

MINUTES of the ORDINARY TOWN MEETING of ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 21 November 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor M Thomas - Mayor
Councillor Mrs S. James – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

B F Angwin	N. McFadden
W F East	F Morris
C S McClary	M Nicholls
K McFadden	Mrs S Olds
	D. Stevens

ASSISTANT TO TOWN CLERK

Shirley Darby

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Julie Nash – Head Teacher, Cape Cornwall School
Alan Fox – LEPCLT
Terry Porter – LEPCLT

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Goninan and Councillor Sandy Angove.

TC.164 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 7 November 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.165 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Ms S. James declared a prejudicial interest in minute no. TC.170/11 (Affordable Homes) as Chair of LEPCLT, and agreed not to take part in any vote on the matter.

Councillor N. McFadden declared a personal interest in minute no. TC.171/11 (St Just Feast) as he had been involved in the arrangements for the closure of the square.

The Town Council RESOLVED to consider agenda item no. 21 (Devolution of Services to St Just Town Council) in the public part of the agenda.

TC166 CAPE CORNWALL SCHOOL

Julie Nash, Head Teacher, Cape Cornwall School gave a report on her vision for the future success of the School following her recent appointment.

Mrs. Nash referred to the commitment of her staff and the school's aim to create a calm and happy environment for its pupils and staff. The school would also continue to focus on the low levels of literacy and under-achievement in boys to bring them back to a satisfactory level before any future Ofsted visit.

The Town Council referred to the current falling number of pupils, and Mrs. Nash commented that the School would be working hard to reverse this trend and she anticipated that future numbers would be higher. Press marketing was good and key communication with parents an absolute priority.

TC.167 LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Town Council was informed that a letter of support from the Town Council had been requested from Cape Cornwall School in respect of a grant application being made to improve the provision of swimming facilities in the area. The School used the swimming pool at Cape Cornwall Golf & Leisure Club which was in need of refurbishment to enable the school and the local community to continue to use the pool.

RESOLVED: That a letter of support "in principle" be sent to the School by e-mail.

Action by : (Elaine Baker)

TC.168 REPORT OF TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Mayor reported that he had attended the Feast Parade and Presentations on 30th October. On 1st November he had attended the opening of the St. Just Children's Centre and had laid a wreath on Remembrance Sunday, 13th November, 2011.

The Deputy Mayor reported that she had attended a Mayor's Parlour Campaign Team Meeting on 28th October and the Feast Parade on 30th October.

The Deputy Mayor had also attended a meeting of the Centre of Pendeen on 8th November and Remembrance Sunday at Pendeen on 12th November. She had also attended a Community Land Trust Board Meeting on 17th November, 2011.

TC.169 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

In the absence of Councillor Goninan, the Town Clerk's Assistant gave his report as follows:-

Car Parks

Updated information was being provided at the meeting.

Patient Transport

For Cornwall residents who travel to an appointment at either Treliske, Northern Devon or Derriford Hospitals, and who used the volunteer car scheme provided by TAP, the cost of any single journey from the patient's home to the hospital would be no more than £20 from 14 November 2011.

Therefore patients going from here to Derriford by Transport Access People (TAP) will pay a maximum of £40 for the round trip compared to over double that amount under the previous scheme.

WCH Forum

The Town Council was informed of problems with the reopening of Medical 1. This had made the future of the Forum very fragile as previous information on 14 October had indicated that the facility would reopen on 5 November. At a further emergency meeting on 17 October those attending were advised that it would not reopen and that the situation would be monitored on a monthly basis.

A demonstration was being organised for 3 December at 11am from St John's Hall, Penzance to the hospital.

St Just Buggies

A bid had been submitted to the Silver Dreams Lottery Fund to deliver appropriate transport for elders who have real problems. Also to bring together services that elders required using Age Concern St Just & Pendeen as the hub and working with other providers locally and county wide.

Day Care Centres

A Meeting was held on 26 August where it was announced that Hayle & Pengarth Day Centres had received 50% of their block grant and that discussions were being held on other funding for 2011/12 and future funding. A further meeting was held on 18 November to progress this issue which resulted in confirmation that the block grant would continue to be paid until the end of the 2012/13 financial year.

Falls Prevention

Work was progressing and it was hoped to have people trained through the Penwith 50+ Forum to deliver exercise classes on improving posture and stability and hence reduce falls. Councillor Goninan had been appointed Chair of a panel from the Health Adults Overview & Scrutiny Committee on falls and its prevention which hoped to report back by the end of February 2012.

Trash Tribe

This was launched on 11 November at Cape Cornwall School by a group of youngsters wishing to make a difference to their environment by picking up litter around the school. There is also a group of adults who want to enhance the work that our street cleaner does by picking up litter in the areas in which they live.

TC.170 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

In the absence of PCSO Andrew Tonkin, the Town Clerk's Assistant gave the Police report for the period from 27 September to 21 November 2011.

During that period there had been 27 incidents of reported crimes which compared to 33 for the same period last year. They included nine cases of assault (ABH), one possession of drug – Class B cannabis, four theft, three burglaries, one aggravated vehicle taking, one person under 17 possessing air weapon in public place, one theft by employee, three criminal damage to building, one make off without payment, one common assault and battery, one credit card fraud, one harassment/stalking.

TC.171 AFFORDABLE HOMES

The Deputy Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in this item as Chair of the LEPCLT, and agreed not to take part in the vote.

The Deputy Mayor presented study plans for affordable housing at Lafrowda Close, St. Just and Moorland Close, Pendeen. The designs included timber finishes on the elevations. However, the view of Town Council was that granite/dash would be a more appropriate finish and in keeping with the local area.

The Deputy Mayor asked the Town Council if it was agreeable to a Planning Application being made for these developments in the name of St. Just Town Council. The LEPCLT had agreed to buy the sites at a favourable price.

RESOLVED: That the submission of planning applications in respect of Lafrowda Close, St Just and Moorland Close, Pendeen be approved.

(Action by : Sue James)

TC.172 ST. JUST FEAST

Councillor N. McFadden declared personal interest in this item as he had been involved in the arrangements for closure of the square.

Councillor McClary reported that there had been problems with traffic in the main town this year, and that the issues needed to be resolved before next year's Feast celebrations.

Councillor McClary suggested that the Council could either:

1. Cancel the Hunt.
2. Fence off the square in the same manner as this year.
3. Close the streets which could be an expensive option obtaining cones and road closures etc.

Councillor N. McFadden stated that the road only needed closure for one hour and it would be better to negotiate with the Bus Companies beforehand to see if they would re-route for that hour.

The Council decided that a small Sub-Committee of the Environment & Tourist Committee be set up to deal with this issue.

It was also requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Jonathan Hancock for his help on Feast Monday.

(Action by : Shirley Darby)

TC.173 INTERNAL AUDIT

The interim audit report for the year ended 31 March 2012 was noted.

TC.174 USE OF PLEN-AN-GWARRY

RESOLVED: That the application by the St. Just Community and Business Centre to use the Plen-an-Gwarry for children's entertainment to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Saturday 2 June 2012 be approved.

TC.175 HEALTHWATCH ENGAGEMENT

The Town Council was informed that an invitation had been received to send a representative to an event being organised by Cornwall Council seeking views on the shape of the new Healthwatch Organisation in Cornwall. This event was to be held on 28th November, 2011 at the Tregenna Castle, St Ives.

RESOLVED: That the attendance of Councillor East as the Town Council's representative be approved.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.176 "HANDS OFF OUR HOSPITAL" CAMPAIGN

The Town Council was informed that an invitation had been received from "Hands Of Our Hospital" Campaign to participate in a rally on Saturday 3rd December 2011 in support of improving the services at West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance.

RESOLVED That the attendance of Mayor and Deputy Mayor at the rally be approved.

TC.177 FINANCE

(a) Applications for Financial Assistance

None

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £4,557.45 be approved for payment.

(c) Letters of Thanks

None

TC.178 PLANNING

(a) Applications

a) **Applications**

PA11/07427 Erection of first floor extension at Chy An Gof, Pendeen. Applicant: Mrs. K. Legg. **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

PA11/08980 Installation of a modular cabinet at St. John's House, Penzance Road, Pendeen. Applicant: Openreach. **(T. Cl. Support).**

PA11/09022 Removal of Condition 3 attached to W1/02/P/0191/F dated 17th May, 2002 at Bluebell and Clover Cottages, 6, Tregeseal Hill, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. J. Harvey. **(T. Cl. Support).**

PA11/09054 Replacement upvc windows to front and rear elevations at 46, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. R. Cargeeg. **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

PA11/08543 Demolition of existing storage shed and replacement with two offices and meeting room with a kitchenette and W.C. (revised scheme of PA11/01727) at Higher Keigwin Farm, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Guy. **(T. Cl. Support).**

PA11/07489 Erection of a dwelling – Amended reposition on site at Bollowal Farm, Bollowal, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. M. Grose. **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

PA11/09320 Construction of single storey extension to North elevation and installation of external flue on West elevation at 1, Church Square, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. T. McQueen. **(T. Cl. No Objection but felt it should be faced in local granite on the north elevation).**

(b) Decisions

PA11/08031 Erection of a garage/store with artist studio above at Tor Barn, Higher Bojewyan, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. D. Adams. **Withdrawn – No Decision on this application will be made.** (T. Cl. Strong Objection).

(c) Enforcement

None.

TC.179 INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

TC.180 MATTERS FOR REPORT

None.

TC.181 DEVOLUTION OF SERVICES TO ST. JUST TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Council considered a report by the Town Clerk regarding devolution of services in respect of car parks and public conveniences in St. Just and Pendeen, together with financial cost implications.

After much deliberation the Town Council felt that the options being proposed were unacceptable as the costs were too high and likely to increase in the future. It was suggested that a further Public Meeting might be needed to inform the community of the current situation.

Following consideration of the proposed options the Town Council decided not to support any of the options offered by Cornwall Council and

RESOLVED: That

1. Cornwall Council is advised that the Town Council wishes to enter formal discussions on the possibility of purchasing the two car parks. If this request is refused by Cornwall Council the Town Council would consider entering into a long term lease agreement, provided that the annual income level was fixed to the Retail Price Index to mitigate against any substantial future increases in charges.
2. With regard to public toilets, the Town Council to make provision in next year's budget to cover the shortfall in the grant being offered by Cornwall Council, but is not prepared to enter into any formal agreement until consultations with other towns and parishes have been completed and there is a clearer understanding of the implications for the community network area.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.182 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that under Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it is proposed that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the business specified in the following item(s)

TC.183 H.R. SUPPORT AND DELEGATED POWERS TO STAFFING SUB-GROUP

The Town Council considered the issue of HR support from South West Councils and to the delegation of powers to the recently formed Staffing Sub-Group to enable it to deal with an employment issue.

After discussing these issues the Town Council

RESOLVED: That the delegation of powers to the Staffing Sub-Committee to deal with the employment issue is approved and that an application is made to South West Councils to obtain its services.

(Action by : Shirley Darby)

Ordinary Meeting of St. Just Town Council 21 November 2011

Meeting closed at 8.50p.m.

Town Mayor