

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 24 June 2012 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor K McFadden - Town Mayor
Councillor N McFadden - Deputy Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Mrs M Blundy	F Morris
T McFadden	M Nicholls
Mrs G McQueen	G Roberts

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Sue James – Cornwall Councillor
Stephen Stangroom, Landsend Astronomers

TC.50 PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None.

TC.51 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Salmon and PCSO Andrew Tonkin.

TC.52 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

TC.53 DISPENSATIONS

None.

TC.54 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 10 June 2013 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC. 55 MATTERS ARISING

On minute no. TC 42/13 (101 – Non-Emergency Police Telephone Number), the Town Clerk reported that a response had been received from the Police Call Management Communication Unit.

The response gave a summary of the background to the introduction of the 101 non-emergency telephone number and stated that since April 2013 153,600 non-emergency calls and 39,400 emergency calls had been received. Of those answered, 92.4% of non-emergency calls had been answered within 30 seconds and 92.8% of emergency calls. Police targets were set at 90% and in both cases response times were within the target range.

The letter also stated that due to issues raised with the new Police & Crime Commissioner concerning the “101” number a survey of callers was conducted last year which showed that 97.8% of the people surveyed stated that they were satisfied in “the way the call was handled” and 93.4% with the “ease of making contact”.

The Town Council was urged to remind members of the public not to dial “999” unnecessarily as to do so caused unnecessary demand on “999” call takers.

In view of the responses received the Town Council agreed that no further action be taken at this time.

TC.56 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Clerk reported that together with the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor a meeting had been held with Councillor Mrs James and Chandelle Randall, the new Community Network Manager on 13 June 2013. The meeting had discussed the main issues affecting the Town Council at the present time and the future role of the community network in the light of recent changes to the service which had seen a reduction in the number of Community Network Managers but with larger areas.

Councillor Mrs Blundy reported that she had attended a meeting of the West Cornwall HealthWatch on 21 June 2013 and a public meeting regarding West Cornwall’s Urgent Care Centre and the West Cornwall Hospital Community Forum. The main issue related to “patient choice” with increasing numbers of patients choosing treatment outside of the NHS. This was having a serious impact on hospitals such as St Michael’s Hayle, where patient numbers were down. The West Cornwall HealthWatch was planning a poster campaign to alert the public to the issues regarding “private providers”.

Councillor Mrs Blundy had also attended Planning Training on 18 June at County Hall and Code of Conduct Training on 20 June 2013.

Councillor Mrs McQueen had also attended the Code of Conduct Training on 20 June

TC.57 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

In the absence of PCSO Andrew Tonkin, the Town Clerk gave the Police report for the period covering 25 May to 22 June 2013.

During that period there were 13 reported crimes compared to 15 for the same period last year, these included:

4 Thefts

1 Cause Intentional, Harassment & Distress

2 Communications Act Offence

2 Burglaries

3 Criminal Damages

1 Dogs Act Investigation / out of control in a public place

TC.58 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Administration

Since the last meeting the administration has continued to form with committees being established and starting to meet. Councillor Mrs James had attended the first West Area Planning meeting and one of the two days of planning training. In terms of her role as local member, in calling applications in to committee, she drew the Town Council's attention to the requirement to provide planning reasons and asked that this be borne in mind when the Council's considered its comments on all future applications.

Councillors Mrs James also reported that she had become a member of the Homes and Communities Portfolio Advisory Committee and had attended the first meeting. The committee had a wide brief including responsibility for the Fire and Rescue Service, community safety, housing, environmental health and cemeteries. She had also been allocated to the Pensions Committee and at the first meeting been appointed as the Vice Chair. In addition, Councillor Mrs James was a substitute member of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee.

Devolution and Localism

Discussions had been held with the portfolio holder, Jeremy Rowe, who was keen to move things forward in a more collaborative way and likely to visit St Just and Pendeen in the near future.

Community Chest & Highways Budgets

Councillors Mrs James had been allocated £3,000 from the community chest budget and was due to attend a briefing regarding its use on 2 July. She reported that she would be using the money as a way of leveraging money into the community. There would be no members Highways budget this financial year.

Pendeen Primary School

Councillors Mrs James reported that she had been briefed by Barbara Dyer, Head of the Schools Improvement Team, about the OFSTED Report which had placed Pendeen Primary school into Special Measures. She reported that she had been assured that the County Team would be working closely with the Governors, Head Teacher and staff to ensure confidence in the standards of education at the school. A meeting with the primary lead for that team was to be held on 4 July.

Motor Bikes at Calartha Road, Pendeen

Councillor Mrs James was pleased to report that there had been a significant reduction in the use of the field but that a legal solution was still being pursued. Environmental Health was waiting for responses to their letters to establish legal ownership of the field, and when satisfied that sufficient evidence had been obtained, it was likely that a noise abatement order would be issued. Mr Lewis the affected neighbouring property owner had been keeping a diary of recorded incidents.

Dumping of Waste at Tregiffian

The Environment Agency had visited the site and had no concerns regarding the current licence. The Licence was due for renewal in July. In terms of the road, agreement had been reached with the operator to undertake some repairs. Councillor Mrs James also reported that she understood that the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk had also visited the site at the request of the operator.

Remedial Works at Tregeseal, to Reduce Future Flooding Risks

The issue was now being dealt with by Martin Clemo, Cornwall Council rather than Mike Peters in Cormac. There were four elements of work agreed. Provision of a trap near the Rugby Club (before the culvert goes under the road), an access chamber at no 29 The Turnpike (to improve access for cleaning and to prevent blockages and to prevent blockages in the drainage system in the field behind the Turnpike), a new chamber with trap. The final area, where the Council were supporting a Rugby Club scheme, would provide additional protection to residents in times of high rainfall but was mainly of benefit to the Rugby Club.

It was believed that necessary permissions were in place from the local farmer and number 29 The Turnpike and that money was available for all three projects to be carried out by Cormac. Cornwall Council had also provided an assurance that the works would be carried out by the end of August. However, in the event that confirmed scheduled dates did not emerge, consideration would be given to 'contracting out' the work to avoid further delay.

With regard to the Rugby club, it was believed that an officer had been assigned to offer support in submitting the necessary consent applications to Cornwall Council and the Environment Agency for the proposed new culvert as the final part of the flood relief scheme. This final part of the scheme was being driven by the Rugby club.

Recycling of Cardboard in St Just

Ralf Neck, Cornwall Council's Waste and Street Cleaning Contracts Manager had raised the issue of cardboard recycling with Cory; both were working to improve the current situation. Regular checks of the containers would be made to ensure no overflowing and correct labelling. All the containers that took magazines and papers could also take cardboard. Whilst the abuse of the domestic bins, by a few local businesses, might be contributing to the current problems, Ralf Neck had explained that Cory must empty them according to what is going in and not according to what should be going in, this was to ensure that householders were not disadvantaged.

Bus Shelters in St Just and Pendeen

Following the recent vandalism in St Just, Cornwall Council had been asked to consider alternatives to glass being explored that would still protect people from the elements but which could be less easily vandalised. The Town Clerk reported that the perpetrator had

been identified by the Police and that the individual concerned had agreed to meet the full cost of the repairs.

The poor condition of the Pendeen bus shelter, due to algae, had also been reported.

Portherras Cove

The stepping stones had been re-sited and the emergency phone was again working although further discussions were continuing regarding the need for new cabling and funding. Councillor Mrs James expressed her thanks to Delia Webb and the Friends of Portherras Cove group for keeping such a close eye on this area and taking such a pride in ensuring things were kept to a high standard.

TC.59 CAPE CORNWALL SCHOOL

This item was deferred until the next meeting of the Town Council on 8 July.

TC.60 PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980, PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH 114 / 164, TOGETHER WITH CONCOMITANT CREATIONS AT "MOORLAND CLOSE DEVELOPMENT", PENDEEN

The Town Council considered a consultation document from Cornwall Council regarding the extinguishment and creation of public footpath 114 / 164 at Moorland Close, Pendeen.

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council is advised that the Town Council has no objection to the proposed extinguishment and creation of public footpath 114 /164.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.61 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

The Town Council considered the grant application from Landsend Astronomers which had been deferred from the meeting held on 28 May 2013.

Stephen Stangroom, Landsend Astronomer's Group attended the meeting to provide the Town Council with additional information on the work of the group, and in particular its work with local schools. Mr Stangroom circulated a copy of the group's Statement of Business Case in support of their application.

The Town Council were concerned to ensure that any funding it might provide would be for the benefit of the local community and in particular the local schools with which the group had recently established links.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED: That a decision on the funding application be further deferred pending the receipt of confirmation from St Just Primary School on its work with the group and likely timescale for the establishment of the proposed Centre of Astronomy” which was to be based at the school.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £ 7,756.47 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

Letters of thanks had been received from the St Just in Bloom Group regarding the £800.00 towards the cost of this year’s South West in Bloom competition, and the Lafrowda Committee in respect of the grant award towards this year’s festival.

TC.62 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA13/03255 Conversion of the annexe at the side of the Old Sunday School into a separate cottage at Old Sunday School, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicant: Ms. Nancy Pickard. Amended design. **(T. CL no objection)**.

(b) Decisions

PA13/02755 Installation of photovoltaic and associated equipment at Trevedra Farm Caravan & Camping Site, Sennen. Applicant: Trevedra Farm Caravan and Campsite Ltd. **Approval** (T. Cl. Strong support).

PA13/03269 Demolition of existing extensions and construction of ground floor extension at Trelowen, Jubilee Place, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. John Joyce. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

TC.63 INFORMATION ITEMS

Common Land – Carn Kenidjack

The Town Clerk reported that a public inquiry was to be held by the Planning Inspectorate in respect of the application by Save Penwith Moors to register waste land as common land at Carn Kenidjack. The inquiry to be held at the Centre of Pendeen from 10 – 12 September 2013 had been referred to the Planning Inspectorate by Cornwall Council for determination under S.27 of the Commons Registration (England) (Regulations) 2008.

TC.64 Matters for Report

The Town Mayor advised the Council that he would be holding the annual Mayor's Sunday event on 11 August 2013 and that formal invitations would be sent out shortly.

Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Town Mayor