

MINUTES of the TOWN MEETING of ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 27 June 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor M Thomas - Mayor
Councillor Mrs James – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

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

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Chris Goninan – Cornwall Councillor

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

TC.35 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 27 June 2011 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

TC.36 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in minute no. TC.44/11 (Planning PA/11/03849) as the applicant was a relative, and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

Councillors Angwin and Councillor K McFadden declared a prejudicial interest in minute no. TC.48/11 (Grass Cutting Contract – Plen-an-Gwarry) as they were related to a contractor who had quoted for the work, and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

Councillor McClary declared a personal interest in minute no. TC.44/11 (Planning PA11/03849) as the applicant was member of the Coastguard Team

Councillor N McFadden declared a prejudicial interest in minute no. TC.48/11 (Grass Cutting Contract – Plen-an-Gwarry) as a contractor who had quoted for the work, and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

Councillor Nicholls declared a personal interest in minute no. TC.44/11 (Planning PA/11/03534) as the applicant was known to him.

Councillor Stevens declared a prejudicial interest in minute no. TC.44/11 (Planning PA/11/03534) as the applicant was a personal friend and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

TC.37 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Mayor reported that he had attended the Town & Parish Forum on 26 May 2011, the official opening of the Sennen Building at Penwith College on 21 June, the lighting of the Annual Mid Summer Bonfire on Chapel Carn Brea on 23 June and Mazey Day, Penzance on 25 June.

The Deputy Mayor reported that she had attended a meeting of the Housing Sub group of the Community Land Trust Housing on 2 June which had discussed provisional dates for the public consultation on the proposed sites at Lafrowda Close, St Just and Moorland Close, Pendeen. The proposed dates were 19 July, Council Chamber and 20 July in the Centre of Pendeen.

The Deputy Mayor had also attended a meeting of the Centre of Pendeen on 7 June, AGM of the Community Land Trust on 16 June and The Feast of St John, as part on the Golowan Festivities on 19 June.

Councillor Stevens reported that Insp. Jean Phillips had attended a meeting of the Lafrowda Committee on 22 June and was pleased to report that considerable progress had been made in respect of the policing of Lafrowda Day on 16 July. Insp. Phillips had agreed to attend a further meeting on 29 June when details on the policing arrangements would be confirmed.

The Town Clerk advised the Town Council Insp. Phillips and PCSO Tonkin had recently visited the Town Council Offices and met informally with the Mayor and the Clerk.

TC.38 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Councillor Goninan reported on the following items:-

Chief Fire Officer

Attended a meeting on 24 May 2011 at St Just Fire Station with Des Tilbury, Chief Fire Officer which had been arranged to meet the crew and undertake some training.

Highways

Truthwall residents had received all the options and were currently discussing their favoured affordable plan in respect of traffic calming measures.

Penzance Food Bank

Initial meetings held to gauge support for a food bank in Penzance. There was considerable interest in the project and suitable accommodation was being investigated.

Health issues

Currently working with Health Initiative Cornwall on the allocation of funding for Primary Care Trusts (PCTs). An article had appeared in the Western Morning News which in summary confirmed that there were 151 PCTs, with 61 above the target level to a level of £1.3 billion, and 88 below target to the same amount. The ones below target were being brought up to target but the process was very slow and those above target would remain there. Councillor Goninan questioned the equality of this, and stated that most London area based PCTs were above target with some receiving in excess of 20% of what they were entitled. The local PCT was currently 2.2% below.

West Cornwall Hospital (WCH) Forum

The Town Council was advised that the forum has been formed to discuss issues around WCH and involved members of West Cornwall Health Watch, the League of Friends, Health Initiative Cornwall, The Mayors' Parlour, Andrew George MP, Councillor Mario Fonk and Councillor Goninan. The meeting was chaired by Alice Hosking who manages WCH. Also present were Dr Neil Pollard, lead clinician at WCH, plus Shirley Harris, modern matron.

Housing issues

The first meeting between Cornwall Councillors and Penwith Housing Association was due to take place on 4 July 2011.

Beach Clean

As part of the Safer, Cleaner & Greener Project, Sennen School had recently completed a beach clean. Cape Cornwall Comprehensive & Pendeen Schools had also completed litter picks.

England Ladies Cricket Captain & Another England Player

On 14 June 2011, Charlotte Edwards, England Ladies Cricket Captain and Caroline Aitkins held a session at the St Just Cricket Club for 70 girls from the Penwith area. At least 35 of these girls came from St Just & Pendeen schools. The session had been arranged because the England Cricket Captain had seen the team in action at the indoor finals in Bristol and been impressed by their play and arranged a coaching session at St Just.

St Just Carts

Currently exploring possibilities regarding the use of carts rather than mobility scooters within St Just.

St Just in Bloom

The Town Council was advised that judging would take place on Tuesday 12 July. Entry forms for the garden competition were now available from P. Wilkins, Estate Agents and The News Centre.

Penwith Radio

Currently applying for an FM licence and if successful would be able to deliver local news and personalities to local people.

TC.39 COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA

Matters for Report

Councillor Nicholls requested that in the past there had been a facility for Councillors to raise "Matters for Report" at meetings which he felt was helpful to Town Councillors, and enabled them to be able to raise issues which could, if necessary be referred to the next Council meeting for consideration.

It was AGREED that the item would be included in future agendas.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

St Just Football Club

Councillor Ms Angove asked for an update from Councillor Goninan on progress in respect of car parking at the St Just Football Club.

Councillor Goninan explained that the legal process in respect of the new Traffic Regulation Order had not been completed. Councillor Stevens referred to the meeting that had been held at the football club and Cornwall Council's offer to donate planings to improve the car park surface at the club.

Councillor Goninan AGREED to contact Andy James, Area Highways Engineer, Cornwall Council about the matter.

TC.40 FESTIVAL OF SPORT: 14 – 16 SEPTEMBER 2012

The Town Council received details from Cornwall Council on a proposed sporting event being organised by Participate Sports Limited over the weekend of 14 – 16 September 2012. The event would also include a cycling race through a number of towns and parishes in West Penwith and the Town Council was being asked to forward its initial views to the event organiser.

RESOLVED: That the event organiser be advised that the Town Council is supportive of the event "in principle". However it would like to receive more information on the road closures, including the length of the proposed closures.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.41 ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM COMMITTEE

The Town Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Tourism Committee held on 20 June 2011 and considered the recommendations contained therein.

Councillor Ms Angove reported that a decision on the West Cornwall Local Action Group funding would be known on or after 19 July.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the work programme for 2011 / 2012 be approved and that quotations be sought for the required maintenance works to the Town Council's public seating.
- (2) That Dan Nicholls, Cornwall Council is invited to a future meeting of the Town Council to give a presentation on the Community Buildings & Assets project, together with information on the planning regulations in respect of energy schemes within conservation areas and World Heritage Sites.
- (3) That the development of a full project scheme in respect of the allotments at Bosavern Farm, with the assistance of PCDT be approved; and
- (4) That the planning application in respect of the new access to the allotment site at Bosavern Farm be submitted to Cornwall Council's Planning Department as soon as practicable.

(Action by : Elaine Baker / Dave Stevens)

TC.42 BOSCASWELL CORNER, PENDEEN

The Town Clerk reported on the poor state of the public seating / garden area at Boscaswell Corner, Pendeen. Councillor Goninan, in his capacity as Chairman of St Just-in-Bloom reported that he had attempted to find volunteers to maintain the garden but this had proved unsuccessful.

The grass was currently being maintained, on the Council's behalf, by Far West Gardening Services and it was proposed that the company be approached to see if it would undertake the gardening work on a short term basis.

RESOLVED: That authority be delegated to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Town Mayor, to award a short term contract to Far West Gardening Services in respect of the gardening work at Boscaswell Corner.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.43 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING

The Town Clerk presented details of the Town Council's income and expenditure, together with bank account reconciliations, for the period 1 April to 21 June 2011.

RESOLVED: That the position be noted.

TC.44 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

No requests for financial assistance had been received.

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £4,228.20 be approved for payment.

(c) Letters of Thanks

None received.

TC.45 PLANNING

(a) Applications

The Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in the following application as he was related to the applicant and withdrew from the meeting for its consideration.

Councillor McClary declared a personal interest in the following application as the applicant was a member of the Coastguard Team.

The Deputy Mayor took the chair for consideration of this application.

PA11/03849 Construction of single storey extension at Peace and Plenty, Sennen. Applicant: Miss S. Stanton-Nadin. (T. Cl. No Objection).

Councillor Nicholls declared a personal interest in this application as the applicant was known to him.

Councillor Stevens declared a prejudicial interest in the following application as the applicant was a personal friend and he agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

PA11/03534 Demolition of outbuildings and construction of garage/store at 1, Botallack, St. Just. Applicant: Miss L. Birbeck. (T. Cl. Objection due to height of roof as set out in proposed plans).

PA11/01463 Conversion and extension of existing outbuildings to one staff accommodation unit and one family annexe unit at Joppa Kennels, Joppa, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. D. Cotton. (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA11/03450 Erection of porch to the front elevation, installation of solar panels on the east and west roof space and conversion of garden shed to artist's studio at 1, West Place, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. D. Shutt. (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA11/04449 Extension and alterations to dwelling (including dormer extensions) and erection of a domestic garage (amended design) at Merivale House, 3, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. D.V. Cothey. (T. Cl. Objection due to roof lights in Plan 2B not Conservation roof lights as set out in Plan 2A. The Town Council is concerned about the removal of the windows and would prefer the applicant to revert to the fenestration detail in the original approval. The Town Council supports the amendments with regards to the proposed garage arrangements).

PA11/04467 Erection of extension and side annexe at Boslowen, Pendeen. Applicant Ms. M. Hoole-Jackson. (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA11/04678 First floor extension to dwelling at 6, Carn Bosavern, St. Just. Applicant Mr. T. Barnes. (T. Cl. No Objection).

(b) Decisions

None.

TC.46 INFORMATION ITEMS

Cornwall Conversations

The Town Clerk reported on details of a programme of conversations being arranged by Cornwall Council with Alec Robertson, Leader of the Council. It was AGREED that Councillor N McFadden would attend the session at St John's Hall on 25 July 2011 on behalf of the Town Council.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

War Memorial Clock Tower

The Town Council noted that the War Memorial Clock Tower had been included on the list of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Importance (Grade II listed).

CALC Response to Future Local Audit Consultation

The Town Council noted the response made by CALC to the Local Audit consultation.

TC.47 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.48 ENGAGEMENT OF LEGAL SERVICES

The Town Council considered the engagement of legal services in respect of the allotments at Kenidjack Valley.

RESOLVED: That the contract for legal services be awarded to Coodes Solicitors.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.49 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT – PLEN-AN-GWARRY

The Town Council considered the award of the contract for the grass cutting of the Plen-an-Gwarry following the decision taken by Cornwall Council to introduce a charge for the service. Three quotations had been received.

RESOLVED: That the contract be awarded to Far West Gardening Services for a twelve month period.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.50 TOWN COUNCIL SIGN AND NOTICE BOARDS

The Mayor presented details of a quotation in respect of a sign on the Council building and two new notice boards for St Just and Pendeen.

The Town Council was also advised that Cornwall Council had agreed to make a financial contribution towards the cost of the new signage.

RESOLVED: That the quotation from Prestige Signs in respect of the notice boards be approved, but that the quotation for the new Town Council sign be not accepted due to a lack of available finance.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.51 FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Council considered its future direction which had been raised by Councillor Ms Angove.

A number of options were discussed including looking at ways to increase the involvement of young people in the activities of the Town Council, "Council Open Day" and a piece in the "Down Your Way" column of the Cornishman.

Meeting closed at 9.07p.m.

Town Mayor