

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 21 June 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	Mrs S Olds
C S McClary	

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Chris Goninan – Cornwall Council
Simon Mansell, Cornwall Council

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Monty Nicholls.

TC.85 PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None received.

TC.86 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 7 June 2010 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

TC.87 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs Olds declared a prejudicial interest in planning application no. W1/10-0403 at minute no TC. 95(a)/10 (Planning Applications) as the applicant was known to her and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application. The remaining Councillors present at the meeting declared a personal interest in this application as the applicant was also a Town Councillor.

Councillors Ms Angove, Mrs James, Stevens and Thomas declared a personal interest in application no PA10/03275 at minute no TC 95(a)/10 (Planning Applications) as the applicant was known to them.

Councillor McClary declared a personal interest in minute no. TC 97/10 (Urgent Items) in respect of the St Just Coastguard as a member of the Land's End Coastguard Service.

TC.88 REPORTS OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Mayor reported that he and the Mayoress had attended the Midsummer Parade in St Just on 12 June and the Feast of St John Service as part of the Golowan Festivities on 20 June.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had attended the planning and design training by Cornwall Council on 16 June.

Councillor Ms Angove reported that she had attended the planning enforcement training on 22 May, the West Area Planning Committee on 15 June to speak on behalf of the Town Council in connection with 14 Pleasant Terrace, St Just and the Local Council's Planning Forum at County Hall, Truro on 19 June.

Councillor Angwin reported that he had attended a meeting of the West Penwith Crime Prevention Group on 27 May and a meeting of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils on 8 June 2010.

Councillor Mrs James reported that she had attended a meeting of the Centre of Pendeen on 8 June and chaired a meeting of the Land's End Peninsula Community Land Trust on 17 June.

Councillor Morris reported that he attended the planning and design training by Cornwall Council on 16 June.

Councillor Mrs Olds reported that she had attended the planning and design training by Cornwall Council on 16 June.

TC.89 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Councillor Goninan reported that he had attended a meeting of the Health Adults Overview & Scrutiny Committee and that work on the Single Issue Panel on Minor Procedures & Outpatients was continuing; a draft report would be produced by the middle of July. The Panel on Older People's Care, which was formed as a result of the addition to the Budget in February, had met on two occasions with evidence given by important providers at the last session.

With regards to Geevor Tin Mine, the draft Management Agreement should be available shortly.

Discussions concerning Boswedden Lane were continuing between the land owner, his land agent and Cornwall Council.

In respect of Balleswidden Mine Stack, Councillor Goninan reported that a meeting was due to take place with Cornwall Council officers on 2 July concerning the possibility of Cornwall Council taking on the tenancy agreement.

Judging for the Cornwall in Bloom competition would take place on 12 July and Councillor Goninan reported that the three tier and semi circular planters would be going up this week. He urged the Council to encourage others to make a real effort this year especially for judging day. Also the garden and photographic competition entry forms would be available at Phil Wilkins Estate Agents.

With regard to his councillors' grant money, Councillor Goninan advised the Council that St Julia's Hospice was undergoing a £1.5million expansion project, permission had been granted for a new outpatient block to increase the number of beds from 8 to 12. As a consequence, he intended to put £500 of his allowance into this worthy cause for the benefit of the local community.

TC.90 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

No Police report was provided.

TC.91 CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

The Council received training from Simon Mansell, Principal Legal Officer Corporate Governance, Cornwall Council on the Members' Code of Conduct focussing on such aspects as confidential information, personal and prejudicial interests, bias and predetermination. Mr Mansell also reported that the Standards Board for England was due to cease this year but as yet it was not known what body / organisation would be set up to replace it.

TC.92 THE QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The Mayor advised the Council that he had received a letter from Lady Mary Holborow, Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall regarding nominations for The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, which was the equivalent of an MBE for voluntary led groups.

He asked the Council to advise the Town Clerk of nominations before the September deadline.

RESOLVED: That receipt of the letter be noted.

TC.93 ST JUST GREENER, CLEANER, SAFER ENVIRONMENT DAY

The Town Clerk informed the Council that she had received a letter from Brian Keast, Cornwall Council thanking the Council for its participation in the Environmental Day on 29 May 2010 which had proved very successful culminating in partnership working and bringing the community together.

The Environmental Protection and Waste Teams had worked with pupils from Cape Cornwall School as part of their Educational Awareness Week and hoped to repeat the experience with the local primary schools.

RESOLVED: That receipt of the letter be noted.

TC.94 FINANCE

(a) Application for Financial Assistance

The Council considered a report by the Town Clerk requesting financial assistance under S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 from the Cornwall Animal Hospital and Pendeen Parish Rooms which was seeking additional financial assistance towards the installation of roof insulation.

RESOLVED: That

- (i) no award under S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 be awarded to the Cornwall Animal Hospital; and
- (ii) no further award under S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 be awarded to Pendeen Parish Rooms at the present time but that they be invited to make a further application later in the current financial year.

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £8,488.49 be approved for payment.

(c) Letters of Thanks

The Town Clerk reported receipt of letters of thanks from the Pendeen Parish Rooms, St Just-in-Bloom and the St Just Recreation Centre.

TC.95 PLANNING

(a) Applications

Councillors Mrs Olds declared a prejudicial interest in application W1/10-0403 as the applicant was known to her and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application. All members of the Council present at the meeting declared a personal interest in this application as the applicant was also a Town Councillor.

Councillors Ms Angove, Mrs James, Stevens and Thomas declared a personal interest in application PA10/03275 as the applicant was known to them.

PA10/03275 Various tree works at The Haven, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. D. Packer. **T CI no objection.**

W1/10-0403 Conversion and extension of Building A, Bosorne Farm, St. Just. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. T. Olds. **T CI no objection but would prefer to see the use of natural slate on the roof.**

W1/10-0466 Construction of ground floor, first floor and porch extension with associated works at Nineveh Barn Access Road and Track to Levant Mine, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant Ms. M. Butcher. **T CI no objection.**

PA10/03321 Demolition of an outbuilding and construction of a single storey extension at 15, Regent Terrace, St. Just. Applicant Mr. Tony Pike – Penwith Housing Association. **T CI supported.**

(b) Decisions

W1/10-0318 Construction of conservatory at Star Gazey, 2, Wheal Cuning, St. Just. Applicant Mrs. S. Wilkey. **Grant of Conditional Planning Permission** (T. Cl. considered the drawings were inadequate for making any comments).

TC.96 INFORMATION ITEMS

(a) British International Helicopters (BIH)

The Mayor advised the Council that this item had been deferred for consideration as the Council had been invited by Cornwall Council to attend a meeting on 8 July, 2010 with representatives of BIH. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk would be attending the meeting on behalf of the Council and he confirmed that the matter would be brought back to the Council meeting on 19 July for consideration.

(b) Standing Orders

The Council reviewed and made comments on the content of sections 3 to 6 of the new draft model standing orders in advance of formal adoption by the full Council.

(c) Cape Cornwall School Fashion Show

The Mayor reported that as part of their French studies the Year 8 students at Cape Cornwall School were holding a Fashion Show with Age Concern. The pupils were also planning to hold a raffle with proceeds going to the school and Age Concern and the Council had been approached to see if it would like to donate a prize.

The Mayor agreed to provide a raffle prize from the Mayor's Fund.

(d) Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act Update

The Mayor informed the Council on the contents of an update from the Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) on the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act the purpose of which was to strengthen local democracy by passing more power and responsibility to local authorities, communities and citizens.

(e) CALC Executive Committee

The Mayor asked the Councillors present if any member was interested in being nominated to the CALC Executive Committee. Six additional members were being sought to fill vacancies in the former North Cornwall, Restormel and Penwith areas. Any councillor interested in being nominated should contact the Town Clerk.

TC.97 ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE A MATTER OF URGENCY

Penwith Rural Transport Forum

The Mayor sought the Council's view on future representation and attendance at the Penwith Rural Transport Forum meetings.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Ms Angove be approved as the Council's representative on the next forum meeting to be held on 5 July.

PAROW

The Mayor sought the Council's views on future representation and attendance on PAROW.

RESOLVED: That Councillor K McFadden be approved as the Council's representative at the next meeting on 19 July 2010.

St Just Coastguard Service

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

The Mayor referred to the letter from Stephen Tregear, Station Officer at St Just Coastguard advising the Council that operation of the service ended on 18 June 2010. The letter had been previously circulated to all members of the Council for information.

The Council expressed its concern at the closure of the service in St Just and the process for notifying those affected.

Councillor McClary explained that one of the reasons for the closure was that the service had to find new premises and that there was a Government moratorium on new leases. The service would now be provided between the teams at Land's End and St Ives which would still meet HM Coastguard response time of 30 minutes.

Following detailed consideration of the issue it was

RESOLVED: That the Mayor be asked to send a letter to H M Coastguard setting out the Council's concerns at the loss of the coastguard service in St Just.

(Action b y : Elaine Baker)

Bosvargus Bridge Strengthening

The Mayor advised the Council that Cornwall Council planned to carry out strengthening works on Bosvargus Bridge in the autumn.

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council be advised that the Council has no comments on the proposed works.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

CiLCA Training

The Mayor sought the Council's approval to the attendance of the Town Clerk on the two day CiLCA course organised by CALC to be held on 25 June and 3 September 2010 respectively. The Council was advised that a qualified Town Clerk was one mandatory element of the Council obtaining Quality Council status.

RESOLVED: That attendance of the Town Clerk on the two day CiLCA course be approved.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Town Council Debit Card

The Mayor sought the Council's approval to an application being made for a new Council debit card.

RESOLVED: That the submission of an application to Barclay's Plc for a new business debit card for the Council be approved.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.98 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.99 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING (EXEMPT PARAGRAPH 3)

The Town Clerk presented details of the Council's income and expenditure, together with bank reconciliations for the period 1 April to 15 June 2010 (copy appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED: That the position be noted.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Town Mayor