

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 22 October 2012 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs S James – Town Mayor
Councillor D Stevens – Deputy Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

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| A Exelby | M Nicholls |
| K McFadden | Mrs S Olds |
| N McFadden | M Thomas |
| F Morris | A Smith |

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Chris Goninan, Cornwall Council

TC.163 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ms Angove and Councillor McClary.

TC.164 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Town Mayor declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute nos. TC.178/12 (Footpath Extinguishment Order) & TC.179/12 (Footpath Diversion Order) 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 items.

Councillor Exelby declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute no TC.182/12 (Information Items) as a volunteer working for the Plen Project and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

TC.165 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on 8 October 2012 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.166 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

TC.167 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Mayor reported that she had presented awards at the St Just-in-Bloom presentation evening on 28 September, attended the Hayle Civic & Community Service on 7 October and together with the Deputy Mayor, Councillor K McFadden, Councillor Goninan and the Town Clerk attended a site meeting on 9 October with officers from Cornwall Council regarding the possible freehold purchase of the public car parks and toilets.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had also attended a site meeting with Councillor K McFadden, Councillor Goninan, Town Clerk and an officer from Cornwall Council Highways on 2 October to discuss improvements to the new traffic island at Truthwall.

Councillor K McFadden also confirmed his attendance at both site meetings.

TC.168 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Douglas Woolcock Transport

A training session had been held on 20 October and two drivers had qualified. It was now hoped that the adapted car would arrive in St Just before Christmas.

St Just in Bloom

The presentation evening was held 28 September at the British Legion and Councillor Goninan thanked the Mayor for her attendance and involvement in the evening. The group had also been awarded certificates at the Cornwall in Bloom awards evening at the Eden Project on 18 October. Certificates had been awarded for the mural, the Brambles project, Cape Cornwall School and to the bloom group for its work during the year. Also Cape Cornwall School won the Taste of the West in the school's competition for the second year running.

Truthall

Site meeting was held with Councillor K McFadden, Deputy Mayor, Town Clerk, Mike Roberts from Leswidden and Jason Hoole-Jackson, Cornwall Council Highways to tackle outstanding concerns regarding the new traffic island which had now been resolved.

Drop in Centre

With the assistance of the Penwith 50+ Forum a drop in centre had been opened in the Boardroom at St Clare Council Offices on Friday mornings from 10-noon. The initiative began on 5 October.

Dementia Free Town

Councillor Goninan had met with a representative of the Alzheimer's Society about how a town could be made a dementia free area.

TC.169 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

In the absence of PCSO Andrew Tonkin, the Town Clerk gave the monthly Police report for the period covering 24 September to 19 October 2012.

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

- 2 Burglaries
- 1 Production of Class B Drugs (Cannabis Cultivation)
- 1 Supply of Class B Drugs (Cannabis)
- 1 Theft by Employee
- 1 Criminal Damage to Vehicle
- 1 Assault (ABH)
- 1 Theft (Children's Go Kart)
- 1 Criminal Damage to Property

TC.170 SAVE PENWITH MOORS

The Town Mayor referred to recent articles in the Cornishman newspaper regarding the Town Council's alleged support for the Save Penwith Moors group, and commented that both she and the Deputy Mayor were becoming concerned at the impression that the Town Council supported the group. To mitigate against this impression the Town Mayor, supported by the Deputy Mayor sought the Town Council's support to the following statement:-

"That the Town Council is neither a supporter nor an opponent of the Save Penwith Moors group. Each application before the Council relating to the Moors generally, or grazing more specifically, is considered, on its merits, based on the information put to Council, at the time."

As there was no support from the Town Council to the publication of the statement the proposal was withdrawn.

TC.171 MARKET STREET, ST JUST

Councillor Goninan and the Town Clerk reported back to the Town Council on further discussions which had been held since the last meeting on possible options to address the current problems of illegal parking in Market Street, St Just.

The Town Clerk commented that she had received feedback from PCSO Andrew Tonkin who had suggested that "KEEP CLEAR" markings with "T BARS" be introduced on which the Police could issue non endorsable Fixed Penalty tickets to anyone found parking a vehicle within the prescribed area. A plan setting out his proposal was circulated to all Town Councillors. It was also suggested that this option would not require a new Traffic Regulation Order and would therefore be cheaper to implement than other suggestions.

Councillor Goninan explained that he had spoken to Mike Peters, Cormac Ltd who was still in favour of the loading bay option but as this would require a new Traffic Regulation Order it was unlikely that any progress would be made before May 2013 when the new highway budget would be approved. Therefore, it was agreed that Councillor Goninan be

asked to arrange a site meeting with Cormac Ltd, the Police and representatives from the Town Council to discuss possible improvement options and to bring forward a recommendation to a future meeting of the Town Council on an acceptable solution.

(Action : Councillor Goninan / Elaine Baker)

TC.172 PROVISION OF A DEDICATED PARKING SPACE, LAFROWDA CAR PARK

Councillor Goninan explained that he was seeking the Town Council's support to the provision of a dedicated parking space within Lafrowda car Park for a disabled local resident.

As the Town Council was currently in discussion with Cornwall Council about the purchase of the freehold of the car park the Town Council's views were being sought.

RESOLVED: That the provision of a dedicated parking space within the Lafrowda Car Park for a local resident be not supported.

TC.173 AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATION INITIATIVE (AED)

In view of Councillor Ms Angove's absence from the meeting this item was deferred until a future meeting.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.174 CHAPEL STREET, ST JUST

Councillor Thomas advised the Town Council that he had been approached by a number of residents in Chapel Street regarding the current state of repair of the road surface.

RESOLVED: That a site meeting be arranged with Mike Peters, Cormac Ltd and representatives from the Town Council to discuss the possibility of road improvements being carried out to the road surface.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.175 REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

The Town Council reviewed the current composition of the Council's in the light of the recent co-options to the Council, and to fill the current vacancies on committees.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Exelby and Councillor Smith are appointed to the Constitutional Review Committee and Councillor Smith to the Internal Audit Committee with immediate effect.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.175 FINANCE

(a) Grant Applications

The Town Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which gave details on an application for grant funding from the Cornwall Blind Association.

RESOLVED : That the following grant be awarded:-

(a) Cornwall Blind Association £250.00

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £4,972.19 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

None received.

TC.176 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA12/08938 Replacement of a wooden front door with a composite door at Jack's Cottage, 45, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. R. Cargeeg. **(T Cl no objection)**

PA12/08947 Replacement of 5 window and a door in upvc to the east elevation at 45, Princess Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mrs. Gillian Mead. **(T Cl no objection)**

(b) Decisions

PA11/03103 Stationing of 4 static holiday caravans, and formation of 10 new touring pitches at Roselands Caravan Park, Dowran, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. C. Flack. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

(c) Local Planning Forum

RESOLVED That Councillor Ms Angove be nominated to attend the next meeting of the Local Planning Forum on 15 November 2012, in the event of her being unable to attend, the Deputy Mayor to attend.

(Action by : Shirley Darby)

TC.178 THE CORNWALL COUNCIL (FOOTPATH NO. 165, ST JUST IN PENWITH) (MOORLAND CLOSE & BOSCASWELL ESTATE) PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER 2012

The Town Mayor withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the following two items in accordance with the declaration of her non-pecuniary interest.

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council is advised that the Town Council supports the creation of the above order.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.179 THE CORNWALL COUNCIL (FOOTPATH NO. 164, ST JUST IN PENWITH)(PART): AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (MOORLAND CLOSE, PENDEEN) DIVERSION ORDER 2012

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council is advised that the Town Council supports the creation of the above order.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.180 MANAGING OUR FINANCES FOR CORNWALL – BUDGET EVENT FOR TOWN & PARISH COUNCILS

The item was withdrawn from the agenda following Cornwall Council's decision to postpone the event.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.181 CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Town Council received the minutes of the Constitutional Review Committee held on 15 October 2012.

RESOLVED That the inclusion of an additional meeting of the Committee within the 2012 / 13 timetable of meetings to be held at 9.30 am on Monday 14 January 2013 be approved.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.182 INFORMATION ITEMS

The Town Clerk advised the Town Council on the receipt of a letter from the Plen Project Co-ordinator dated 18 October 2012 which gave an update on progress and fundraising activities.

The Town Council was also advised that the project group would be submitting an application for financial assistance from the Town Council in November in order to meet its December 2012 funding deadline. The application would also be seeking the Council's views on underwriting the project.

TC.183 MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Town Mayor advised the Town Council of the proposed staffing arrangements to cover the planned absence of the Town Clerk during November.

Councillor K McFadden raised the issue of a possible financial contribution from the Town Council towards the cost of the Feast Clay Pigeon Shoot. The Town Clerk advised that she had only that day been made aware of the request and that due to the late notification it had not been possible to bring the matter before the Council. In addition, as the next meeting of the Council was not until 6 November, following Feast, any application would be considered retrospectively and therefore not eligible for grant funding.

Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Town Mayor