

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 Tuesday 20 April 2015 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

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

COUNCILLORS

Mrs Blundy	F Morris
B Clemens	D Roberts
Mrs F Cock	G Roberts
T McFadden	Mrs Salmon
	D Stevens

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Mrs S James – Cornwall Council
PCSO Andrew Tonkin – Devon & Cornwall Police
Gary Kaute – Local resident

WELCOME TO NEW TOWN COUNCILLOR

The Town Mayor welcomed Dave Stevens to the Council following his recent uncontested election as a Town Councillor.

PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None.

TC.328 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Mrs McQueen.

TC.329 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr Stevens declared a non-discloseable interest in minute no.TC./15 (a) (Grant Application) as a member of the Lafrowda Festival and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

TC.330 DISPENSATIONS

None received.

TC.331 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 7 April 2015 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.332 MATTERS ARISING

On min. no. TC.320/15 (Dog Fouling – Plain-an-Gwarry), the Town Clerk reported that the situation had improved significantly since the introduction of the ban, although there had been evidence of continuing dog fouling. The Town Clerk reported that she was monitoring the situation with the assistance of PCSO Andrew Tonkin.

Andrew Tonkin reported that he had been monitoring the CCTV footage and last Sunday 19 dogs had been recorded exercising within the Plain. However, he was not taking enforcement action at the present time and was dealing with any offenders by way of advice rather than issuing fines and at present this appeared to be having a positive effect. Any individuals repeatedly offending would be reported to Cornwall Council's Dog Warden. In addition, the Town Clerk reported that discussions had also commenced with Cornwall Council on the placing of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) on the Plain-an-Gwarry and the Town Council would be kept informed on progress.

The Town Council was also advised on the ongoing problem of dog fouling within the Closed Churchyard and the Town Clerk explained that the possibility of the PSPO for that area had also been raised with Cornwall Council.

Cllr Mrs Cock asked if Cllr Morris had received confirmation regarding the issue of land ownership at The Leat, Pendeen (min no. TC.324/15 Matter for Report refers). Cllr Morris responded by saying that the owner of the land had confirmed to him that he was the legal owner of the land but he had not seen any documented evidence. The Town Clerk advised the Council that it would be difficult for the Council to take any action at this stage due to a lack of information and that it would be better to express its views during the normal statutory processes, as and when a planning application was submitted, or in the event of any unauthorised works being undertaken on the site. However, this did not stop any of the local residents seeking legal advice on the fencing off of the land in question if they so wished.

TC.333 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Mayor reported on his attendance at the latest meeting of the Miners' Statue Committee held on 14 April 2014 and the response to the Council's position which had been discussed at the previous Council meeting (min. no. TC.327/15 refers). The Town Mayor confirmed that the Committee had now agreed that the statue should be sited at Geevor Tin Mine and discussions would now commence with Pendeen Community Heritage on the location. The Town Mayor also reported that he would be attending the next meeting on 24 April. The Town Clerk reported that she had received financial information from the Chair of the Miners' Statute Committee on the cost of delivering the project. At present the Committee had £5,720.55 in its bank account; a total of £3,300 was required to finish and erect the statue and a final

payment of approximately £5,000 was still to be made to the sculptor. This left a shortfall of approximately £2,500.

TC.334 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

PCSO Andrew Tonkin presented the monthly Police report for the period covering 23 March to 16 April 2015. During that period there had been 2 reported crimes which compared to 11 for the same period last year.

The crimes reported were as follows:-

- 1 Theft of Heating Oil
- 1 Dog not under proper control in a public place

PCSO Andrew Tonkin reported that incidents of crime were low, but there were again problems of off-road biking along the Coast Path, particularly around Levant Mine. There were also problems at Bartinney with residents complaining about noise. The Police would continue to monitor the situation.

TC.335 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Cllr Mrs James presented her report of monthly county matters as follows:-

The new coach parking bay was in operation. The installation of new signage would probably be another month, followed by some publicity mainly through local businesses that stood to benefit.

On Nancherrow Youth Centre, James Hardy has been asked to support the group in making a business case for an asset transfer. However, Cllr Mrs James believed that Property Services preferred a renewal of the lease (usually 30 years). Cllr Mrs James had received agreement that they would provide a letter to Dave Stevens explaining the situation, regarding tenure, hopefully giving comfort that there were no plans to re-possess the building from them, which would assist with the first stage of Children in Need funding application.

Cllr Mrs James reminded the Council that the Library consultation process had begun and would run until 10 June. Local people could complete the online questionnaire or pick up a paper copy from the Library. There was also a drop-in information session at St Just Library on Tuesday 28 April between 10 & 12 and 2 & 4. Cllr Mrs James was unlikely to be able to attend, as it was Full Council that day, but she hoped some Town Councillors would be able to attend.

Finally, Cllr Mrs James gave a reminder that the Leader of Cornwall Council, John Pollard, was asking people to pledge their support of the Case for Cornwall. If any Town Councillor felt able to do so, then an online form could be completed stating what additional powers you would support coming to Cornwall.

TC.336 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

In accordance with his disclosure of interest, Cllr Stevens withdrew from the meeting for the consideration of the following item.

The Town Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which gave details on a request for financial assistance from the Lafrowda Festival Committee towards its annual two week event, which culminated in the Lafrowda Day Festival on 18 July 2015. The Town Clerk advised the Council that the total cost of the previous year's event was £25,224 and that the balance of the festival's current account stood at £14,983.55 as of 18 March 2015.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £3,000.00 be awarded to the Lafrowda Festival.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £8,113.62 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

None.

TC.337 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA15/01559 Demolition of existing agricultural building and construction of replacement general agricultural and machinery store at Nanquidno Cottage, Road from Newtown to Nanjulian, Nanquidno, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. **(T Cl No objection)**.

PA15/02784 Felling of a sycamore at 1, Town Houses, Bosorne Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Wingrove. **For Information Only**.

(b) Decisions

PA15/01004 To build a holiday let property on footprint of old cottage ruins at Stoneground, Trewellard Hill, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. E. Pentecost. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA15/01010 Variation of Condition 2 in relation to PA13/09977 dated 23/12/2013. Revised design of previously approved dwelling at 29, The Turnpike, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Gary Kaute. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA15/01567 Proposed conservatory and installation of patio door sets to front of existing extension, leading onto balcony at 9, Falmouth Place, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. David Hoare. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA15/01612 Construction of a first floor extension on the west side, the construction of a storm shelter at the main entrance and all associated works at The Health Centre, Cape Cornwall Surgery, Market Street, St. Just. Applicants: The Partners. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA15/00761 Application for replacing old casement white upvc windows for new white wood effect upvc sliding sash windows at 22, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Matthew Jenkins. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA15/01024 Listed building consent for repairs to portion of roof at Cliff Cottage, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. John Brailey. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA15/01596 Proposed rear extension and detached garage at Boslowen, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. G. Watson. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA15/02086 Conversion and extension of garage to form linked annexe accommodation to property at Kelly Bray, Higher Bosavern, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. A. Holliday. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

TC.338 APPLICATION TO USE THE PLAIN-AN-GWARRY AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

RESOLVED: That the application by the Cornish Wrestling Association to use the Plain-an-Gwarry and the electrical supply on Saturday 25 July 2015 from 14.00 hrs onwards be approved.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.339 INFORMATION ITEMS

None received.

TC.340 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Cllr Clemens gave an update on Pendeen Silver Band which was making encouraging progress and advised that he had become a member of the Board of Trustees.

Cllr Mrs Cock reported on the erection of a large agricultural barn on the cliffs by the owner of the Cape Cornwall Golf Club. Planning Enforcement had been advised as it appeared that no planning application had been submitted to Cornwall Council. The Town Clerk agreed to keep the Town Council advised on the situation.

Cllr D Roberts reported on his, and Cllr Clemens attendance at the stakeholder consultation event in respect of the future of the Library Service on 14 April 2015. Those attending had been advised of the significant budget reductions facing the service. Two models were being proposed: Option A – devolution of the service to the local community or Option B – selling off the service to a business. The service had

been put out to tender but no expressions of interest had been received from any company / business. Other options would also be considered, including the amalgamation of organisations to form a One Stop Shop type service facility which would have the benefit of greater community input. The Town Council was informed that the consultation period ended on 10 June 2015 and that decisions on the future of the service would be made before the end of the year.

Cornwall Council had confirmed that it would continue to provide books and computers but no staff. However, a Librarian would attend once a month to assist the service. The use of volunteer staff had also been discussed and the installation of automated service stations.

Cllr Clemens reported that the Cornwall Council staff that had attended the event had been extremely helpful given the difficult situation they were facing. He also stated that a facilitator had been engaged to run the events and that he had provided those attending with a full explanation of the models with a positive message that this *"should be looked as an opportunity not as a negative."* However, it was clear that there would be no financial assistance from Cornwall Council.

Meeting closed at 7.57 p.m.

Town Mayor