

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 19 July 2010 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D Stevens - Mayor
Councillor M Thomas – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Ms P S Angove	K McFadden
B F Angwin	T N McFadden
W F East	F Morris
Mrs S James	M Nicholls
C S McClary	Mrs S Olds

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Chris Goninan, Cornwall Council

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

TC.114 PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None received.

TC.115 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 5 July 2010 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

TC.116 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor McClary declared a personal interest in minute no. TC121/10 (St Just Coastguard Rescue Service) as a member of the Land's End Coastguard Service.

Councillor Mrs Olds declared a prejudicial interest in minute no. TC124 (a)/10 in respect of application no. PA10/03264 as she was related to the applicant and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

TC.117 REPORT OF TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Mayor reported that he and the Deputy Mayor had attended the Midsummer Bonfire on Chapel Carn Brea on 23 June. Together with the Town Clerk had held a meeting with the Council's Footpath Maintenance Contractor on 7 July to review progress on the gold and silver footpath network and on the same day had met with representatives of Cornwall Council to discuss the issue of World Heritage Signage, details of which would come before the Council later in the year.

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk had also attended an informal meeting with Cornwall Council on 8 July 2010 regarding the proposed relocation of British International Helicopters (BIH) at which representatives of BIH and Sainsbury's were also in attendance. This issue would be discussed later on the agenda. The meeting also discussed future proposals for Tourist Information Centres throughout Cornwall.

On 9 July, the Mayor had met with Malcolm Ellis, Chairman of St Just Football Club regarding additional residents' car parking on the football ground. This would be reported in greater detail later on the agenda. On 12 July the Mayor had attended the judging for the Cornwall in Bloom competition. On 14 July, a meeting had been held with Helen Hutson, Coastal Safety Manager to discuss the recent closure of the St Just Coastguard service which would also be discussed later on the agenda. Finally, on 15 July, together with the Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk he had attended the Town & Parish Forum at St John's Hall, Penzance which had received a presentation on the planning service by Nicola Stinson, Assistant Head of Planning, Cornwall Council and on the issue of Active Partnering which the Council had recently expressed an interest in participating.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he attended the bonfire celebration on 23 June, the meeting with BIH representatives on 8 July, the meeting with Helen Hutson on 14 July and the Town & Parish Forum on 15 July.

Councillor James reported that she had attended a meeting of the Centre of Pendeen on 6 July and chaired a meeting of the Housing Sub-Group of the Land's End Peninsula Community Land Trust on 14 July 2010.

Councillor K McFadden reported that he had attended an informal meeting of the Heathland Forum on 13 July which had included a site visit to various sites within the St Just parish, including Carnyorth Moor. A detailed report would be provided later on the agenda.

TC.118 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Councillor Goninan reported that the Health Adults Overview & Scrutiny Committee's Single Issue Panel on Minor Procedures & Outpatients draft report would be out for consultation by the end of the month. The next meeting of the Panel on Older People's Care was to be held on 30 July.

A very positive meeting of the Geevor Partnership was held on 8 July 2010.

With regard to Boswedden Lane discussions were continuing between the land owner, his land agent and Cornwall Council.

In respect of Cape Terrace a meeting had been held with Mike Toms, Cornwall Council to discuss green waste issues. No real solution had been found but the situation would continue to be monitored.

A further meeting with Cornwall Council officers was held on 15 July regarding Balleswidden Stack and the possibility of Cornwall Council taking on the tenancy agreement. Councillor Goninan hoped that progress could now be made on this issue.

St Just in Bloom judging was held on 12 July. The results would be announced in Bath on 16 September.

Speed Watch training was undertaken on 6 July in Penzance. Councillor Goninan reported that he was keen to set up a group in St Just and asked any Councillor interested in volunteering to get in touch with him.

Councillor Goninan also reported that he had also attended a meeting on 14 July regarding the St Just Coastguard closure which was also attended by Helen Hutson, Alan Matthews, Tom Borland of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and volunteers from the St Just team.

A further meeting had also been held with Andy James, Cornwall Council to discuss proposals for highway improvements with the junction of the B3306 Land's End Road which he hoped to bring to the Council in September.

TC.119 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

In the absence of the Police, the Town Clerk gave the Police report for the period 24 May to 15 July 2010.

During that period 23 crimes had been reported which compared to 20 for the same period in the previous year. These included six theft related crimes, four cases of criminal damage, five assaults, three burglaries to dwellings, two cases of driving with excess alcohol, one driving whilst being disqualified, one drunk and disorderly and one of possession of a controlled substance.

The Police continued to try and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the area and were pleased to report that youth related anti-social behaviour had decreased significantly compared to figures for the same period last year.

The Council was advised that the next PACT meeting was to be held on 22 July 2010 at Cape Cornwall School.

TC.120 BRITISH INTERNATIONAL HELICOPTERS

The Mayor informed the Council that Cornwall Council had held a number of informal meetings with representatives of British International helicopters (BIH) regarding the continuation of the service in Penzance. At the informal meeting on 8 July, BIH had confirmed that the site in Penzance was to be sold but that there was no decision, as yet, as to where the service would be relocated.

The Mayor commented on the article which had appeared in the recent edition of the Cornishman Newspaper. He confirmed that the article did not reflect the discussion at the meeting and that since the article the Council and all those who had attended the meeting on 8 July had received an apology from the Chairman of the BIH also confirming that a retraction would be appearing in next week's edition of the newspaper. Cornwall Council had so far received no formal communication from BIH or potential developer for the site in Penzance and that formal consultation would only begin when any application(s) were submitted.

In the light of the information received, the Council agreed to note the contents of the request made by the Land's End Aerodrome Action Group to the meeting held on 7 June 2010.

TC.121 ST JUST COASTGUARD RESCUE SERVICE

Councillor McClary declared a personal interest in this item as a member of the Land's End Coastguard Service.

The Mayor reported that he, the Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk had met with Helen Hutson, Coastal Safety Manager on 14 July 2010 to discuss the closure of the St Just Coastguard Service

The Mayor reported that the outcome of the meeting had been very disappointing and that Ms Hutson had not put forward any sound financial or operational basis for the closure. As a result the Mayor sought the Council's approval to a further letter being sent to Andrew George MP seeking his assistance in requesting that a full independent review of the Coastguard Service in West Penwith be carried out as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Goninan commented that he had also been appalled by the decision taken by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and in particular the actions of the officers in which he had no confidence. As a consequence he had sent an email to the Chief Executive of the agency to request that a review be undertaken.

RESOLVED: That the Mayor be authorised to write to Andrew George MP, on behalf of the Council requesting that a full independent review, including all possible options be carried out as matter of urgency.

(Action by Dave Stevens / Elaine Baker)

TC.122 CAPE CORNWALL ROAD

The Council considered a letter from Cornwall Council regarding its request for the reordering of street names and numbers from the junction of West Place / Chapel Road as far as Bollowal Place on the junction of Carn Gloose as Cape Cornwall Road, St Just (minute no.21/10 refers).

The letter sought, as part of Cornwall Council's initial investigations the Council's view on whether support for the renaming and numbering extended to the financing of new street nameplates should the name change be successful.

The letter also sought the Council's advice on which properties should be included in the proposal.

After consideration of the request the Council

RESOLVED : That

- (a) Cornwall Council be advised that the Council agrees "in principle" to making a financial contribution towards the cost of new street nameplates if required, subject to details on the cost being provided; and
- (b) the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Ms Angove, in consultation with the Town Clerk be authorised to identify those properties to be included in the review and for Cornwall Council to be advised accordingly.

(Action by : Elaine Baker / Morley Thomas / Sandy Angove)

TC.123 FINANCE

(a) Application for Financial Assistance

None received.

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £3,505.40 be approved for payment.

(c) Letters of Thanks

The Town Clerk reported receipt of a letter of thanks from the Centre of Pendeen for the donation of the £1,000.

TC.124 PLANNING

(a) Applications

Councillor Mrs Olds declared a prejudicial interest in planning application no. PA10/03264 as she was related to the applicant and withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the application.

PA10/03561 Change of use of former airfield buildings to canine hydrotherapy unit at Little Brea Veau, Kelynack, St. Just. Applicant Ms. S. Brown. **(T CI no objection, but requests that further consideration be given to the access requirements)**

PA10/03706 Installation of replacement window on front elevation at 15, Fore Street, St. Just. Applicant Mr M. Lee-Welsh. **(T CI no objection)**

PA10/03693 Felling of cypress tree at 9, Tregeseal Terrace, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicant Mr. T. Clark. **(Deferred for consideration to meeting on 2 August, pending receipt of the Tree Officer's report)**

PA10/03264 Installation of replacement windows with upvc at Ty Gwenn, South Place, St. Just. Applicant Mr. T. Olds. **(T CI no objection)**

PA10/03757 Raising of ridge height, loft conversion incorporating new dormer window and installation of Juliet balcony on rear elevation at "Heathers", 6, The Turnpike, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. T. Brewer. **(T CI supports the Planning Officer's comments. The T CI has no objection to the conversion of loft space into living accommodation but is concerned about the scale and design of the dormer)**

PA10/03240 Construction of extension on side elevation at Chippings, Portherras Cross, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. B. Simms. **(T CI supports the comments of the Planning Officer. Enlarged house retains the character of the original so no detrimental visual impact, adequate amenity space)**

PA10/03779 Construction of replacement single storey extension at Carvolth, 6, Higher Bojewyan, Pendeen, Penzance. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. L. Le Vasseur. **(T CI supports the Planning Officer's comments. Slightly larger but unassuming in design – not unneighbourly)**

PA10/03840 Change of use and conversion of existing self-contained unit to form offices at 1, Chapel Street, St. Just for Cornwall Council. **(T CI support)**

PA10/03823 Felling of 1 Austrian Pine at Trehithion, Penzance Road, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. P. Colliver. **(Deferred for consideration to meeting on 2 August, pending receipt of the Tree Officer's report)**

PA10/03836 Construction of dwelling and associated works on land adjacent to 19, Lafrowda Close, St. Just. Applicant Mr. G. Clouter. **(T CI supports the application but would like to see an amendment to the design so that the dwelling is in line with the adjacent property)**

(b) Decisions

The Council was advised that no decisions had been received since the last meeting.

TC.125 STANDING ORDERS

The Council reviewed and made comments on the content of sections 15 to 24 of the new draft model standing orders, together with the proposed terms of reference of the new committees in advance of formal adoption by the full Council.

TC.126 INFORMATION ITEMS

(a) Regent Terrace

The Mayor reported that he had met with Malcolm Ellis, Chairman of St Just Football Club to measure the area to be given over by the club for additional off street car parking to alleviate the current parking problems in Regent Terrace which had been discussed at previous Council meetings.

Cornwall Council had agreed to provide road planings for the car parking surface which would not be available until mid to late October when resurfacing works were due to be carried out in St Just. Therefore the proposed works at the club would need to be delayed until that time.

TC.127 HEATHLAND FORUM

Councillor K McFadden gave an update on the informal meeting of the Heathland Forum which had been held on 13 July in St Just. Part of the meeting included site visits to various locations within the parish, including Carnyorth Moor.

Councillor McFadden reported that there had been a change of personnel at both the National Trust and Natural England which appeared to have had a positive effect and that there now seemed to be a change of view on how to deal with the outstanding issues.

In respect of Carnyorth Moor there were still concerns about the work that had been undertaken on the moor, including the installation of the gates and some works that it was felt could be illegal and which were currently being investigated by the forum.

Councillor McFadden reported that it looked as though the Cattle Grid at Hector's House was to be removed which had been welcomed by the Save Penwith Moors Group and that some good work had been carried out by PAROW in relation to the fire breaks which were being used by walkers to access the moor.

In summary he was more optimistic that Natural England would now work more positively with the forum to redress some of the concerns that had previously been raised.

RESOLVED: That the position be noted.

Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Town Mayor