

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 12 April 2010 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor M Thomas – Deputy Mayor – in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

Ms P S Angove
B F Angwin
W F East
Mrs S James

C S McClary
N McFadden (arrived at 7.35 p.m.)
F Morris
Mrs S Olds
D Stevens

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Chris Goninan – Cornwall Council

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

TC. 01 PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mr Roger King, Mergh Gwyn, Cape Cornwall Road addressed the Town Council regarding his application to Cornwall Council's Street Naming and Numbering Team seeking an amendment to the postal name of the highway currently identified by the local authority and the Royal Mail as Cape Cornwall Street to Cape Cornwall Road. The specific section being that part of the road which runs in a westerly direction from West Place / Chapel Road to Priest's Cove.

He commented that this section of the road was known locally as Cape Cornwall Road and that maps of the area also identified it as the same. The confusion had led to post and other deliveries being delivered to the wrong property.

He had been canvassing local residents to see if they would support his application and to date 17 residents had agreed.

Mr King requested the Town Council to consider his application at its next meeting and to pass a resolution supporting his proposed application for the amendment of the section of road as identified.

RESOLVED: That the item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Town Council on 26 April 2010 and that a representative of Cornwall Council's Street Naming and Numbering Team be invited to attend to the meeting to explain the process.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.02 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-That the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 22 March 2010 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

TC.03 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Ms Angove declared a personal interest in minute no TC. 08 (Lands End Peninsula Community Land Trust) as a member of the Steering Committee.

Councillor Mrs James declared a prejudicial interest in minute no TC.08 (Lands End Peninsula Community Land Trust) as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and agreed to withdraw from the meeting if there was any discussion on the issue following her update on progress.

Councillor N McFadden declared a prejudicial interest in minute no TC.13(a) (Upstairs Flat) as a local employer and agreed to withdraw from the meeting after he had advised the Town Council as to his reasons for bringing the issue to its attention.

Councillor Thomas declared a prejudicial interest in minute no. TC 10(a) (Planning Applications) in respect of application no. 10-0241-HP as he was related to the applicant. He agreed to relinquish the chair, and withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

Councillor Stevens declared a prejudicial interest in minute no.TC.13 (a) (Upstairs Flat) as an interested party was known to him. He agreed to update the Council in respect of the latest position and withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

The Town Council also considered a change in the order of the agenda and

RESOLVED: That agenda items no 5 (Upstairs Flat) and item no 10 (Centre of Pendeen and Pendeen Residents' Association) be taken following the exclusion of the press and public on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of confidential information.

TC.04 REVISED DRAFT CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISALS FOR THE ST JUST VILLAGES

The Town Clerk reported that she had received a response from Cornwall Council regarding the draft conservation area appraisal documents for the smaller villages around St Just which stated that Cornwall Council appreciated the Council's comments and in view of these it was currently putting the documents on hold.

Cornwall Council acknowledged that it was important that the content of such documents was accurate as they were used as a material consideration when considering development proposals as well as guiding public funds towards heritage conservation works and regeneration projects. Cornwall Council also wished to secure local ownership of the documents.

Cornwall Council was keen to work with Town Council on the delivery of these documents and it was hoped that further work to amend the documents could be restarted in the summer.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the letter be noted.

TC.05 LICENSING OF TAXIS IN CORNWALL – CONSULTATION ON NUMERICAL LIMIT POLICY

The Town Council considered the detail of a review of the policy that limited the number of taxi licences issued in Cornwall which was currently being undertaken by Cornwall Council on which the Town Council was being consulted.

Cornwall currently had six taxi licensing zones which were based on the former district and borough council areas and following a previous consultation it had been decided to retain rather than amalgamate them.

The present consultation on the numerical policy limit was currently used in only three of the six zone areas, namely Penwith, Carrick and Restormel and Cornwall Council was undertaking the review to ensure the benefits to the consumer of limiting the number of licences.

A questionnaire was attached to the consultation for completion by the Town Council.

RESOLVED: That completion of the questionnaire is undertaken on an individual basis by members of the Town Council.

TC.06 WAR MEMORIAL

The Town Clerk advised the Council that a letter had been received from a Mrs Hehir asking for her son's name to be added to the war memorial in St Just along with other members of the family who had served in earlier conflicts. Sgt Leslie Hehir had been sadly killed during active service in Iraq on 21 March 2003.

Councillor Angwin explained that he had discussed the matter with a representative of the British Legion who had confirmed that the addition of names to the memorial had to be in compliance with a 1923 Act and that approval needed to be sought from Cornwall Council. Councillor Angwin confirmed that he was in support of the request.

Councillor Ms Angove commented that Sidmouth Town Council had recently received a similar request and that it might be helpful to contact them about the process.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the request from Mrs Hehir be fully supported by the Town Council ; and
- (2) the Town Clerk be asked to make further investigations into the process and to come back to a future meeting of the Council with further information.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.07 GEEVOR TIN MINE

Councillor McClary reported that Pendeen Community Heritage had confirmed that the issue with regard to the Jerry Harvey lease had now been resolved and that the revenues from the lease would be used to help the Geevor site.

He also advised the Council that no further progress had been made with regard to the management agreement and that no formal timetable of meetings of the Geevor Partnership had been received.

The Town Clerk reported that no response had been received from the Cabinet Portfolio Holder at Cornwall Council or the Service Director to the Council's letter of 11 March 2010.

Councillor McClary expressed concern at the lack of progress and that, in his opinion, a major problem was the lack of an officer willing to act in a co-ordinating capacity for the benefit of the site as well as a lack of communication between Cornwall Council and Pendeen Community Heritage.

He went on to report that there had also been a delay in the commencement of the underground works for the Wheal Mexico Tour due to problems with the original contractor.

In response, Councillor Goninan said that the first meeting of the partnership had been held on 1 April 2010. It had been promised at that meeting that the minutes would be circulated as soon as possible, although a slight delay was inevitable given the Easter holiday. A draft management agreement was currently in the hands of Cornwall Council's Legal Services and would be circulated to all relevant parties in due course. Councillor Goninan also agreed to contact Gill Steward and Lance Kennedy, Cornwall Council regarding a response to the Council's letter.

Councillor Goninan agreed to report back to the Council at its next meeting on 26 April 2010.

RESOLVED: That further discussion on the issue be deferred until the next meeting.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.08 LANDS END PENINSULA COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (LEPCLT)

Councillor Mrs James declared a prejudicial interest in this item as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and agreed to withdraw from the meeting if any discussion arose following her update on progress.

Councillor Mrs James reported that the Trust was waiting the outcome of the public consultation on the affordable housing exhibition which had been held on 30 March 2010 before it agreed its policies and structures in respect of the delivery of affordable homes.

LEPCLT had given its formal support to the Bosavern Farm Project which had now become a formal sub-group of LEPCLT. The group had been awarded £25,000 from the West Cornwall Local Action Group and Cornwall Council had agreed "in principle" to an initial 18 month lease of the farm through LEPCLT to the community group. The 18 month period was needed to ascertain if there was enough community support for the project and if so, to raise the capital to purchase the farm from Cornwall Council. A copy of the group's business plan was available for inspection from Councillor Mrs James. Councillor Mrs James agreed to keep the Town Council updated on the project's progress.

RESOLVED : That the progress made in respect of the LEPCLT and Bosavern Farm be noted.

TC.09 FINANCE

(a) Applications for Financial Assistance

Requests for financial assistance had been received from Jade Williams and Laura Ellis who had been selected to the Under 15 Cornwall Cricket Squad. Unfortunately as the Town Council was only able to make donations to local groups and organisations upon the receipt of audited accounts the Council could not consider their request. However, whilst attempting to support their application the Town Council suggested that an application could be made by the St Just Cricket Club on their behalf.

Councillor Goninan, in his capacity as secretary to the club agreed to take the matter forward.

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £30.00 be approved for payment.

(c) Letters of Thanks

The Town Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received from CAB Cornwall.

TC.10 PLANNING

(a) Applications

10-0241-HP Demolition of rear extension and construction of 2 storey extension at 14, Pleasant Terrace, St. Just. Applicant Mr. Adrian Eddy. **T CI supports the application on the grounds of consistency with regard to similar extensions within Pleasant Terrace and Queen Street.**

10-0260-HP Re-roofing using cement fibre slate at Corner House, 1, Chapel Road, St. Just. Applicant Mr. P. Shapcott. **T. CI. No Objection**

10-0281-HP Construction of extension and installation of 3 No. solar heating panels at Penanven, Bosorne, St. Just. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. E. Teagle. **T. CI. Support**

10-0286-HP Removal of lower branches on 1 No. Monterey pine at St. Piran's House, Tregeseal Hill, St. Just. Applicant Mr. R. Galbraith. **T. CI. No Objection.**

10-0323-TCONS Deadwooding Monterey Cypress T1 at Tregeseal House, Nancherrow, St. Just for Mark Nankervis Tree Services. **T. CI. No Objection**

10-0303-P Construction of dwelling and associated works adjacent to 24, Regent Terrace, St. Just. Applicant Mr. Mike Slinn. **T. Cl. Objection regarding use of materials, in particular brick.**

10-0317-P Retention of 2 No. Grille/Extracts and 1 No. Switch Gear Unit at The Co-operative Supermarket, Market Square, St. Just. Applicant The Co-operative Group. **T. Cl. No Objection**

10-0318-P Construction of conservatory at Star Gazey, 2, Wheal Cunning, St. Just. Applicant Mrs. S. Wilkey. **T. Cl. felt that the provision of drawings was inadequate on which to make any comment.**

10-0333-TEL Erection of telephone pole at rear of 12, Cape Terrace, St. Just. Applicant BT Openreach Wayleaves, Shropshire. **T. Cl. No Objection**

(b) Decisions

10-0064-P Demolition of outbuildings and construction of side, rear and garage extension to dwelling at 1, Lower Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. C. Hall. **Withdrawn by Applicant** (T. Cl. Objection).

10-0074-HP Construction of dormer window on rear elevation and alterations to fenestration at 6, Higher Bojewyan, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. L. Le Vasseur. **Approval** (T. Cl. No objection in principle but unhappy with slate hanging and white plastic windows).

10-0140-TCONS Felling on one cupressus at Pine Lodge, Carrallack Lane, St. Just. Applicant Mr. Davis Johnson. **Approval** (T. Cl. Objection)

(c) Planning Enforcement Issues in St Just and Pendeen

Item deferred for consideration to the next meeting of the Town Council pending the receipt of statistical information from Cornwall Council.

TC.11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE A MATTER OF URGENCY

None.

TC.12 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED - that in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following matters on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the identified paragraphs of Part I, Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).

TC.13 COUNCILLOR REQUEST FRO ITEM TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA (EXEMPT PARAGRAPH 3)

(a) Upstairs Flat

Councillor N McFadden declared a prejudicial interest in this item as a local business employer and agreed to withdraw from the meeting and

take no part in the discussion after he had advised the Council of his reasons for bringing this matter to its attention.

Councillor Stevens also declared a prejudicial interest in this item as an acquaintance of an interested party and agreed to withdraw from the meeting and take no part in the discussion after he had presented additional information to the Council.

Councillor N McFadden advised the Council that he had requested that this matter be brought to the Council's attention because he was concerned about Cornwall Council's intention in respect of the flat as it had been vacant for in excess of 12 months.

Councillor Stevens reported that a local company had expressed an interest in securing the tenure of the property as they were currently seeking additional office accommodation within the town. They had approached Cornwall Council's Property Services which had been unable to confirm when, or if, the building would be available as discussions were still continuing with the existing tenant and Penwith Housing Association.

At this point both Councillor N McFadden and Stevens left the meeting.

The Council then considered the economic benefits to the local community of additional employment being brought into the town and in helping to retain local employers. Following detailed consideration the Council

RESOLVED: That

- (1) a letter be sent to the Head of Cornwall Council's Property Services regarding the future use of the vacant flat; and
- (2) a letter be sent to the Chief Executive of Penwith Housing Association requesting his assistance in the matter.

TC.14 CENTRE OF PENDEEN AND PENDEEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (EXEMPT PARAGRAPH 3)

Councillor Mrs James as the Town Council's representative on the Centre of Pendeen informed the Council of concerns regarding the future operation and viability of the Pendeen Residents' Association which had been discussed at recent meetings of the Centre of Pendeen. The Town Council thanked Councillor Mrs James for bringing the matter to its attention and requested her to continue in her "observer" role and to report back to a future meeting on the situation.

Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Town Mayor