

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 14 February 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllr D Stevens - Mayor
Cllr M Thomas – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

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

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Chris Goninan, Cornwall Council

PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None received.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

TC.268 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor McClary declared a personal interest in Minute no. TC 279/11 (Applications for Financial Assistance) in respect of Geevor Tin Mine as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Councillor Stevens declared a prejudicial Interest in Minute no. TC 279/11 (Applications for Financial Assistance) in respect of the Brambles Nursery as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item, and also a personal interest in Minute no.TC.280/11 (Planning Applications) in respect of application no. PA10/06447 as he was known to the applicant.

Councillor Thomas declared a declared a personal interest in Minute no. TC 279/11 (Applications for Financial Assistance) in respect of Geevor Tin Mine as a member of the Geevor Partnership.

TC.269 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 24 January 2011 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

TC.270 COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA

Future of Tourist Information

In the absence of Councillor Angove, the Mayor referred to the new opening hours of the St Just Library and the effect that this would have on the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) in the next financial year in light of the decision by Visit Cornwall to withdraw funding.

RESOLVED That the Town Clerk be asked to write to Malcolm Bell, Visit Cornwall to seek clarification on the future of the TIC in St Just.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Car Parks

Councillor East suggested that a further letter be sent to Cornwall Council reaffirming the Town Council's interest in taking over responsibility for the car parks in St Just and Pendeen in view of the fact that it was unclear whether the car parks would remain free in the long term.

The Mayor stated, and it was confirmed by Councillor Goninan, that Cornwall Council had only given an assurance that the car parks would remain free until the end of 2011. Councillor Goninan also reported that Cornwall Council's Cabinet at its next meeting would be considering a report on the car parks review.

RESOLVED: That a further letter be sent to Cornwall Council reaffirming the Town Council's wish to enter into discussions with Cornwall Council regarding the possibility of the Town Council taking on responsibility for the car parks in St Just and Pendeen.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.271 CLOSURE OF ST JUST POLICE OFFICE

The Town Council considered the content of a draft letter from the Mayor to Inspector Mark Eccles, Devon & Cornwall Police which expressed the Town Council's dissatisfaction at the decision to close the office with effect from 9 February 2011.

RESOLVED: That the content and despatch of the letter be approved.

(Action by : Dave Stevens / Elaine Baker)

TC.272 PUBLIC CONVENIENCE REVIEW

The Town Council considered a letter from Cornwall Council regarding a review of its public conveniences service to achieve a £1m saving through efficiencies. The letter proposed a number of options ranging from altering the way in which the conveniences were currently managed to closure, on which the Town Council's

views were being sought.

Town Councillors expressed concern at the lack of detail and financial information contained in the letter and, that, although the Town Council had expressed interest in taking over responsibility for certain services from Cornwall Council, to date no formal approach had been made to the Town Council.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to Charlie David, Operations Manager, Cornwall Council inviting him to attend a future meeting of the Town Council to explain the proposals in greater detail.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.273 SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM

The Town Council considered a letter from Cornwall Council advising that due to budgetary constraints it would no longer be in a position to offer the full range of resources to support the town's entry into South West in Bloom Competition and that the financial onus must now fall on the Town Council.

Councillor Goninan, as Chairman of St Just-in-Bloom commented that the group hoped to continue and that it was grateful for the support that it had received from the Council in the past. Councillor Goninan confirmed that Cornwall Council had agreed to take over responsibility for the floral display on the war memorial but that he hoped that there would not be a significant reduction in the visual impact around the town. Councillor Goninan confirmed that St Just in Bloom would be approaching the Council in the next financial year for additional funding.

RESOLVED: The Town Council noted the position.

TC.274 PLANNING AND REGENERATION SERVICE – ANNUAL SATISFACTION QUESTIONNAIRE

The Town Council completed the annual Planning and Regeneration Service questionnaire for submission to Cornwall Council.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.275 ABOLITION OF POLICE AUTHORITIES

The Town Council noted the contents of a letter from the Chairman of the Devon & Cornwall Police Authority regarding the Government's proposal to abolish police authorities and replace them with directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners in May 2012.

TC.276 CLOCK TOWER WAR MEMORIAL

The Town Council noted the contents of an email from English Heritage which confirmed that English Heritage had received an application to list the Clock Tower War Memorial and that the assessment process had commenced. The Town Clerk was asked to advise English Heritage to contact the St Just Old Cornwall Society regarding architectural and historic information.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.277 THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELDS

The Town Council noted the detail of a new legacy project being organised by Fields in Trust to mark Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics in 2012.

TC.278 USE OF PLEN-AN-GWARRY

RESOLVED: That the use of the Plen-an-Gwarry by Maria Butler and Bob King in respect of a "Handfasting" event on 30 April 2011 between 6.30 – 7.30 p.m. be approved.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.279 FINANCE

a) Applications for Financial Assistance

Councillor Stevens declared a prejudicial interest in respect of the request from the Brambles Nursery as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the item.

The Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which gave details on requests for financial assistance from Just Arts in respect of a contribution towards the cost of their annual leaflet, Geevor Tin Mine in respect of its funding application to the West Cornwall Local Group to carry out a feasibility study to renovate part of the mill building and Brambles Nursery to purchase new equipment for babies in its care.

RESOLVED That the following grants be awarded:-

- Just Arts - £250.00
- Geevor Tin Mine - £50.00
- Brambles Nursery - £1,400.00

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £2,745.79 be approved for payment.

c) Letters of Thanks

A letter of thanks was received from Home - Start Kernow in respect of the £500.00 grant.

TC.280 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA10/08243 Conversion of barn to dwelling and associated works at Barn adjacent to Nanquidno Cottage, Nanquidno, St. Just. Applicant Mr & Mrs. T. Thomas. **(T. Cl. Deferred to next meeting awaiting comments from the Planning Officer)**

PA11/00482 Construction of garage, enlargement of window and installation of solar panels at Winkers Cottage, Bosavern, St. Just. Applicant Mr. Scott Nicholas. **(T. Cl. No objection)**.

PA10/08686 Replacement of porch and three windows with upvc on the rear elevation at 45, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. R. Cargeeg. **(T. Cl. No objection)**.

PA10/06447 (previous invalid application) Change of use, conversion and extension of office and workshop to form dwelling at Rosewell, Cot Valley, St. Just. Applicant Mr. Alec Maund. **(T. Cl. No objection subject to Condition that it be annexed to the main property)**.

PA11/00474 Replacement of flue at Assembly Room, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicant Ms. Abigail Reynolds. **(T. Cl. No objection)**.

PA11/00652 Various tree works at 9, Tregeseal Terrace, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicant Toby Clarke Tree Surgery **(T. Cl. No objection)**.

PA10/08662 Provision of 3 caravans for 6 month seasonal company occupation and retention of 1 caravan to provide 12 month occupancy for a company night watchman on land bounded by A.30 and access track to Leswidden Farm, St. Just. Applicant Mr. S. May Stunts UK Ltd. **(T. Cl. Support)**.

Councillor Thomas requested that his name be formally recorded as having voted against the decision to support the application.

(b) Decisions

W1/08-0161 Demolition of 2 garages and construction of affordable 2 storey dwelling and detached garage on land opposite Peters Row, Boscaswell Village, Pendeen for Mr. & Mrs. Garner. **Approval** (T. Cl. Support).

PA10/05680 Construction of store and formation of parking area to serve allotments at Kenidjack Allotments, Kenidjack, St. Just for the National Trust. **Approval** (T. Cl. Support).

PA10/06154 Creation of hardstanding and widening gateway at Lyndhurst, Penzance Road, Pendeen for Ms. C. Belsham. **Refusal** (T. Cl. Objection).

PA10/07324 Removal of Conditions 1 and 2 of W1/65/P.20967, Condition 3 of W1/87/P/0125 and Condition 3 of W1/07/P/0284/FD at Kelynack Caravan Park, Crippas Hill, St. Just for Mrs. Grose. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA10/07882 Construction of replacement single storey rear extension at 6, Chapel Street, St. Just for Miss K. Arthur. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA10/07977 Demolition of conservatory and erection of extension to dwelling at Summer Barn, adjacent to Old Coastguard Cottages, St. Just for Mrs. B. Rendell. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA10/08205 Demolition and rebuilding of rear extension and front conservatory at 5, Enys Cottages, Pendeen for Mr. T. Davis. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA10/07644 Extension of time for the demolition of existing store building and construction of studio & workshop (Decision Notice No: W1/07/P/1350 dated 14/07/2008) at Cove Cottage, Cape Cornwall, St. Just for Sir Michael Tims. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA10/05776 Construction of dormer windows at Lyndhurst, Penzance Road, Pendeen for Ms. C. Belsham. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection but would like to see an extra finial placed on the dormer to match those on existing building).

PA10/06203 Demolition of and construction of replacement annexe at Assembly, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. for Ms. Abigail Reynolds. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA10/06415 Installation of solar and photovoltaic panels on dwelling and annexe at Higher Carnyorth Farm, Carnyorth, St. Just for Mr. & Mrs. R. James. **Approval** (T. Cl. strongly supports the principle of the use of this type of technology but is concerned about the siting of the panels and suggests they be sited either on the roof of the new extension or on the ground).

PA10/06508 Replacement of windows with upvc at The Old Farmhouse, Levant Mine, Trewellard, Pendeen for Mr. & Mrs. E. Treseder. **Approval.** (T. Cl. No Objection but would prefer to see use of timber framed windows).

PA10/06829/06830 Retention of loft conversion and associated works and Listed Building Consent at Winkers Cottage, Bosavern, St. Just for Mr. S. Nicholas. **Approval.** (T. Cl. No comment).

PA10/07149 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 for Mr. Inger Ford. **Approval.** (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 for Mr. Ewan Mackintosh. **Approval.** (T. Cl. No Objection).

TC.281 INFORMATION ITEM

a. Planning Enforcement Cases – St Just Parish

The Town Clerk presented details on the total number of outstanding enforcement cases within the parish.

b. St Just Library

Councillor Mrs James informed the Town Council that she would be presenting a petition in respect of the future of St Just Library to Cornwall Council on 17 February 2011.

The Town Clerk reminded the Council that this issue had not been discussed by the Council and that any member of the Council who wished to participate in the presentation of the petition did so in their private capacity and not as a representative of the Town Council.

TC.282 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.283 ALLOTMENTS – KENIDJACK VALLEY

The Town Council agreed to defer consideration of this item until the next meeting of the Council in light of the comments received from Cornwall Council in respect of the terms of the lease.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Town Mayor