

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 19 November 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	M. Thomas
N. McFadden	

ASSISTANT TO TOWN CLERK

Shirley Darby

A minute's silence was held in respect of the memory of ex-Councillor Francis Angwin who has been a member of the Town Council for over 40 years.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Chris Goninan, Cornwall Council

TC.200 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

TC.201 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The view was reached that all Councillors needed to declare a non-pecuniary interest in minute no. TC214 (Planning Application No. PA12/08458) as one of the Trustees of the Applicants was a member of the Town Council and therefore personally known by all members of the Town Council.

The Town Mayor declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute no. TC.212/12 (Lafrowda Close Development Update) as Chairman of the Land's End Peninsula Community Land Trust who would be overseeing the development of the affordable homes on the site, and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

The Deputy Mayor declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute no. TC.214 (Planning Application No. PA12/10087) as he is a friend of the applicant and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

Councillor Thomas declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute no. T.C.213 (Finance) as a Governor of Cape Cornwall School and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for

consideration of the item.

Councillor Exelby declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute no TC.213/12 (Finance) as a volunteer working for the Plen Project and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

TC.202 DISPENSATIONS

The Mayor requested a dispensation to remain for minute no. TC.212 (Lafrowda Close Development Update) to give a verbal report before withdrawing from the meeting for consideration of the item.

RESOLVED: That a dispensation be granted for the meeting only to enable the Town Mayor to speak in support of the Lafrowda Close development, in advance of Withdrawing from the meeting before consideration of the item by the Town Council.

TC.203 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on 6 November 2012 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.204 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

TC.205 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Mayor reported attendance at the following engagements:

Cornwall Land Trust Board Meeting on 31st October.
Town and Parish Summit Meeting on 3rd November.
Meeting with Malcolm Ellis, Chairman of St. Just Football Club and Councillor Chris Goninan on 8th November.

The Remembrance Sunday Service at Pendeen on 11th November where she laid a wreath on behalf of the Town Council.

Councillor Mrs. S. Angove reported that she had also laid a wreath on behalf of the Town Council at St. Just Remembrance Service on 11th November.

TC.206 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Falls Single Issue Panel Report.

The final report would be considered by Cornwall Council's Cabinet on Wednesday 22 November 2012. The Town Council was advised that a number of the recommendations had already been implemented by the Falls Pathway Group.

St Just in Bloom

Agreement had been reached with the Cape Cornwall School about the siting of a poly-tunnel in the school grounds.

West Penwith Landscape Partnership

Consultation events were being held in the Methodist Chapel on the 26th November from 6-8 p.m. and the Centre of Pendeen on the 28th November from 1-3 p.m.

Surgery issues.

The Patient Group at the surgery was still keen to have new signage in the town centre and Councillor Goninan reported that he had attended a meeting with the Practice Manager and Mike Peters, Cornwall Council Highways concerning this matter. Cornwall Council did not signpost surgeries but would signpost Minor Injury Units (MIU). Cape Cornwall surgery had a contract with the Primary Care Trust to deliver MIU services and therefore a contract was being looked at to see if it would enable the surgery to have the appropriate signage erected.

There was also a problem with the street light on the pavement just outside the car park. Patients leaving the surgery in the evening, especially when it is dark and overcast, were finding it difficult to see the edge of the pavement and were at risk of sustaining an injury. Councillor Goninan reported that he had contacted Mike Peters about this matter.

Football Club Issues.

A meeting had been held with the Town Mayor and Malcolm Ellis, Chairman of the St. Just Football Club about the use of the football ground for parking. Mr. Ellis had given an assurance that between 9-10 local residents regularly used the ground for parking and had access even though the club had to lock the gates because of problems with dog fouling.

Memory Café

Meetings were now being held in the British Legion on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 2-4 p.m. The next meeting would take place on 27th November, 2012.

Mining issues.

Councillor Goninan had attended a meeting with David Harvey, St Just Mining Group. A teacher and a group of youngsters at the school were currently working on a project to produce a local record of mining at Geevor Tin Mine. It was hoped to have a presentation evening in 2013 and to bring other groups together to have a miner's day for St Just & Pendeen.

Provision of Designated Parking Space

Councillor Goninan reported that a designated parking space was being provided in the recycling area for a disabled resident of Lafrowda Close, St. Just.

TC.207 **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 19 October to 16 November 2012.

During that period there had been 11 reported crimes which compared to 16 for the same period last year, these included:-

- 3 Thefts
- 2 Criminal Damage to Vehicle
- 2 Criminal Damage to Dwellings
- 3 Common Assaults
- 1 Possession of Firework in a public place

TC.208 MARKET STREET AND CHAPEL STREET, ST. JUST

The Mayor reported on the meeting with Cornwall Councillor Goninan and Mike Peters, Cornwall Council's Highway Manager of regarding the issue of parking in Market Street regarding enforcement issues and also the general state of decline of the road surface in Chapel Street, St. Just.

In respect of Chapel Street, the Town Council was advised that Cornwall Council would not be fully resurfacing Chapel Street but would look into the possibility of filling the road edges and agreed to report back to the Town Council on this issue.

RESOLVED: That a representative from Cornwall Council's Civil Enforcement Department be invited to attend a future meeting of the Town Council to discuss the issue of parking in Market Street and possible enforcement options.

(Action by: Elaine Baker/Cornwall Council)

TC.209 GEEVOR – INADEQUATE SEWAGE SYSTEM

Councillor McClary reported on the poor state of the sewage system at Geevor Tin Mine and the continuing problem of raw sewage being disposed over the cliff. Councillor McClary also advised the Town Council that Cornwall Council were holding South West Water responsible for damage to the existing system.

RESOLVED : That the position of Cornwall Council and Pendeen Community Heritage regarding the defective sewage system at Geevor Tin Mine is supported by the Town Council and that a letter is sent to Cornwall Council confirming the Council's support.

(Action : C.McClary/Shirley Darby))

TC.210 CLEANING CONTRACT FOLLOWING FEAST MONDAY

Councillor N. McFadden reported that Cornwall Council's Cleaning Contractor had been late commencing the clean up following the Feast Monday Hunt with the consequences that the clean- up had not been completed by the time normal traffic re-commenced using Market Square resulting in the roads being left in a poor condition. It was also reported that the Contractor's vehicle was too large for the job in hand resulting in smaller areas being left untouched.

RESOLVED: That an email be sent to Rolf Necke, Cornwall Council setting out the Town

Council's concerns and requesting that similar problems be avoided in future years.

(Action by: Shirley Darby)

TC.211 FEEDBACK FROM TOWN AND PARISH SUMMIT

The Town Council were provided with a report from the Mayor and were asked did they wish to investigate any items further on a future Agenda.

TC.212 LANDS END PENINSULA COMMUNITY LAND TRUST – LAFROWDA CLOSE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Town Mayor declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute no. TC.212/12 (Lafrowda Close Development Update) as Chairman of the Land's End Peninsula Community Land Trust who would be overseeing the development of the affordable homes on the site, but referred to the dispensation granted by the Town Council enabling her to speak in connection with the matter in advance of withdrawing from the meeting for consideration of the item.

The Town Mayor informed the Town Council that due to Devon & Cornwall Housing Association charging higher fees than previously indicated the planned development of all affordable dwellings on the site was not now financially viable. Therefore, in order to provide two affordable dwellings at Lafrowda Close, St. Just, the third unit would need to be at "open market" value.

The Town Mayor then withdrew from the room for consideration of the item.

RESOLVED : That the Town Council raises no objection to one affordable dwelling being changed to one open market dwelling either at the Lafrowda Close, St. Just site or Moorland Close, Pendeen to enable the delivery of affordable homes within the parish. Identification of where to deliver the open market unit to be determined upon whichever site made the scheme financially sustainable.

(Action by : Sue James)

TC.213 FINANCE

Councillor Thomas declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute no. T.C.213/12a (Finance) as a Governor of Cape Cornwall School and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

Councillor Exelby declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute no TC.213/12b (Finance) as a volunteer working for the Plen Project and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

(a) Grant Applications

The Town Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which gave details on applications for grant funding from Cape Cornwall School, Old Penwithian Association and the St. Just and District Trust Plen Project

RESOLVED : That the following grants be awarded:-

- (a) Cape Cornwall School on advice £200.00 given prior to the meeting by the Town Clerk.
- (b) St. Just & District Trust Plen Project. £1000 to be awarded to the project when the £14000 fund raising target is achieved.
- (c) Old Penwithian Association No grant awarded.

(Action by : Shirley Darby)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £4,542.46 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Shirley Darby)

(c) Letters of Thanks

Letters of thanks had been received from the Cornwall Blind Association and Pendeen Parish Hall & Theatre.

TC.214 PLANNING

The view was reached that all Councillors needed to declare a non-pecuniary interest in minute no. TC214 (Planning Application No. PA12/08458 as one of the Trustees of the Applicants was a member of the Town Council.

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(a) **PA12/08458**

Proposed conversion of existing former Radio Station to form 2 No. Holiday Units and Owners Accommodation (Re-design of Planning Approval W1/04/P/1566) at Lands End Radio Station, St. Just. Applicant: The Trustees of Paul Thomas Trust. **(T. Cl. As required under the new Code of Conduct – As one Trustee of the Applicants was a member of the Town Council, the Town Council was not able to either support or object to the Application).**

PA12/09446

Construction of three affordable houses with off-road parking on the site of existing double garage on land opposite Peters Row, Lower Boscaswell, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. Karl Miucci. **(T. Cl. Strong Objection – Over-development of site and Town Council were concerned that the site had previously been turned down for construction of two dwellings).**

PA12/09799

Erection of a dwelling and associated works at 6, St. John's Terrace, Pendeen. Applicants: Ms. L. Stevens and Mr. A. Harman. **(T. Cl. No Objection but would like to see use of granite local to the area).**

PA12/10087

Proposed garden room extension at Seacroft, Kenyhton Lane, St. Just.

Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. K. Jackson. **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

PA12/10150

Construction of single storey extension at Nanquidno Farm, Nanquidno, St. Just.

Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas. **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

(b) Decisions

PA12/08633

Conversion of barn to self-contained holiday accommodation at Leswidden Barn, Leswidden, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Maule. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection)

PA12/05811

Felling of a group of 7 sycamores, a row of sycamore and 3 separate ash trees at 2, Cot Mill, Cot Valley, St. Just. Applicant: Mrs. Peggy Sloan. **Approval** (T. Cl. Support Tree Officer's Report).

PA12/08387

Continued use of land for caravan and camping park (all year round holiday occupancy) at Trevaylor Camping & Caravan Site, Truthwall Lane, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. C & M Blaken. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

TC.215 INFORMATION ITEMS

The Mayor reported that together with Cornwall Councillor Chris Goninan she had visited the Football Club to check the site and that a letter had now been received from the Club informing the Council that they had installed a key safe by the main gate and would be giving the combination to local residents that used the football ground for parking purposes.

A letter had been received from Cornwall Council Highways Department regarding the A3071 and B3306 speed limit review works advising that the decision had been taken to abandon the proposals for the introduction of a 50mph speed limit on the A3071

between St. Just and Mount Misery, Penzance. It was also confirmed that implementation of the extended 40mph speed limit along the B3306 between St. Just and Kelynack would go ahead.

TC.216 MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Mayor reported that as the Town Clerk was on sickness leave until at least 10 December, 2012, a temporary cleaner had been engaged during her absence to enable the Assistant to concentrate on Town Council business.

Councillor Chris Goninan requested that an item on World Heritage Signage be placed on the next Agenda for the meeting on 3 December 2012.

Councillor N. McFadden reported that he had been invited to inspect some Christmas Trees for St. Just and Pendeen with a view to collection at a later date.

Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Town Mayor