

MINUTES of the MEETING of ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 28 February 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllr D Stevens - Mayor  
Cllr M Thomas – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Cllr B F Angwin	Cllr K McFadden
Cllr Ms Angove	Cllr N McFadden
Cllr W F East	Cllr F Morris
Cllr Mrs S James	Cllr Mrs S Olds
Cllr C S McClary	

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Chris Goninan, Cornwall Council  
Charlie David, Cornwall Council's Strategic Waste & Environment Manager

PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None received.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Nicholls.

TC.284 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 14 February 2011 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

TC.285 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Stevens declared a personal interest in minute no.TC 295/11 (Planning) in respect of application PA11/01065 and PA11/01069 as the applicant was known to him.

TC.286 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Mayor reported that he had attended the Internal Audit Committee meeting and St Just Primary Schools Trade Fair on 18 February and a production by Kidz r Us in St Ives on 24 February.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had attended the Town and Parish Forum meeting on 24 February.

Councillor Ms Angove reported that she had attended the Local Council's Planning Forum on 16 February but had been disappointed in the content of the meeting.

Councillor Mrs James reported that she had attended a meeting of the Land's End Peninsula Community Land Trust on 10 February.

TC.287 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Councillor Goninan reported that he had attended a public meeting on health changes organised by Andrew George MP on 28 January 2011.

Geevor

A meeting had been held at County Hall on 15 February 2011 to finalise the Management Agreement and the responsibilities of each party. The agreement was currently being scrutinised and follow up meetings were being held to address these issues.

Councillor McClary, as a Trustee of Geevor Tin Mine, commented that the Board of Trustee's interpretation on progress was slightly different, and that Cornwall Council had advised the Board that it was no longer the owner of the site, but that following consultation with the Mining Inspectorate, it was confirmed that Pendeen Community Heritage was owner of the site.

This meant that the Board of Trustees would now become directly responsible for the site, including all health & safety issues under the MASHAM regulations and would result in the Board of the Trustee's exposure to risk being increased. As a consequence of this, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees had already indicated that he would resign over this issue, and Councillor McClary advised the Council that unless the status quo prevailed, other trustees were likely to resign, bringing the whole future of the mine into doubt.

The Town Council agreed that this issue be placed on the next agenda for 14 March meeting for further discussion.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Balleswidden Chimney no further information reported.

Highways

A meeting had been held on 3 February with officers from Cornwall Council at Hectors House Trewellard Hill concerning the flooding of properties further down the hill. Councillor Goninan reported that, in the short term, a ditch on the right hand side of the road just below and opposite Hectors House would be reopened. Also a scheme was being drawn up to find a permanent solution. However a decision on the proposed highway works for 2011/12 was still to be agreed.

### Dog Fouling in St Just

Children have carried out their survey and three areas have been found in St Just where dog fouling is prevalent. These areas are being targeted by Cornwall Council's enforcement team. The children have designed leaflets, key stage 2, or posters, key stage 1, and were being judged on 1 March with the winners getting book vouchers and their design being used in the school and the community.

The winning leaflet would be used for circulation in the community.

### Safer, Cleaner & Greener

This year the local schools were going to be actively involved in environmental issues. St Just Primary School with the dog fouling work, Sennen School with a beach clean, Pendeen Primary School working with the National Trust with regard to litter and footpaths, Cape Cornwall School on a litter pick and also information on fouling on the school field. Students from the VI Form College would be filming the activities and the hope was to produce a DVD to be shown at the comprehensive school to a selected audience, and then to be an educational tool about all aspects of environmental awareness.

### Older People Advisors

A meeting was held on 23 February. The group was currently looking at identifying those within our local communities who were lonely and isolated, and the advisor in St Levan had identified a person with problems and Councillor Goninan reported that Adult Care & Support would be carrying out an assessment in due course.

### Tea Dance

On 19 March at St John's Hall, Penzance a Tea Dance for elders was to be held, organised by Churches Together in Penzance, and the Penwith 50+ Forum and its advisors were involved in identifying suitable people to attend.

### Falls

Between 33-50% of people above 65 years of age had at least one fall per year. Of those who have a fractured neck or femur, 10% were dead within a year. The 50+ Forum was working with the Primary Care Trust, Cornwall Blind and Penwith Volunteer Bureau to put preventative measures in place within the Penwith area. Evidence from work carried out in other parts of Britain had shown that simple appropriate exercises could have a significant impact on reducing the number of incidents. Work was also progressing on establishing Health Champions trained locally, who could help to train others to deliver "fall classes".

## TC.288 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES REVIEW

Charlie David, Cornwall Council's Strategic Waste and Environmental Manager attended the meeting to provide the Town Council with further information on the review of public conveniences currently being undertaken by Cornwall Council and to respond to Town Councillors questions.

Mr David reported that the Cornwall Council's Environment Service had to make a reduction in its budget from £20m to £16m over the next four years. The public conveniences budget presently cost £2.8m to run the 230 conveniences currently owned by Cornwall Council, and the service had been asked to make a £1m saving in this budget over the next four.

Cornwall Council was currently looking at options to achieve this reduction which ranged from altering the way in which the conveniences were managed to closure. Cornwall Council would also be considering options where conveniences were provided / managed by other groups and / or organisations such as town and parish councils. Mr David stated that there was currently £20,000 available to help support any parishes who wished to take on responsibility for the conveniences but this would only be in the form of a one-off grant and no additional funding would be available.

Of the 230 conveniences, it was likely that Cornwall Council would look to close or hand over approximately 35%, and Mr David confirmed that a report of the future of the service would be considered by the Cabinet in April 2011 and would likely recommend a strategy and a formal period of public consultation on possible options.

In response to a question, Mr David provided the Town Council with figures on the annual cost to run the public conveniences in St Just, Pendeen and Cape Cornwall which were currently £6,400, £5,200 and £5,695 respectively, based on 2008 / 09 figures. He acknowledged that these figures were somewhat out of date and had been provided by the former Penwith District Council, as Cornwall Council had not broken the current figures down to individual conveniences.

Members of the Town Council commented on the unreliability of these figures, particularly as they did not take account of seasonal variations when some of the conveniences were closed.

Following conclusion of the discussion the Town Council

RESOLVED: To defer making a formal response on the proposed review of public conveniences until it received further detailed information from Cornwall Council on its strategy for the future operation of public conveniences.

TC.289 COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA

HM Coastguard Review of Service

Councillor McClary reported that Falmouth Coastguard had come forward with an alternative proposal regarding the reorganisation of the Coastguard Service but that he did not have the full details. It was agreed that this item be deferred until the Council meeting on 28 March.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Static and Mobile Library Service

Councillor Mrs James advised the Council that she had attended the Overview & Scrutiny Committee at Cornwall Council to deliver a petition in respect of the St Just Library. Councillor Mrs James also reported that she had been given an assurance that the library would remain open, but with reduced hours. With regard to the provision of the Tourist Information Centre within the library she

commented that the Council would need to continue to monitor the situation.

No assurances had been given with regard to the continuation of the mobile library service due to the cost of operating the service and lack of use by the public.

TC.290 CORNWALL CORE STRATEGY – OPTIONS CONSULTATION PAPER

The Deputy Mayor reported that this item had been discussed at the last meeting of the Town and Parish Forum and stated that this was an important document which set the vision for development over the next twenty years. Therefore he suggested that a working group be established to formulate a detailed response.

RESOLVED: That a working group is established to formulate the Council's response to the new Cornwall Core Strategy for submission to the full Council for approval.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.291 FEAST FUN RUN

The Town Clerk advised the Council of the responses that had been received in respect of the suggestion to hold a community fun run to celebrate St Just Feast.

The Town Clerk stated that the letter had been sent to over forty local organisations, groups and businesses but that the response had been disappointing and that only three local groups had expressed an interest in participating.

It was agreed that the matter be left at the present time.

TC.292 USE OF PLEN-AN-GWARRY

RESOLVED: That the use of the Plen-an-Gwarry by The Cornwall Arts Centre Trust for a production of Sherlock Holmes by the Miracle Theatre on Tuesday 21 June 2011 be approved.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.293 INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Town Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Internal Audit Committee held on 18 February and

RESOLVED : That

- (1) The risk assessments carried out in respect of financial procedures, building, lone working, computerised systems and health & safety be approved; and
- (2) The Asset Register / Inventory of the Town Council's assets for 2010 / 2011 be approved.

TC.294 FINANCE

a) Applications for Financial Assistance

The Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which gave details on requests for financial assistance from Pendeen Women's Institute regarding refurbishment of their toilets, 1<sup>st</sup> St Just Guides for equipment and sundries to support the new group and West Cornwall Women's Aid to support its work to help women and children fleeing from domestic violence.

RESOLVED : That

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

- (i) A grant of £1,000 be awarded to Pendeen Women's Institute;
- (ii) A grant of £400 be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> St Just Guides; and
- (ii) Consideration of a grant to West Cornwall Women's Aid be deferred until April, pending the receipt of additional information on its work and clarification on other funding sources.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £387.77 be approved for payment.

c) Letters of Thanks

None received.

TC.295 PLANNING

(a) Applications

**PA11/00505** Extension and alterations to dwelling (including dormer extensions) and erection of a domestic garage at Merivale House, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. D.V. Cothey. **(T.CI. No Objection)**.

**PA11/00921** Installation of new wooden pole with associated wires on land S.E. of Westwind, Kelynack, St. Just. Applicant B.T. Openreach. **(T. CI. No Objection)**.

**PA10/08243 deferred from 14/02/11** Conversion of barn to dwelling and associated works on barn adjacent to Nanquidno Cottage, Nanquidno, St. Just. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. T. Thomas. **(T. CI. No Objection)**.

**PA11/00488** Listed Building Consent for construction of garage, enlargement of window and installation of solar panels at Winkers Cottage, Bosavern, St. Just. Applicant Mr. Scott Nicholas. **(T. CI. No Objection)**.

**PA11/00787** Installation of wind turbine at Cryor Farm, Newbridge, Penzance. Applicant Mr. D. Lenaghan. **(T. Cl. Support)**.

Councillor Stevens declared a personal interest in the following two applications as the applicant was known to him.

**PA11/01065** Conservation Area Consent for demolition of 4 garages and construction of 2 flats at 1, Bank Square, St. Just. Applicant Mr. Matthew Kerr. **(T. Cl. has no objection to the demolition of garages and construction of 2 flats but felt that the design was inappropriate for buildings within a Conservation / Article 4 area. The Council therefore felt that the N.W and S.W. elevations should be granite faced using local granite quoins, lintels and infill, and also on the fenestrations and in view of these concerns have requested Councillor Chris Goninan to have the application “called in” for determination by Cornwall Council’s West Area Planning Committee)**

**PA11/01069** Demolition of 4 garages and construction of two flats at 1, Bank Square, St. Just. Applicant Mr. Matthew Kerr. **(T. Cl comments same as for PA11/01069 above).**

(b) Decisions

None.

TC.296 PAROW

RESOLVED That a letter of support be sent to PAROW in respect of the “Exploring Cornwall Project” and its application to the Local Action Group for additional two years funding.

TC.297 INFORMATION ITEM

a. Out and About Service St Just

The Town Council noted the contents of the response from Cornwall Council regarding its decision to stop the Out and About Service in St Just.

TC.298 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED - that in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following matters on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the identified paragraphs of Part I, Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).

TC.299 ALLOTMENTS – KENIDJACK VALLEY (EXEMPT PARAGRAPHS 3 & 5)

The Town Council considered the draft terms of a lease agreement between the Town Council and the National Trust at Kenidjack Valley.

RESOLVED: That further discussion is held with the National Trust on suggested amendments to the draft terms, and that revised draft terms of a lease agreement are brought back to the Town Council in due course.

(Action by : Dave Stevens)

Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Town Mayor