

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 20 December 2010 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllr D Stevens - Mayor
Cllr M Thomas – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Cllr Ms P S Angove	Cllr N Mc Fadden
Cllr B F Angwin	Cllr F Morris
Cllr W F East	Cllr M Nicholls
Cllr Mrs S James	Cllr Mrs S Olds
Cllr C S McClary	

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Chris Goninan, Cornwall Council

PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None received.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

TC.233 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None received.

TC.234 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 6 December 2010 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

TC.235 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Mayor reported that he had attended the Christmas Window Shop Competition presentation on 13 December, a reception to mark the completion of the Wave Hub project on 16 December, switched on St Just Christmas Lights on 17 December 2010 and informally attended the Christmas Bazaar at the Old Town Hall and Boswedden Craft Fair.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had attended planning training on 9 December and the Staff & Premises Committee on 13 December 2010.

Councillors Ms Angove and Mrs Olds reported that they had also attended the planning training on 9 December 2010.

Councillor Mrs James reported that she had attended a meeting of the Centre of Pendeen on 7 December 2010.

TC.236 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Health Adults Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Goninan reported that work on the Single Issue Panel on Minor Procedures & Outpatients had been presented to the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust Board on December 16. The Trust had agreed an action plan and the following had been received from the Chairman of the Board, Martin Watts

“On behalf of us all, thank you again for your excellent report which we will endeavour to respond to and deliver as much as possible.”

Also some positives news from Nick Wood Divisional General Manager Patient Facilities & Estate Services

“Further to your request at yesterdays Trust board meeting, I would welcome the opportunity to set up a meeting between yourself and Q Park and would be delighted to attend to represent the Trust. Since we met back in August to discuss access arrangements for patients to the sites, I have made some changes and efforts to improve the situation, some of which I think were mentioned yesterday. At the time I think we discussed the concessionary permits and the 25% reduction in tariff to facilitate a much lower parking cost for those visitors and patients who need to access the site frequently during a week or month. This has been very successful and we have seen a large uplift in the take up of these permits. Although it must be noted that this is at a cost to the Trust not Q park.

We have also reviewed the parking charges at our sites in St Michaels and the West of Cornwall hospital, and we will be introducing a £1 per hour tariff from January, as recommended in the OSC report. I have requested from Q Park a model of the impact of a similar change here at RCHT and await their response, which will then allow us to see the potential cost to the Trust.”

I will get my secretary to liaise and set up a convenient date in the New Year for the meeting, and I would welcome the opportunity to discuss other actions we have taken in response to the report.”

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The Cabinet Member Julian German would be visiting the site in January 2011.

Balleswidden Chimney

No further progress since the last report.

Traffic Road Orders.

These are now going through the legal process.

Also the results of the Speed Visor at Truthall had been published and Councillor

Goninan had asked Andy James to look at the cost of fixing a warning visor for south bound traffic. A meeting would be held in New Year and he agreed to keep the Mayor informed.

Closed Churchyard

Cape Cornwall Comprehensive School was now very keen to be involved with the project and meetings had been held with Robert Moor, Cornwall Wildlife Trust. Councillor Goninan was hopeful of community involvement in the New Year.

Christmas Window Display

Councillor Goninan judged the competition on 13 December which was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. However, the number of window displays which were entered in the competition was disappointing. He hoped that new ways to reinvigorate the competition could be found next year.

TC.237 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

PC Dan Care presented the Police report for the period covering 20 November to 20 December 2010. During that period there had been nine crimes reported which compared to 13 for the same period last year.

These included criminal damage to a motor vehicle, criminal damage, two burglaries, two assaults and three thefts. PC Care was pleased with the drop in crime and anti-social behaviour over the year but reported that there were continuing problems with youths congregating in the bus shelter at the Lafrowda Car Park which was some cause for concern. He asked the Town Council for its assistance in this matter and whether better use could be made of the shelter at the recreation ground.

Councillor East asked what Police action could be taken to remove the mud from the road on the east side of Newbridge which was a potential hazard to motorists. The Police reported that they were aware of the problem which they had reported to Cornwall Council's Highways Service but that the Police were not empowered to take any action. The only course of action was to report the matter to Cornwall Council who could have the road cleaned or take action against the landowner.

TC.238 MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

The Town Council received the minutes of the meetings of the Environment & Tourism Committee held on 29 November and 13 December 2010 and considered the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED :

1. That the use of necessary expenditure from within the ring fenced £12,000 budget for allotments be approved to realise the allotments at Kenidjack Valley;
2. That the submission of an application to the West Cornwall Local Action Group in respect of the allotment project at Bosavern Farm be approved; and

3. That approval be given to using the remaining £600.00 in the Town Council's budget for footpaths to improve the condition of the following footpaths:-
- FP 123 / 1 at Ninevah to link to FP 131 / 2
 - FP 133 / 1 at Higher Tregeseal
 - FP 66 / 1 Lower Bostraze
 - FP 122, clearance of track.

The Town Council also received the minutes of the meeting of the Staffing & Premises Committee held on 13 December and considered the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED : That the content of the following list of draft policy documents be approved and that they be formally adopted by the Council with immediate effect:-

- Data Protection & Information Security Policy
- Staff Appraisal Scheme
- Grievance Procedure
- Disciplinary Procedure

TC.239 FINANCE

a) Applications for Financial Assistance

The Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which gave details of two requests for financial assistance. One from the St Just Community Association which was seeking financial assistance towards the cost of establishing a website, and the second from the Pendeen School FSA seeking a financial contribution to a school trip to the Isle de Batz as part of an educational exchange with Huelgoat, Brittany with whom the Town Council was twinned.

RESOLVED

- i) That a Section 137 donation of £500.00 be awarded to the St Just Community Association towards a new website; and
- ii) That a Section 137 donation of £1,000.00 be awarded to the Pendeen School FSA toward the educational trip to the Isle de Batz.

b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £4,200.80 be approved for payment.

c) Letters of Thanks

None received.

TC.240 PLANNING

(a) Applications

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

PA10/07977 Demolition of conservatory and erection of extension to dwelling at Summer Barn adjacent to 1, Old Coastguard Cottages, St. Just. Applicant Mrs. M. Rendell. (T. Cl. No Objection).

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

TC.241 INFORMATION ITEM

The Council received the quarterly report from the Land's End Peninsula Community Land Trust.

TC.242 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Town Clerk presented details of the Council's income and expenditure, together with bank reconciliations for the period 14 September to 20 December 2010 (copy appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED: That the position be noted.

Meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Town Mayor