

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 10 January 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllr D Stevens - Mayor
Cllr M Thomas – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Cllr B F Angwin	Cllr F Morris
Cllr W F East	Cllr M Nicholls
Cllr Mrs S James	Cllr Mrs S Olds
Cllr C S McClary	

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Chris Goninan, Cornwall Council

PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

In accordance with the approved protocol, Kate Goodman made an address to the Council regarding the provision of recycling facilities for a wider variety of plastics within St Just, in response to a presentation she had attended entitled “Unveiling Plastic Oceans” which considered the impact that plastic waste was having on the planet’s seas and oceans.

At present only clear bottles and milk containers could be recycled and Ms Goodman was seeking the Town Council’s support to look at ways to increase the types of plastic that could be recycled and therefore reduce the burden on landfill.

The Town Council agreed to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Town Council on 24 January 2011 for consideration.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Ms P S Angove.

TC.243 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None received.

TC.244 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 20 December 2010 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

TC.245 RENEWAL ENERGY

The Deputy Mayor and Councillor Mrs James made a presentation to the Council on the main issues arising from their recent attendance at the Renewable Energy Training organised by Cornwall Council.

The presentation focussed on the types of renewable energy sources such as wind, wave, geothermal, biomass and solar of which Cornwall was ideally located and well resourced.

The Town Council was also advised that the Government had also introduced incentive schemes to encourage individuals to invest in alternative forms of electricity generation for which they received a financial incentive.

Following the presentation the Council,

RESOLVED: That the Environment & Tourism Committee be asked to consider how the Town Council can best encourage the development of renewable energy opportunities to ensure that projects, larger than domestic ones, provide economic and environmental benefits to local people.

(Action by : Elaine Baker / Sue James)

TC.246 CONNECTING CORNWALL: 2030 STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2011 - 2014

The Council considered the content of the draft Connecting Cornwall: 2030 Strategy and Implementation Plan 2011 – 2014 on which Cornwall Council was inviting comments from town and parish councils.

RESOLVED: That comments / views on the draft policy document be made on an individual basis if Councillors so wished.

TC.247 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE HUBS

The Council received a copy of a consultation document which set out proposals for the development of health and social care hubs which will bring together expert staff from a number of disciplines and providers offering a variety of services to the community to reduce the need for many different health and social care professionals to be involved in one person's needs.

Councillor Goninan said that he was supportive of the proposals which he felt were a positive step towards closer working and would improve delivery to the community.

RESOLVED: That the content of the consultation document be endorsed.

TC.248 CORNISH MINING WORLD HERITAGE SITE SIGNAGE

The Council considered the detail of a pilot study of the signage to improve recognition and orientation around principle designated landscapes – the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The pilot study focussed on the Tamar Valley area of the World Heritage Site (WHS) and had produced a number of recommendations in respect of an integrated system of signage, aimed at raising awareness of these designated landscapes and

assisting communities and tourism businesses within them to identify their connection with these special places.

The recommendations were as follows:

- Gateway boundary markers on selected principle entry points into the designated areas;
- Inclusion of the WHS engine house logo on brown tourism signage for Cornish Mining partner attractions which wish to identify their WHS connection; and
- Highways directional signage at major road intersections to assist motorists to locate designated areas.

The Council was advised that Cornwall Council would be actively pursuing these recommendations as part of its signage renewal and maintenance programme.

The Town Council welcomed the approach to improve, through signage, recognition of the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site but was concerned at the indicative costs of the new signage contained within the document. Following discussion the Town Council

RESOLVED: That the issue of World Heritage Signage be looked at as part of the Town Council's review of road signage within the parish.

TC.249 COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA

a. H.M. Coastguard Review of Service

Councillor McClary informed the Council of the major elements of the HM Coastguard Review which was currently taking place, and in particular the impact locally due to the planned reduction in the service at Falmouth Coastguard and the reduction in lookout stations from 19 to eight. Coastguard stations were to be closed at Brixham and Swansea with the service centralised in Southampton.

It was also reported that the review would lead to a £120m saving over a five year period, producing a more efficient service. Councillor McClary acknowledged that there was an acceptance within the full time Coastguard service that there was a need for change but the concern was to what extent and the impact that it would have on service delivery which he suggested could potentially increase the risk to life situations arising from the proposals.

RESOLVED: That a decision on the Town Council's response on the review be deferred until the Council meeting on 28 February 2011 following receipt of a copy of the Falmouth Coastguard submission to the proposals.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

b. Dog Fouling

In view of the absence of Councillor N McFadden this item was deferred until the next meeting of the Town Council on 24 January 2011.

TC.250 NEVADA AND BENDIGO TWINNING GROUP

Councillor Angwin informed the Council that the Nevada and Bendigo Twinning Group wished to send a representative to Bendigo, Australia and was seeking a financial contribution from the Town Council towards travel costs.

RESOLVED That the Nevada & Bendigo Twinning Group be advised to submit an application for financial assistance to the Town Council towards travel costs when the full costs were known.

(Action by : Francis Angwin)

TC.251 CORNWALL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Council considered the attendance at the Annual Conference of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils on 19 February 2011.

RESOLVED That Councillor Angwin is appointed as the Council's representative at the Annual Conference.

TC.252 LOCAL PLANNING FORUM

The Council considered the attendance of a member of the Council at the next meeting of the Local Planning Forum on 10 February 2011.

RESOLVED That Councillor Ms Angove is appointed as the Council's representative at the forum.

TC.253 FINANCE

a) Applications for Financial Assistance

The Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which gave details of a request for financial assistance from the St Just Women's Institute towards the cost of renovating the entrance hall.

RESOLVED That a grant of £800.00 be awarded to St Just Women's Institute.

b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £1,816.06 be approved for payment.

c) Letters of Thanks

Letters of thanks were received from the trustees of the St Just Community Association and Business Centre in respect of the £500.00 grant awarded to the Association towards their new website, and the Pendeen School FSA in respect of the £1,000 grant towards the cost of the school trip to the Isle de Batz, as part of the twinning exchange with Huelgoat, Brittany.

TC.254 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA10/06447 – Deferred from 06-12-10 Change of use, conversion and extension of office and workshop to form a dwelling at Rosewell, Cot Valley, St. Just. Applicant Mr. Alec Maund. **Invalid application not considered.**

PA10/08205 Demolition and re-building of rear extension and front conservatory at 5, Enys Cottages, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. Trevor Davis. **T Cl no objection.**

PA10/08321 Alteration and extension to existing rear extension to incorporate pitched roof, external insulation, timber boarding and installation of roof light at 22, Bosorne Road, St. Just. Applicant Mr. Ewan Mackintosh. **T Cl no objection.**

PA10/08509 Extension of time of 07/P/1320/F for demolition of existing garage/store and construction of detached dwelling on land at rear of former Trewellard Stores, Trewellard, St. Just. Applicant Mr. G. Ridout. **T Cl no objection.**

PA10/08556 Extension and alterations to dwelling, dormer extensions and erection of a domestic garage at Merivale House, Levant Road, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant Dr. V. Cothey. **T Cl no objection to ground and first floor extensions but a strong objection to the scale of the dormers on the grounds of design and being out of keeping with the adjoining properties.**

(b) Decisions

PA10/05838 Erection of low impact barn for agricultural use at Bartinney Downs, Near Crows-an-Wra, St. Buryan. Applicant Mr. A. Jacobs. **Refusal** (T. Cl. Objection).

TC.256 INFORMATION ITEM

a. Consultation on the Provision of Court Services

The Council noted the content of a letter from HM Courts Service dated 22 December 2010 informing the Council of the outcome of the consultation on the provision of court services in Devon & Cornwall, Avon & Somerset and Gloucestershire areas and in particular the decision that the Magistrates' Courts in Penzance were to be closed.

Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Town Mayor