

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 27 February 2012 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

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

COUNCILLORS

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

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Chris Goninan – Cornwall Council

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

TC.252 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Nicholls declared a prejudicial interest in minute no. TC.264/12 (Request for Financial Assistance) as Chairman of the St Just Twinning Committee in respect of the request from St Just AFC and its planned trip to Huelgoat, Brittany as part of the twinning exchange programme. Councillor Nicholls agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

Councillor Stevens declared a prejudicial interest in respect of minute no. TC.265(a)/12 (Applications), in relation to applications no PA12/00528, PA12/01406 and PA12/09306 as the applicants were known to him and he agreed to leave the meeting for consideration of all of the items.

TC.253 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 13 February 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.254 REPORT OF TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Mayor reported that he had attended the Allotment & Growers' Association AGM on 20 February and the Transition Penwith event in St John's Hall, Penzance on 25 February 2012.

The Deputy Mayor reported that she had attended Section 106 Planning Training on 14 February, a Board meeting of the Lands End Peninsula Community Land Trust on 16 February and the Allotment & Growers' Association AGM on 20 February 2012.

Councillor Ms Angove reported that she had attended the Section 106 Planning Training on 14 February 2012.

Councillor Stevens reported that he had attended the Allotment & Growers' Association AGM on 20 February 2012.

TC.255 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Councillor Goninan reported on the following items:-

West Cornwall Hospital Forum—Update

Completion of the Medical 2 refurbishment would be by 20 April 2012 and would be reopened on 23 April. This refurbishment had been possible due to the receipt of a donation from the League of Friends of c£250,000. There had been problems with the lift servicing Medical 2 and this would also be repaired and back in operation by 31 July 2012.

The Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust would be holding a public meeting in St Just on the new Urgent Care Centre. Confirmation on date and venue were awaited.

St Just Buggies

The meeting with the Trustees of the Douglas Woolcock Fund had been very positive and a further meeting was to be held in March.

Cornish Bursary

Cornwall Council's Cabinet on 15 February 2012 had approved the implementation of a Cornish Bursary which would enable Cornish students to have a share of £700,000. The bursary would be administered by the colleges and schools for students doing 'A' levels to help replace the loss of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA). The EMA in future would only fund the most vulnerable students.

Rubbish and recycling collection from 1 April 2012

Rubbish, recycling and waste collections were set to change from 1 April 2012, with the commencement of a new contract with Cory Environmental Municipal Services.

The contract was designed following consultation last year with residents and would be introduced from 1st April this year.

The new single contract would replace those put in place by the former district and borough councils, prior to the formation of Cornwall Council. By harmonising waste and recycling collections across the county, a fairer and more equitable system could be provided across Cornwall, giving many people an enhanced and improved service, while saving Cornwall Council £27m over the life of the contract.

Every household in Cornwall would be affected to a greater or lesser degree, depending on where they lived.

Rubbish

Rubbish would continue to be collected weekly. However, under the new arrangements it would need to be contained in a disposable plastic bag. Not necessarily a traditional black rubbish sack but any plastic bag provided the rubbish was properly contained.

Wheeled bins or standard rubbish bins could still be used but the rubbish must be bagged.

Recycling

Recycling would be collected fortnightly from reusable containers, to be provided free of charge (comprising a rigid plastic box and three colour-coded reusable sacks all provided free of charge). Glass bottles and jars, textiles, paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, cans, tins, aluminium foil and aerosols could be recycled.

In some areas reusable containers were already being used for storage and collection of materials that could be recycled. These containers will continue to be used with new equipment provided only in those areas where it is needed and/or when it needs replacing.

Garden Waste

From 1 April 2012 garden waste would be collected through a subscription only scheme based on wheelie bins. This will provide customers with better value for money as only those who used the service, would pay for the service. Additional savings would be made through targeted collections, as the number of vehicle miles travelled would be reduced. Cory Environmental Municipal Services would also be responsible for street, beach cleaning and associated services, as part of the contract.

Olympic Torch

On 19 May 2012 the Olympic Torch would travel through a number of parishes and towns in Cornwall, including the City of Truro. To celebrate this event, the Chairman of Cornwall Council will be hosting a Civic Event at Truro Cathedral, which will be a free event to all invitees.

The Chairman of the Council has decided to open the civic event up to those who would not normally have the opportunity to attend such events, and has asked all 123 members to submit nominations. Nominations should be a member(s) of your community that the Cornwall Councillor believes deserves the opportunity to attend this event. The closing date for nominations was 26 March 2012.

Councillor Goninan suggested the following list of nominees: Phil Wilkins, a Lafrowda volunteer, Pendeen Band, Paulene Beckham, Pendeen Farmers Market organiser/volunteer, St Just in Bloom and Joyce Lee. Any further nominations to be forwarded to Councillor Goninan by the end of the week.

TC.256 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

In the absence of PC Dan Care, the Town Clerk presented the Police report for the period 23 January to 26 February 2012

Three crimes had been reported during this period is as follows:

- 1 Theft of Motor vehicle
- 1 Theft from Motor Vehicle
- 1 Theft Non Specific

This compared to ten crimes for the same period last year and showed a significant fall in Crime.

The Police priorities for this area remain as:-

- 1. Parking related issues and vehicle obstruction
- 2. The use of mobile phones whilst driving
- 3. Dog fouling

Police had been paying close attention with high visible patrols to the bus shelter at Lafrowda Close, St Just after the recent graffiti incidents. Youths had been spoken to and moved on if gathering in large groups and alcohol was being confiscated.

The next community Action Panel meeting was on 15 April 2012 at Cape Cornwall School at 7.15 p.m. This was a public meeting and new members were very welcome for their input on issues that affect them or the community and which could be brought to the attention of partner agencies.

Police were appealing for the public to be vigilant and to report to the Police any incident. Those attending were reminded to report crimes using the 101 or emergency 999 numbers to ensure a response.

TC.257 PLEN-AN-GWARRY

The Town Clerk advised the Council on details of a possible grant funding opportunity from English Heritage towards maintenance works to the western perimeter wall of the Plen-an-Gwarry. A copy of plan produced by Adam Sharpe, Cornwall Council which identified the areas in need of attention was circulated to members of the Town Council.

The Town Clerk explained that if the grant funding application was successful, it was hoped that match funding could be secured to enable a phased three-year programme of works to be undertaken. This funding would be in addition to the £3,000 currently allocated in the 2102 / 2013 budget in respect of the Plen.

The Town Clerk also advised that Steve Carroll, local stoneworker & hedger who had carried out the earlier work on the perimeter wall had provided an indicative costing for completing the works, estimated to be in the region of £17,800. Together with two quotes in respect of two areas of work which it was deemed required immediate attention (marked A-C and I on the circulated plan) at a price of £6,550 and £5,450 respectively.

The Town Council was advised that the deadline for the submission of the application to the English Heritage was 12 March 2012 and therefore the Council's approval was being sought to submit the application and to consider, in the event that the application was successful its view on how it wished the contract to be awarded.

The Town Clerk reported that English Heritage had been extremely pleased with the work carried out by Mr Carroll, and would be happy for him to undertake the additional work, provided the Town Council was comfortable with entering into another contract with him.

Following detailed consideration of the matter the Town Council

RESOLVED : That

1. The Town Clerk be authorised to submit the S.17 application to English Heritage to meet the 12 March 2012 deadline; and
2. Subject to the application for funding being approved by English Heritage, Standing Orders in respect of contracts are waived to enable the contract to be awarded to Steve Carroll, Hedging & Stonework contractor as English Heritage had been impressed by the quality of the work previously completed by the contractor.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.258 "PLANNING FUTURE CORNWALL" – OUR PREFERRED APPROACH FOR A CORE STRATEGY CONSULTATION

The Town Council was reminded that this item had been deferred for consideration from the last meeting. However, since the meeting on 13 February 2012 a number of Town Councillors had completed an online questionnaire by the CRCC regarding the draft Core Strategy and the Town Council was asked if it wished to make any additional comments as part of the consultation process.

Cornwall Council's "Our Preferred Approach for a Core Strategy" outlined its preferred approach to its 20 year planning strategy "Planning Future Cornwall" and how it would help to deliver the vision of Future Cornwall.

Community Network discussion papers had been produced which provided details on growth and distribution options.

A number of Councillors reported that they had responded on an individual basis via the questionnaire produced by the CRCC as part of the consultation process.

RESOLVED: That no formal response be made by the Town Council.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.259 TOWN AND COUNTY PLANNING ACT 1990 PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT. LAND AT MOORLAND CLOSE, PENDEEN

The Town Council considered the proposed diversion of the public footpath no. 164 as the line and the setting of the public right of way would be affected by the proposed affordable homes development at Moorland Close, Pendeen (Planning Application PA12/00182 refers).

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council is advised that the Town Council has no objection to the proposed diversion.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.260 PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 118 OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980; PRE-ORDER CONSULTATIONS PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH 114/165

The Town Council considered a consultation from Cornwall Council regarding the extinguishment of public footpath FP114/165 at Moorland Close.

The Town Council was advised that the footpath had been affected by the permitted development that had been completed for a number of years. The right of way should have been the subject of an order at the time of development, but unfortunately Cornwall Council could find no evidence that the former Penwith District Council, as planning authority had made an order to allow the development to take place.

As the permitted development at the Boscaswell Estate and Moorland Close had been completed for a considerable number of years it was no longer possible to use the powers under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (Section 257) in respect of the right of way.

Cornwall Council was intending to extinguish the right of way by means of the powers available under the Highways Act 1980 (Section 11).

RESOLVED : That the Town Council has no objection to the proposed extinguishment of footpath FP114/165

TC.261 SECTION 137 GRANT THRESHOLD

The Town Council noted that the S.137 limit for the coming financial year was £6.80 per elector.

TC.262 FINANCE

(a) Applications for Financial Assistance

The Town Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which gave details on requests for financial assistance received from the West Penwith Community Bus Association (WPCBA), St Just & District Camera Club, St Just Football Club, Pendeen Rovers and Cruse Bereavement Care.

Councillor Nicholls declared a prejudicial interest in respect of the request from St Just AFC and withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the item.

RESOLVED : That

1. Consideration of the request from WPCBA is deferred until the next meeting pending the receipt of full accounts.
2. The following grants be awarded:-

St Just & District Camera Club	£250.00
St Just Football Club	£500.00
Pendeen Rovers AFC	£1,000.00
Cruse Bereavement Care	£150.00

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £1,641.84 be approved for payment.

(c) Letters of Thanks

The Town Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received from Shelter Cornwall in respect of the recent donation.

TC.263 PLANNING

(a) Applications

Councillor Stevens declared a prejudicial interest in the following applications as the applicants were known to him and withdrew from the meeting for their consideration.

PA12/00528 Change of use, conversion and extension of office and workshop to form dwelling at Rosewell, Cot Valley, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Alec Maund. **(T Cl no objection to holiday use restriction)**

PA12/01406 Pruning to one sycamore at 1, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mrs. Mary Ann Bloomfield. **((T Cl no objection)**

PA12/09306 Retention of agricultural and equestrian storage building, demolition of stables and hay barn and construction of replacement stables and hay barn on

land off No-Go-By Hill, Botallack, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. C. Griffiths. (T C I
no objection)

(b) Decisions

PA11/10836 Installation of 50kw wind turbine, associated access and works at Leswidden Concrete Products, Leswidden, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. J. Maule, Leswidden Concrete Products. **Approval** (T. Cl. Strong Support).

TC.264 INFORMATION ITEMS

The Town Council noted the contents of a letter dated 9 February 2012 from Simon Mansell, Cornwall Council regarding an update on the current position regarding the ethical standards regime.

TC.265 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor Mrs Olds informed the Town Council about concerns regarding the behaviour of skateboarders and local youths at the recreation ground, St Just. She would be monitoring the situation over the coming weeks.

Councillor Nicholls sought clarification as to why the report on The Queen's Diamond Jubilee was not on the agenda. The Town Clerk confirmed that the report would be brought to the next meeting on 12 March.

Cllr East asked the Town Council to note his concern about the availability of GP appointments for local residents.

The Mayor reported on the proposed sewerage works by S W Water at Porthledden, Cape Cornwall and the lack of response from S W Water regarding meeting requests. Andrew George MP had been advised of the position and was currently looking into the matter. The Mayor agreed to keep the Town Council updated on progress.

Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Town Mayor