

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING of ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 17 December 2012 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs S James – Town Mayor
Councillor D Stevens – Deputy Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Ms S Angove	F Morris
A. Exelby	Mrs. S. Olds
C. McClary	A. Smith
K. McFadden	
N. McFadden	

ASSISTANT TO TOWN CLERK

Shirley Darby

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Chris Goninan, Cornwall Council
Mr. Jim Hurditch
Mr. Richard Lunn

TC.229 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. Nicholls, Councillor M. Thomas and PCSO Andrew Tonkin.

TC.230 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor McClary declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute no. TC.242a/12 (Pre-Planning Advice) as he was a member of the same Coastguard team.

The Deputy Mayor declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute no TC.242a/12 (Pre-Planning Advice) as he was a friend of the applicant.

TC.231 DISPENSATIONS

None

TC.232 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on 3 December 2012 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.233 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

TC.234 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Mayor reported attendance at the following engagements:

27 November 2012 Mayors' Health Campaign Group
30 November 2012 Phoenix Programme – Passing out parade by students of Cape Cornwall School at Penzance Community Fire Station
05 December 2012 Lands End Peninsula Community Land Trust Board Meeting
14 December 2012 Switched on the Christmas lights in Market Square, St. Just.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had attended an Awards Evening at Cape Cornwall School on 12 December 2012.

Councillor Angove reported that she had recently attended two meetings at Pengarth Day Centre, Penzance.

TC.235 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Flooding issues

Councillor Goninan expressed his thanks to the Mayor and Assistant for their help and advice to the residents of Tregeseal during the recent flooding issues.

Site meeting held with all affected residents on Thursday 6 December, which had been attended by Mike Peters, Cornwall Council, Sarah Richards, Environment Agency & Steve Blatchford, Cornwall Council, with responsibility for the parts of the rivers that come under Cornwall Council care.

Cormac Solutions had already commenced remedial works on site and Steve Blatchford was producing a report with recommendations to forward to David Owens, Head of Service of Cornwall Council.

The issues at Trewellard Hill had been investigated again and the situation reported to Mike Peters (Cornwall Council).

Shared services

At a meeting on 11 December 2012 Cornwall Council voted in favour of entering into a reduced partnership with BT which would involve the transfer of fewer Council staff and services.

This partnership would mean that the “customer facing” services which attracted the most public concern, including libraries, one stop shops, procurement, Council Tax, Business Rates, debt collection, benefits and assessment ,and the customer call centre, would continue to be delivered by Cornwall Council.

It would also enable the Council to work with health partners and BT to develop telehealth and telecare and to achieve additional savings.

Surgery issues.

The issue about signage for the surgery was being looked into by Mike Peters (Cornwall Highways) and a finger sign located in Market Square had been proposed.

The street light that had fallen down on the pavement just outside the car park had now been replaced.

Douglas Woolcock Transport

Operation had commenced on 13 December with a trip for the elderly to see the lights in West Cornwall.

A well attended volunteers' meeting had been held on 8 December 2012. Training was due to begin in January for the volunteers consisting of two sessions to be held at Age Concern St Just on 5 and 26 January 2013.

TC.236 **REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER**

In the absence of PCSO Andrew Tonkin, the Assistant to the Town Clerk gave the monthly Police report for the period covering 16 November to 17 December 2012.

During that period there had been 7 reported crimes which compared to 18 for the same period last year, these included:-

- 2 criminal damages to property
- 2 common assaults
- 1 possession of Class B Amphetamine
- 1 theft from motor vehicle
- 1 burglary

TC.237 **TWINNING ADOPTION**

The Town Mayor asked the Council's opinion on the form of relationship between the Town Council and Huelgoat in France and Bendigo in Australia as it was not really defined.

Councillors agreed that there was a real interchange at present with both Huelgoat and Bendigo and

RESOLVED: To adopt the twinning link between the Town Council and Huelgoat and support Bendigo twinning and place both Huelgoat and Bendigo on the local signage being prepared by Cornwall Council.

(Action by: Elaine Baker/Cornwall Council)

TC.238 **LANDS END AIRFIELD**

Councillor McClary referred to the recent closure of the runway at the Airfield following the recent flooding; he suggested that the issue of servicing the runway to make it hard surfaced should be discussed at a future meeting of the Town Council.

RESOLVED: That a representative from Sky Bus be invited to attend a meeting early in the New Year to discuss this issue.

(Action by: Shirley Darby))

TC.239 CLEARING OF DITCHES AND DRAINS BY CORNWALL COUNCIL

Councillor McClary reported that Cornwall Council had made cut backs on drain and ditch clearance in the area and now flooding problems were increasing as a result. He suggested that Cornwall Council should reverse its policy in this matter.

RESOLVED: That Mike Peters and Phil Keverne of Cornwall Council Highways be invited to attend a meeting early in the New Year to discuss this problem and when a date had been set, to ask all local Parish Councils if they wished to send a representative to attend the meeting.

(Action by: Shirley Darby)

TC.240 STREET LIGHTING

The Deputy Mayor reported on the recent street lighting trial which had recently been carried out by Cornwall Council but expressed disappointment that the Council had not received any report regarding the trial results.

Councillor Goninan agreed to look into this matter and report back to the Town Clerk.

TC.241 FINANCE

(a) Grant Applications

None

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £5,790.50 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Shirley Darby)

(c) Letters of Thanks

Letters of thanks had been received from Cape Cornwall School and the Bolitho Club.

TC.242 PLANNING

(a) Pre-Planning Advice

Mr. Jim Hurditch of Hurditch Architecture, Botallack, St. Just addressed the Council regarding his proposal to build a terrace of four two-bedroomed dwellings in Tregeseal with a Section 106 agreement and with parking as part of the development.

The Council informed Mr. Hurditch that they were unable to make any formal decision until an application was presented by Cornwall Council's Planning Department for their views. However, favourable consideration would be increased by the use of Cornish granite.

(b) Applications

PA12/10878 First floor extension to rear incorporating Juliet balcony to west elevation at 17, Boscaswell Village, Lower Boscaswell, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Wallis. **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

PA12/11274 Erection of first floor extension and replacement conservatory at White Cottage, Trewellard Road, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Sparkes. **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

PA12/11217 Erection of a storm porch, interior modifications and replacement of existing lean-to roof at Silverly Cottage, Crippas Hill, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. M. Hoad. **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

(c) Decisions

PA12/00147 Erection of five dwellings and associated bin/bike stores at The Walled Garden, Market Street, St. Just. Applicant: H.F. Trust. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection but would prefer use of granite on the wall facing the Public Conveniences).

PA12/09455 Single storey rear extension, first floor roof terrace to side elevation and detached garage at Barn Cottage, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Bailey. **Approval** (T. Cl. Support).

PA12/09501 Replacement of 4 windows and 1 door on the front of the property at 10, North Row, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. G. Williams. **Approval** (T. Cl. Support Planning Officer's comments that windows should be dark sash).

PA12/10048 Proposed conversion of existing detached garage to form self-contained annexe accommodation at Trease House, 52, Boscaswell Village, Lower Boscaswell, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. M. Angove. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA12/10087 Proposed garden room extension at Seacroft, Kenyhton Lane, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. K. Jackson. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA12/09446 Construction of three affordable houses with off-road parking on site of existing double garage on land opposite Peters Row, Lower Boscaswell, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. Karl Miucci. **Withdrawn** (T. Cl. Strong Objection).

PA12/10087 Proposed garden room extension at Sea croft, Kenyhton Lane, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. K. Jackson. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA12/10150 Construction of single storey extension at Nanquidno Farm, Nanquidno, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA12/10173 Replacement casement windows in upvc at An Crow, Chapel Road, St. Just Applicant: Miss N. Lang. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

TC.243 INFORMATION ITEMS

Correspondence and photographs were provided for the Town Council by Bob Robinson, Ranger for the National Trust which showed the extent of the flooding in Kenidjack Valley and reported that the coast path in that area would be closed for the next six months.

TC.244 MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Town Mayor reported that she had been invited to write an article to be inserted in "The Cornishman" with regard to events that had happened during the past year and forthcoming events during 2013 and asked the Council for any suggestions for this report.

Councillor Exelby reported that dog waste bins had suddenly gone missing and not been replaced by Cornwall Council. Councillor Goninan agreed to look into this matter for the Council.

Mr. Richard Lunn informed the Council that he had recently moved to No. 9 Fore Street, St. Just where he was opening a gallery. The Town Mayor informed him that he could make a public address at Council Meetings and he agreed to return in the new year with further details.

Meeting closed at 8.03 p.m.

Town Mayor