grant funding. Councillor Morris stated that he had been speaking to some of the local youths who were extremely supportive of new goal posts as it was not possible for them to use the football ground during the playing season.

TC.123 BERNARD REES – FORMER TOWN MAYOR & COUNCILLOR

As a mark of respect, the Town Council noted that Bernard Rees former Town Mayor & Councillor had sadly passed away on 25 August 2013.

TC.124 CAPE CORNWALL SCHOOL

Julie Nash, Head Teacher and Sarah Hamshaw, Cape Cornwall School attended the meeting to inform the Town Council of the opening of the new Area Resource Centre for students with some learning difficulties and disabilities which was based at the school.

In the two years since her appointment, Mrs Nash reported that there had been a number of changes at the school: the introduction of a new uniform, streamlining of teaching staff and a "Good" OFSTED inspection. The school's aim was to "*put students at the centre of everything by providing the best teaching and learning facilities*" and working with the Board of Governors new teaching staff had been appointed to different roles.

Ms Hamshaw commented that the new resource facility "Kites at Cape" catered for 9 – 16 yr old students with complex learning needs. At present there were four students, with the centre taking a maximum of 12. A further four students were expected in 2014 with full capacity in 2015. The centre covered the whole of the Penwith area and included therapy, sensory and hygiene facilities.

It was planned to hold one "open afternoon" per term the first being on 25 October 2013 at 2.15 p.m., and the Town Councillors were invited to attend to view the facilities and work being undertaken in the centre.

Mrs Nash stated that the next step for the school was to achieve an outstanding OFSTED inspection. In response to a question, Mrs Nash confirmed that school numbers had increased this year but with five small "feeder" schools numbers were not likely to increase significantly. However, she stated that the school's main strength was its size and that there were bonuses in being a smaller school as it facilitated a greater nurturing relationship with pupils.

Mrs Nash also reported that the school was holding a Christmas Concert on 17 December 2013 and she hoped Town Councillors would attend.

The Town Mayor thanked Mrs Nash and Ms Hamshaw for attending the meeting and acknowledged the excellent work that was being carried out at the school.

TC.125 MOORLAND CLOSE DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Mrs James, in her capacity as Chair of the Land's End Peninsula Community Land Trust sought the Town Council's views on naming of the new development. Samples of the external finishes of the new units would be brought to a future meeting when available.

The names put forward for consideration were: Great Croft which translated into "Croft Mear" in Cornish, Geevor View and Boscaswell Cliff. With "Croft Mear" being the preferred choice of the LEPCLT.

The Deputy Town Mayor stated that the name "Croft Mear" would cause difficulty for individuals trying to locate the development as it was not a recognisable local name. Suggestions put forward by the Town Council were Moorland Croft, Boscaswell Cliff, Boscaswell Moor as well as a continuation of the numbering for Moorland Close. Cllr James noted the Town Council's comments and said that she would put them to the LEPCLT Board members.

TC.126 PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 119 & 118 OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980: PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS. PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART FOOTPATH NUMBERS 186, 184 AND UNRECORDED SECTION IN THE PARISH OF ST JUST-IN-PENWITH

The Town Council considered an application made by Cornwall Council to divert part of footpath numbers 186 & 184 and an unrecorded section in the parish of St Just-in-Penwith.

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council is advised that the Town Council has no objection to the proposed diversion.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.127 TOWN AND PARISH FORUM

The Town Council discussed the existing terms of reference on which Cornwall Council was currently consulting local town and parish councils. The consultation was part of a wider review being undertaken by Cornwall Council on the Network Panels across the county.

Currently network panel meetings were held on an informal basis with the format of meeting varying between areas. A decision to change and / or give more powers to network panels had been deferred to the new Cornwall Council administration.

The Town Clerk and Cllr Mrs James outlined how the Town & Parish Council Forum was currently operating and expressed concerns regarding lack of delegated authority / budgets, just another "talking shop" and duplication of consultations. Cllr Mrs James stated that Cornwall Council was reviewing all its governance arrangements of which the community networks were a part.

It was agreed to defer consideration of this item to enable all Town Councillors the opportunity to participate in the discussion and to await the outcome of the meeting with the Cabinet member for Devolution & Localism which was due to take place on 23 September.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.128 REQUEST TO ERECT A NEW PUBLIC SEAT

The Town Clerk reported that a request had made to the Town Council to erect a new public seat in remembrance of the Harvey family. The Town Clerk suggested two locations where a seat could be installed (i) in front of the Council Offices replacing the bench and (ii) at the Graveyard at Bosavern. The seat would be provided by the family and installed and maintained by the Town Council

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the installation of a new seat outside the Town Council Offices be approved; and
- (2) Rev Leach is advised of the Town Council's decision and that his permission was sought to re-site the existing granite bench in the parish graveyard.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.129 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

The Town Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which gave details of a request for financial assistance from Pendeen Parish Magazine.

RESOLVED : That the following grant be awarded:-

Pendeen Parish Magazine	£2,000.00
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(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £3,560.78 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Grant Feedback / Letters of Thanks

The Town Clerk received a letter of thanks from St Just Amateur Boxing Club in respect of the recent grant it had been awarded.

TC.130 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA13/06515 Use of part of caravan site for the storage of caravans and use of paddock for seasonal camping at Kelynack Caravan Park, Bosworlas, Crippas Hill, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. F. Grose. **(T Cl No objection)**

PA13/06791 Proposed conservatory extension at 4, Gews Farm Barns, Bethany Place, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Midwinter. **(T Cl No objection)**

PA13/06194 Installation of underground oil storage tank for beam engine at Levant Beam Engine Museum, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant: The National Trust. **(T Cl No objection)**

PA13/06337 Construction of new dwelling and associated works at Rathlin, St. John's Terrace, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Humphries. **(T Cl No objection)**

PA13/06338 Conservation Area Consent for construction of new dwelling and associated works at Rathlin, St. John's Terrace, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Humphries. **(T Cl No objection)**

PA13/06520 Certificate of lawfulness existing use: Use of land for the stationing of residential caravans at Kelynack Caravan Park, Bosworlas, Crippas Hill, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. F. Grose. **(T Cl No objection)**

PA13/06811 Outline planning application for permission to demolish existing two storey stone building and outbuildings and build a new two storey detached dwelling on plot between Tregeseal Row and Old Sunday School, Tregeseal Row, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Peter Trevorrow. **(T Cl No objection, subject to the use of the existing granite from the barn being used to face the new dwelling. Use of locally sourced granite)**

PA13/06715 Demolition of existing garage, change of use of land to form domestic curtilage, construction of new garage and parking extensions and alterations to existing outbuildings to form new self-contained holiday/rental accommodation at Tregeseal House, Nancherrow, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Steer. **(T Cl No objection)**

PA13/07520 Retention and completion of rear extension at 14, Talveneth, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. P. Morse. **(T Cl No objection)**

(b) Decisions

PA13/04666 First floor side extension with balcony at Fawn Glen, Bosworlas, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. M. Coates. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA12/06059 Retention of installation of solar photovoltaic array at Boswedden House, Boswedden, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Nigel Nathan. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA13/05711 Replacement extension and minor alterations at Tregiffian Barn, Sennen, Penzance. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Slater. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection provided local granite used on extension).

PA13/05832 Erection of living accommodation in association with existing care business at Avalon Brea Farm, St. Buryan. Applicant: Mrs. A. Nicholson. **Approval.** (T. Cl. No Objection provided the extension is conditioned as stated).

TC.131 2ND TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL SUMMIT

No decision was taken on sending a representative to the 2nd Town and Parish Annual Summit.

TC.132 DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The Town Council considered a request for a Town Council representative to attend a meeting on 3 October 2013 to discuss the formation of a Local Dementia Action Alliance for Penwith.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Mrs Blundy is appointed as the Town Council's representative at the meeting.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.133 INFORMATION ITEMS

The Town Council received details on the following information items:

Code of Conduct Training on 12 September 2013.

Adult Care Consultation Member Briefing. Local consultation event on 26 September 2013 at Landithy Hall, Madron.

Cornwall Council Budget Consultation Event. Public meeting on 19 September 2013 at St John's Hall, Penzance.

TC.134 Matters for Report

The Town Clerk reported that she had received further details concerning the consultation on Poltair Hospital and that a technical workshop was due to be held on 25 September 2013. It was agreed that the Town Clerk be asked to contact Cllr Mrs Blundy to see if she was willing for her name to be put forward for nomination.

The Town Council was advised that the Penzance, St Just, Nevada and Bendigo Twinning Committee was holding a social evening on 25 September 2013 at Age Concern, Fore Street, St Just to which all were invited.

Councillor Mrs James reported that Cornwall Council was supporting a petition to Central Government to seek an increase in funding for rural areas and she hoped those attending would sign the petition.

Cllr Mrs McQueen informed the Town Council that she was meeting Caroline Perkins, Sure Start Programme Manager regarding the St Just Children's Centre and asked Town Councillors if they had any questions to forward them to her.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Town Mayor