

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 September 2012 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

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

COUNCILLORS

Ms P S Angove	F Morris
K McFadden	M Nicholls
N McFadden	Mrs S Olds
	Mr M Thomas

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Chris Goninan, Cornwall Council
Ms Wagner – Local Resident

TC.127 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor McClary.

TC.128 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor K McFadden declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in minute no. TC 139/12 (Planning) in respect of planning application PA12/08269 as the owner of the land to which the applicant related, and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

Councillor T N McFadden declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute no. TC 139/12 (Planning) in respect of planning application PA12/08269 as he was related to the owner of the land, and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

Councillor Morris declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute no. TC 139/12 (Planning) in respect of planning application PA12/08269 as the applicant was known to him and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

TC.129 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 10 September 2012 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.130 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

TC.131 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Mayor reported that she had attended meetings of the Community Land Trust Board on 25 July and 20 September 2012, a meeting to discuss the street lighting pilot on 13 August 2012 which was also attended by the Deputy Mayor, Town Clerk and Councillor Goninan, and the launch of the Free Church appeal on 22 August.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had attended the meeting on the street lighting trial as previously reported by the Town Mayor.

Councillor K McFadden reported that he and the Town Clerk had attended a meeting organised by St Ives Town Council to discuss devolution and asset transfer issues on 14 August 2012.

TC.132 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Councillor Goninan gave his regularly monthly report on the following issues:-

St Just in Bloom

The group had received a silver gilt for the seventh time which was disappointing especially in view of all the positive comments from visitors and locals that had been received. The group also received three outstanding, three thriving and two developing awards for "It's Your Neighbourhood" entries. The first the group had received.

The presentation evening was to be held from 6.30pm in the British Legion on Friday 28 September. St Just Photographic club would be displaying photographs about life in St Just.

West Penwith Landscape Partnership

The Town Council was advised that this partnership would deliver community consultation leading to the production of a vision and delivery plan for West Penwith. Rose Regeneration had been appointed to carry out the consultation. The programme was now being drawn up, followed by a period of public consultation on 6 November from 6.30-8.30pm, location to be confirmed, and another on 7 November in St John's Hall, Penzance.

Dowran

A meeting had been held with the applicant, his architect and two planning officers at Dowran which had discussed a way forward with this development.

Douglas Woolcock Transport

It was hoped to have the new service operating in the community for the spring of 2013.

Bosorne Street

An issue had arisen regarding a right of way across the old farmyard. The new owner had erected a sign stating that this was a private right of way which had angered many local residents who had been using the access for many years. The locals concerned were now considering writing to Cornwall Council.

Shared services.

Councillor Goninan provided an explanation as to why he had not voted in favour of the motion which had been recently debated at Cornwall Council. Councillor Goninan said that he was extremely concerned about the impact on local residents. The major impacts would be in respect of fuel increases, including petrol and heating & lighting but also Council Tax increases. Cornwall Council was planning a 3% rise in Council Tax, together with increased costs for local councils which took over responsibility for delivering services from Cornwall Council, as well as welfare reforms, bedroom tax and housing benefit. Councillor Goninan referred to previous experiences when Biffa was awarded the waste contract by Penwith District Council and the parallels with the award of the new contract to Cory and urged people to wait to see if the new contract does deliver the savings promised. Councillor Goninan's view was that if money could be saved and new jobs created, with performance in Shared Services remaining the same or better, then he supported that change as it would reduce the impact on the people he represented. The vote of no confidence in the Leader of Cornwall Council was due to take place on 16 October 2012.

TC.133 **REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER**

In the absence of PCSO Andrew Tonkin, the Town Clerk gave the Police report for the period covering 22nd July 2012 to 24th September 2012.

During that period there had been 20 reported crimes which compared to 34 for the same period last year.

The crimes reported were as follows:-

- 3 Burglaries
- 1 Theft
- 3 Common Assault
- 1 Cheque / Credit Card Fraud
- 1 Kill / Injure Schedule 1 Wild Animal / bird
- 2 Affray
- 1 Misuse of the Communications Act
- 1 Administer Poison / Noxious Substance to Water Supply
- 1 Theft from Shop
- 2 Theft from Vehicle
- 2 Criminal Damage Dwelling
- 2 Complaint of Out of Control Dogs

The Town Clerk also reported on item of interest / concern. Local Bus Companies were concerned about the continuation of the illegal parking of vehicles on the double yellow lines in St Just Town, in particular at the top of Market Street from the Commercial Hotel

down past the Post Office & outside the COOP. The illegal parking of vehicles in this area was making it awkward for buses to enter & exit at the Junction to Market Square.

Councillor Goninan reported that he had been advised of the problems and that he was currently discussing possible options with officers from Cornwall Council. He agreed to keep the Town Council informed about this issue.

TC.134 PROPOSED PROCEDURE OF DEVOLUTION AND ASSET TRANSFER FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

The Town Council considered a consultation document from Cornwall Council's Head of Strategy, Localism and Communications regarding proposals to streamline its process of devolution which had been deferred from the Town Council meeting on 10 September.

Some Town Councillors expressed concern that there was too much emphasis on Cornwall Council "receiving" rather than "giving", and too little emphasis on the local community perspective.

The Town Clerk advised the Council that the document had been produced in an attempt to provide some consistency in Cornwall Council's discussions with local councils regarding its internal processes for dealing with devolution and asset transfer matters.

The Town Council noted the content of the draft document but made no further comment.

TC.135 THE COMMONS ACT 2006 – SCHEDULE 2 THE COMMONS REGISTRATION (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 APPLICATION NO. 2795 FOR THE REGISTRATION OF CARN KENIDJACK AS COMMON LAND

The Town Council considered an application made to Cornwall Council as the Commons Registration Authority by Save Penwith Moors regarding the registration of land at Carn Kenidjack as common land.

The Town Mayor reported that this was the second application from Save Penwith Moors that the Town Council had recently received regarding the registration of common land as part of the consultation process. The Town Mayor explained that she had contacted Cornwall Council to seek additional information regarding the process, and that it had been confirmed that that it was purely a legal issue and that the application would be determined on the basis of the applicant's ability to prove that the land met the regulatory requirements for registration.

As the Town Council had no information available to it to determine whether in fact the land in respect of the application was "wasteland" to the manor it made no comment on the application.

TC136 DURLOE LANE, BOTALLACK, ST JUST

Councillor Nicholls raised the issue of signage along an unadopted lane in Botallack which was known locally as Durloe Lane, and had historically formed part of the road link to Truthwall and which appeared on historical records relating to Botallack Mine.

The Town Clerk advised the Council that Cornwall Council was the responsible authority for street naming and that if it could be demonstrated that there was local community support for the sign then an approach should be made to Cornwall Council. If Cornwall Council agreed to proceed, then the Town Council and local residents would be consulted as part of the legal process.

TC.137 FINANCE

(a) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £11,745.76 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(b) Letters of Thanks

There were no letters of thanks to report.

TC.138 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA12/06756 Application for Agricultural Barn to replace existing approved yet unbuilt stables at Glen Moor, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicant: Miss Nicola Knight.
Deferred pending the receipt of the Planning Officer's comments

In accordance with their declarations of interest Councillor K McFadden, N McFadden and Morris withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the following planning application.

Ms Wagner outlined her objections to the planning application which were the impact of the development on the historic environment, World Heritage Site, potential precedent of development in the valley, design of the units not in keeping with the local area, access to the site, occupation of the dwellings and lack of public consultation.

PA12/08269 Erection of 36 dwellings and associated works on land adjacent to Fore Street/Carn Bosavern, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Neil Clements, Sanctuary Housing Association. **(T Cl strong support. Also if approved, the Town Council would like a condition that roofing tiles / slates are secured by nails and not clips given the sites proximity to the conservation area and to preserve the town's historic environment.)**

PA12/08408 Erection of replacement extension and installation of two rooflights at Nanjulian Mill, Nanquidno, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. C. Ing-Simmons. **(T Cl Strong objection / extension to be faced in granite to match existing C17th mill.)**

(b) Decisions

PA12/05142 Installation of a 5kw wind turbine approximately 10m to the hub, 12.75m to the tip with a rotor diameter of 5.5m at Calartha Farm, Calartha, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. North. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

TC.139 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING

The Town Council received details of income and expenditure, together with bank reconciliations for the period from 30 June to 24 September 2012 (copy appended to the signed minutes).

TC.140 INFORMATION ITEMS

None received.

TC.141 MATTERS FOR REPORT

A3071 & B3306 Speed Limit Review Works & Order Consolidation (Region West) to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councillor K McFadden requested that an item on the new traffic island at Truthwall be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councillor Angove requested that an item on the Rural Services Working Group be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.07 p.m.

Town Mayor