

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 March 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllr D Stevens - Mayor  
Cllr M Thomas – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Cllr B F Angwin	Cllr C S McClary
Cllr Ms Angove	Cllr N McFadden – arrived at 7.20 p.m.
Cllr Mrs S James	Cllr F Morris
	Cllr Mrs S Olds

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Chris Goninan, Cornwall Council  
Councillor Julian German, Cabinet member for Waste Management, Climate Change & Historic Environment  
Esther O’Bearagh, Cornwall Council’s Waste & Education Manager

SUSPENSION OF COUNCILLOR W F EAST

The Mayor informed the Town Council that a determination hearing of Cornwall Council’s Standards Committee held on 7 March 2011 had determined that Councillor W F East had breached the Code of Conduct of St Just-in-Penwith Town Council and that he should be suspended for a period of six months or until he had complied with a number of conditions.

PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None received.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

TC.300 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 28 February 2011 be approved as amended by the inclusion of “*lintels and infill*” after the word “*quoins*” in planning application PA11/01065, as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor,

TC.301 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Ms Angove declared a personal interest in minute no TC 306/11 (Planning) in respect of planning application PA11/00743, as the applicant was known to her.

Councillor Angwin declared a personal interest in minute no. TC 306/11 (Planning) in respect of planning application PA11/01418, as an adjoining landowner.

Councillor Mrs James declared a personal interest in minute no. TC 306/11 (Planning) in respect of application planning PA11/01088, as the applicant was known to her.

Councillor N McFadden declared a prejudicial interest in minute no. TC 306 /11 (Planning) in respect of planning application PA11/00830, as the contractor for the works and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

Councillor Nicholls declared a prejudicial interest in minute no. TC 305/11 (Applications for Financial Assistance,) as a committee member of Pendeen Ark and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

Councillor Stevens declared a personal interest in minute no. TC 306/11 (Planning) in respect of planning application PA11/01088, as the applicant was known to him.

TC.302 WASTE RECYCLING / LOCAL RECYCLING INITIATIVES

Councillor Julian German, Cabinet member for Waste Management, Climate Change & Historic Environment outlined the options on which Cornwall Council was currently consulting the public for waste collection services across Cornwall. Two options were being considered and householders were being asked to indicate which option they preferred.

Option A – weekly food waste and rubbish collection and fortnightly recycling and garden waste collection, or

Option B – weekly food waste and recycling and fortnightly rubbish and garden waste collection.

Councillor German stated that Cornwall Council had taken a neutral line in respect of the options, but as a result of continued discussions, Option B was considered to provide the best way forward.

The procurement exercise would finalise costs in respect of each of the options but it was believed that Option B would lead to an increase in the amount of waste recycled and a cheaper overall service.

A wheelie bin solution was not being considered for the whole of Cornwall, however for those households which currently used wheelie bins there would be the option to continue.

The waste management review had also looked at the distribution of recycling banks across Cornwall. Private contractors would now be responsible for banks located at supermarkets, which had resulted in a £200,000 saving on the budget. However, Councillor German assured the Town Council that there were no plans to withdraw the recycling facility from St Just due to the distance to the nearest supermarket facility.

As part of contract harmonisation, a charge of 75p was to be introduced for garden waste collection which had previously been a free service in the former Penwith District Council area. The charge for bulky waste collection was to be set

at £15.00 for three items.

In response to a question regarding the recycling of plastics, Councillor German commented that Cornwall Council was keen to explore options to increase the amount of plastic recycled. However, there was no commitment at the present time as this would form part of the tendering process which would also address traceability issues.

Regarding the battery recycling scheme, Esther O’Bearagh commented that new legislation had been introduced which imposed a duty on producers and sellers of batteries to make arrangements for a free disposal service.

With regard to the proposed new household waste recycling facility in Penzance, Councillor German commented that progress was being made in relation to land acquisition, near to the old Eastern Green site. He also confirmed that the current waste collection service contract with Biffa for the former Penwith area expired in April 2012.

Esther O’Bearagh outlined a number of recycling initiatives that were currently being run by Cornwall Council, such as the “Free Cycle” event, which enabled residents to dispose of unwanted items which could be reused.

“Targeted Area Working” whereby the recycling team targeted one area to promote recycling initiatives for the benefit of the local community, including the “Big Green Ticket” competition, which aimed to encourage greater household recycling.

The Town Council was also reminded about Cornwall Council’s “Clean Cornwall Week” which was due to run from 4 April. Local cleaning events were being organised and the aim for this year was to achieve 500 planned local events.

TC.303 GEEVOR TIN MINE

Councillor McClary reported that a further meeting had been held between the Chairman of Pendeen Community Heritage and Gill Steward, Cornwall Council’s Corporate Director for Communities, but that no further progress had been made on a new Management Agreement.

The main area of disagreement related to the ownership of the mine. The Mining Inspectorate had stated that the Board of Trustees was the owner of the site under the MASHAM regulations, but this was not accepted by the Board which felt that responsibility for ownership lay with Cornwall Council.

Councillor Goninan stated that he was awaiting the response from Cornwall Council regarding clarification from the Mining Inspectorate as to the legal position. It was important that the tenancy agreement between Cornwall Council and Pendeen Community Heritage could be resolved in advance of 2014 deadline.

TC.304 COT VALLEY TREE PLANTING

Councillor Goninan informed the Town Council of a tree planting scheme on a piece of land opposite the Youth Hostel, Cot Valley which was to be developed for community use.

Planting of 420 trees was due to take place on 25 March 2011 and volunteers were welcomed.

TC.305 FINANCE

a) Applications for Financial Assistance

The Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which gave details on requests for financial assistance from the Ark, Pendeen for the erection of a "sail" and "awning" and from Cornwall International Male Voice Choral Festival due to be held from 27 April to 2 May 2011.

Councillor Nicholls made a statement on the accounts in respect of the request made by The Ark, Pendeen before withdrawing from the meeting for consideration of the financial requests.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the grants is deferred until the financial year 2011 / 2012.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £4,323.70 be approved for payment.

c) Letters of Thanks

Letters of thanks were received from Pendeen Women's Institute and St Just Arts.

TC.306 PLANNING

(a) Applications

**PA11/00743** Change of use of ground floor to gallery and workshop, installation of door and alterations to window at Bolitho Club, 5, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicant Bolitho Working Men's Club. (T. Cl. Support).

Councillor McFadden declared a prejudicial interest in the following application as the contractor for the works, and having made a brief statement on the type of tree work to be carried out, withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the application.

**PA11/00830** Pollarding of 6 sycamores, felling of 1 sycamore and pruning of holly tree at 15, Tregeseal Terrace, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicant Mr. Irwin Dymond. (T. Cl. Support).

**PA11/01088** Extension and alterations to dwelling and erection of a detached domestic garage at Eastbounds, Cape Cornwall, St. Just. Applicant Mr. C. Griffiths, Arcostudios Ltd. (T. Cl. No Objection).

**PA11/01311** Extension to dwelling at 15, Boscaswell Terrace, Pendeen for Mr. C. Toms. (T. Cl. No Objection).

**PA11/01418** Extension to dwelling at Springs Cottage, Penzance Road, Pendeen for Ms. A.M. Slattery. (T. Cl. Objection – Agree with Planning Officer's comments).

(b) Decisions

**PA10/06875** Continued use of premises without complying with Conditions 4 and 6 of Decision Notice 99/P/0823/FD dated 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2000 on premises adjacent Ambleside, Brea Farm, St. Buryan. Applicant Mr. S. Trembath. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

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

(c) Appeal

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

TC.307 INFORMATION ITEM

a. Closure St Just Police Office

The Mayor reported that he and the Town Clerk had met with Mark Eccles to discuss the recent closure of the St Just Police Office. The Town Council was advised that in order to provide an on-street presence for the local Police team they would be provided with access to the Council Chamber.

b. Tourist Information Centre

The Mayor reported that he and the Town Clerk had met with Christina Carson and Pam Martindale, Cornwall Council's Library Service to discuss how the £2,500 allocated in next year's budget could be used to support the Tourist Information Service at the library. The Mayor reported that the Town Clerk would be contacting the Cornwall Association of Local Council's to discuss how the Council could help to fund the service to be provided by Cornwall Council this summer.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.308 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.309 INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES

The Town Council considered a quotation from Hudson Accounting Ltd to provide internal audit services for the next three year period.

RESOLVED: That the award of the contract for the provision of internal audit services to Hudson Accounting Ltd for the next three financial years be approved.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Meeting closed at 8.26 p.m.

Town Mayor