

MINUTES of the TOWN MEETING of ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 13 June 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor M Thomas - Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Ms P S Angove
B F Angwin
C S McClary
K McFadden

N McFadden
F Morris
M Nicholls
D Stevens

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Chris Goninan – Cornwall Councillor

Delia Webb – Community Regeneration & Development Officer, Cornwall Council

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Mrs Olds.

TC.25 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None received.

TC.26 SKATE PARK PROJECT – ST JUST

The Town Council considered the public address made by Owen Davies at the Council meeting held on 23 May 2011 (minute no. TC10/11 referred) regarding a project for an enlarged and improved skate park facility in St Just.

Delia Webb, Cornwall Council's Regeneration & Development Officer advised the Town Council that she had undertaken some outreach work with the Nancherrow Centre earlier in the year. Although mainly involving older youngsters in the town, the results had shown that generally those youngsters consulted were happy with the refurbished youth facilities at the Nancherrow Centre, which had recently benefitted from a £45,000 refurbishment, although there was some support for a youth shelter.

Delia Webb commented that support for the skate park facility came from the younger age group, but explained that securing funding for such projects was extremely difficult. She also commented that there were a number of neighbouring parishes which had no skate board facilities.

Delia Webb commented that she had previously spoken to Owen Davies explaining that it may be helpful to move the project forward under an “umbrella” organisation to access funding sources and to offer help and assistance but that no further action had been taken. This would enable the Town Council to offer its support to the project and possible match funding.

Members of the Town Council felt that this was a sensible way forward and that the group should be more realistic in its aspirations in terms of the project. Councillor Stevens felt that it was important that the Town Council offered “moral support” to the group as a demonstration of community support “in principle” to the project.

It was agreed that Owen Davies would be advised of the Town Council’s views and that the group be encouraged to enter into further discussions with Cornwall Council’s Regeneration & Development Officer on how to move the project forward.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.27 COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA

Geevor Tin Mine / Heartlands Project Implications for other Mining Heritage Sites in Cornwall

Councillor McClary advised the Town Council that due to a lack of a management agreement with Cornwall Council, Pendeen Community Heritage was currently in the process of retendering to run the Geevor site.

Councillor McClary also commented on the Heartlands Project at South Crofty Mine which was a new mining attraction with free admission to all visitors and he expressed concern at the effect that this attraction would have on other mining attractions, such as Geevor Tin Mine, which had to charge an admission fee. Councillor Goninan reported that a condition of the Heritage Lottery Fund grant was that the attraction had to be free.

In response to a question, Councillor Goninan agreed to investigate whether Cornwall Council had made a financial contribution to the project, as the Board of Trustees at Geevor Tin Mine was not happy with the situation.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk be asked to write to Julian German, Cabinet Member for Waste Management, Climate Change and Historic Environment to advise Cornwall Council of the Town Council’s concern at the potential impact the Heartlands Project could have on other mining attractions.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Lafrowda Police Liaison

Councillor Stevens referred to issues raised by the Police / PACT following last year’s Lafrowda Day celebrations, and the Town Council’s role in ensuring that adequate liaison took place between the Police and the Lafrowda Committee in advance of this year’s festivities to avoid a reoccurrence of the problems.

However, Councillor Stevens reported that despite the Police being notified of meetings they had only attended two meetings last year despite repeated requests for their attendance. The Lafrowda Committee was concerned about the Policing arrangements for the day and was seeking the Town Council's assistance. A further meeting of the Lafrowda Committee was due to be held on 22 June 2011.

The Mayor reported that he had been in contact with Insp. Jean Phillips and that he would advise her of the position.

The Town Clerk also suggested that Sally Newby, Community Network Manager be approached to see if she could offer some assistance as she had been involved in earlier discussions.

The Town Council was concerned at the lack of Police involvement and in view of the timescales

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Police advising them of the Town Council's concern in respect of the policing arrangements for Lafrowda day on 16 July, and lack of attendance at Lafrowda Committee meetings.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.28 CODE OF CONDUCT

The Town Council considered its formal response to the Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) in connection with the proposed abolition of the current standards framework as set out in the new Localism Bill which was expected to receive Royal Assent later this year.

The Town Council expressed its concern at the proposals which included removing clauses regarding divulging confidential information, and felt that a robust Code of Conduct should be imposed.

RESOLVED That the Town Council's response to CALC be as follows:-

- That the present system should be retained as a minimum and that censor, suspension and disqualification criteria should be retained.
- That the complaints system should be handled by an outside panel.
- That sanctions against councillors should be stronger than at present, but that the existing sanctions should be retained as a minimum requirement.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

TC.29 COMMUNITY EVENTS ON THE HIGHWAY IN 2011

The Town Council considered information from Cornwall Council regarding changes to the way traffic management and road closures for community events were to be approved and managed.

The Town Council was advised that these changes had led to difficulties for some local organisations and had resulted in the cancellation of some events as it had not been possible for the organisers to meet the new requirements.

A number of training courses had been arranged by Cornwall Council to assist local organisations.

RESOLVED: That Councillors McClary and N McFadden be authorised to attend a training session on behalf of the Town Council and that it be an approved duty for the payment of mileage expenses.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.30 CITIZEN / JUNIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AND ACHIEVEMENT IN SPORTS AWARD 2011

The Mayor sought the Town Council's views on proposals for this year's citizen / junior citizen of the year award and achievement in sports award and asked Town Councillors to come forward with nominations.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.31 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

No requests for financial assistance had been received.

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £4,055.00 be approved for payment.

(c) Letters of Thanks

Letters of thanks were received from the Children's Ark, Pendeen.

TC.31 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA11/03450 Erection of porch to the front elevation, installation of solar panels on the east and west roof space and conversion of garden shed to artist's studio at 1, West Place, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. D. Shutt. **(T. Cl. Deferred to next meeting due to no Proposed Plans being included in the Application).**

PA11/03580 Construction of 1st Floor extension at 4, Venton East Square, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. N. Curnow. **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

PA11/03588 Construction of 2 storey rear extension at 3, St. John's Terrace, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. I. Dymond. **(T. Cl. Support).**

PA11/01463 Conversion and extension of existing outbuildings to one staff accommodation unit and one family annexe unit at Joppa Kennels, Joppa, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. D. Cotton. **(T Cl. Deferred to next**

meeting as no plans were included in the Application).

PA11/03646 Erection of an agricultural building on land at Higher Bosavern, St Just. Applicant: Mr. T. Morris, Terry Morris Agriculture Ltd. **(Withdrawn by Applicant).**

PA11/03195 Construction of extensions and alterations to incorporate annexed accommodation at 1, New Road, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. P. Fildan **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

PA11/04156 Listed Building Consent for the installation of an underground oil storage tank for Beam Engine at Levant Mine, Pendeen. Applicant: The National Trust **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

PA11/04155 Installation of an underground oil storage tank for Beam Engine at Levant Mine, Pendeen. Applicant: The National Trust. **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

(b) Decisions

PA10/07112 Construction of single storey extension and double garage at Inglenook Cottage, Levant Road, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. C. Buck. **Approval.** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA11/02530 Reduction of height by 30% to 6 Monterey cypresses at Norton Mede, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. J. Minter. **No TPO and Consent for work to be carried out within 2 years.** (T. Cl. Deferred Application due to no written justification for works being included in the Application).

PA11/01760 Refurbishment of section of property for use as cafe, refurbishment of dwelling including construction of extension and installation of rooflights and solar panels and alterations to outbuildings at 11, Church Road, Pendeen. Applicant: Mrs. Heather Cane. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection generally but prefers use of wooden windows and Conservation roof lights).

PA11/02238 Construction of 2 industrial units and associated works at Trewellard Industrial Estate, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. S. Melstrom, Glen House Estates Ltd. **Approval** (T. Cl. Support).

PA11/02602 Construction of porch to north elevation, relocation of oil tank and associated works at Cape Cornwall Surgery, Market Street, St. Just. Applicant: Cape Cornwall Surgery. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA11/03292 Construction of replacement garages and workshop (amended design W1/10/0012 to incorporate alterations to roof) at 2, Bollowal Place, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. N. Hayward. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA11/00781 Construction of dwelling and associated works at Nancherrow Barn, Kenidjack, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. M. Petty. **Refusal** (Objection – Agreed with Planning Officer’s comments).

(c) Enforcement

EN11/01201 Alleged non-compliance with PA11/00781 – extension of curtilage to increase domestic curtilage at Nancherrow Barn, Kenidjack, St. Just.

EN11/01227 Alleged erection of a self-contained flat in side yard without planning permission at The Meadows, North Row, St. Just. **Closed on 25/05/11. No breach found.**

TC.32 INFORMATION ITEMS

The Town Clerk advised the Town Council that an invitation had been extended to all Councillors to attend the Annual General Meeting of Cruse Bereavement Care in Cornwall on 7 July 2011. Anyone wishing to attend to advise the Town Clerk.

TC.33 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that under Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it is proposed that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the business specified in the following item(s)

TC.34 STAFFING & PREMISES COMMITTEE

The Town Council received the minutes of the Staffing & Premises Committee held on 6 June 2011.

In respect of the contract for the repairs works to the Plen-an-Gwarry the Town Council

RESOLVED: That the award of the contract to Steve Carroll Hedging & Stonework be delegated to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Town Mayor, subject to confirmation of satisfactory insurance cover, liaison with Cornwall Council regarding possible road closure and receipt of a satisfactory risk assessment.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Town Mayor