

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 22 June 2015 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor K McFadden - Town Mayor
Councillor Mrs F Cock - Deputy Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Mrs M Blundy	F Morris
B Clemens	D Roberts
N McFadden	G Roberts
T McFadden	Mrs G Salmon
Mrs G McQueen	D Stevens

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Mrs S James – Cornwall Council
Sandy Angove - Friends of St Just Library
Kate Beckley – Friends of St Just Library
Gary Kaute – Local Resident

TC.47 PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

The “Friends of St Just Library” put the following question to the Town Council

“The Friends of St Just Library wish to be involved as much as possible in determining and participating in the future of our Library and TIC provision. Will St Just Town Council share with us their views - and any information they have - to enable progress to be made? The Friends would welcome an around-the table discussion with the Council or its representatives”

Cllr Stevens, on behalf of the Town Council welcomed the statement and confirmed that the Council had submitted an outline of a business case to Cornwall Council which set out the Council’s vision for future devolved library provision in St Just, together with a wider discussion on Cornwall Council assets in the locality. The Town Council was willing to work constructively with the Friends Group in achieving the best solution for the community, and extended an invitation to the representatives of the Friends Group to a meeting being facilitated by the Council on Friday 3 July to which Cllr Mrs James, officers from Cornwall Council and other interested parties had also been invited to attend. The objective of the meeting was to have an open discussion on the future provision of the library service following the submission of outline business cases by the Friends Group and St Just Town Council as part of the recent library service consultation.

TC.48 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

TC.49 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Stevens declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute no. TC.58/15(a) (Applications) in relation the planning application PA15/04549 as the applicant was known to him and he agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

TC.50 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations granted.

TC.51 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 8 June 2015 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.52 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

TC.53 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR & TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Deputy Mayor reported that together with a number of other Town Councillors and the Town Clerk, she had attended the Yr. 11 Leavers' Breakfast at Cape Cornwall School on 16 June 2015 which had been an extremely enjoyable occasion.

Cllr Stevens, together with the Town Clerk reported that he had met with Mick Stallworthy, the Council's footpath contractor on 22 June 2015 to discuss additional footpath clearance works at No Go By, Nanquidno and Pleasant Terrace.

TC.54 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

In the absence of PCSO Andrew Tonkin the Town Clerk presented the monthly Police report for the period covering 26 May to 20 June 2015. During that period there had been four reported crimes which compared to ten for the same period last year.

The crimes were as follows:-

2 Criminal Damages to Motor Vehicle.

1 Assault (ABH).

1 Make off from Taxi without making payment (Bilking).

TC.55 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

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

The Waste Incentive Scheme was a proposal to give financial payments to town or parish councils or possibly other community based groups, for devising and implementing a waste reduction scheme starting with a few pilot schemes. Cornwall Council's Homes and Environment Committee, on 31 July, would be considering the process for applying to become a pilot community and selection criteria. If the pilot was successful, the opportunity to participate would be offered throughout Cornwall.

Fifteen people, representing twelve organisations, had attended a meeting organised by Cllr Mrs James on Monday 15 June to discuss plans to reduce Discretionary Business Rates Relief. Cornwall Council's Resources Committee was being asked to develop two options to make the required level of savings which would be subject to consultation. Some local organisations were clear that any reduction of support would make them financially unsustainable. The football clubs in Pendeen and St Just had been advised to consider becoming community amateur sports clubs as this would make them eligible for mandatory relief and leave them less financially vulnerable to any changes to the scheme.

Following the meeting, Cllr Mrs James had briefed colleagues, who were members of the Resources Committee and the Portfolio Holder, of the impact such changes could have on sports clubs and community groups. Cllr Mrs James had been advised that the committee had shared concerns and had rejected all the proposals given to it by officers. At the moment the threat to the Discretionary Business Relief Scheme had passed but as this meant that savings would have to be found elsewhere, Cllr Mrs James had warned that elements of the scheme could re-emerge in the future.

Regarding the Library, Cllr Mrs James commented that the two separate expressions of interest from St Just had caused puzzlement and she had been approached to 'explain'. However, she was delighted that there would now be a meeting between the Town Council and the Friends Group and she hoped a way to work together could be found to achieve the best local solution and she commented that she was happy to assist as was James Hardy, Community Network Link Officer. Indications were that a strong joint plan might have the best chance of success.

Cllr Mrs James reported that she had called a public meeting regarding the Leat, Pendeen due to local concern about its management and future plans. Assisted by Arthur Matthews, Cllr Mrs James had discovered some of the history of the original community Leat Project that had run from 1977 to 1991. The Leat was originally an area of "wasteland – a quagmire of mud and silt with all good water draining away to adjacent fields and the roadway." Local volunteers worked tirelessly to create the pond, plant it out and put the seating in place. This was recognised with the Rural Voice: National Village Ventures Award in 1982-3. A plaque there reads "In recognition of the innovation and initiative of the local community." During the 1980s there was also an extended problem with the mains water supply and the Leat had become a local source of water.

The public meeting was to be held on Tuesday 7 July at 5 p.m. starting at the Leat. With the intention of finding people with more of the historic detail and perhaps photographs and to consider what people wanted and were prepared to do to look after the area now. Delia Webb, who was involved with the archive project at the Centre of Pendeen would also be attending. Information obtained, but not yet confirmed, suggested that ownership of the area might be with the same Trust as Pendeen Playground in Pendeen. The Mayor would be attending the meeting but all Town Councillors were also welcome to attend.

Cllr Mrs James also commented on the following issues: At an initial enquiry day into Child Sexual Exploitation it had become clear that Cornwall was in the early stages of a journey, to raise people's awareness of child sexual exploitation. Sadly, many young people did not initially recognise that the relationship they were forming was inappropriate and abusive. Put simply, an adult (or another young person) formed a relationship with a child by giving things - gifts, alcohol, drugs, parties or even just offering attention and affection in return for a sexual relationship. The relationship might appear loving and consenting but too often it could become controlling with the young person becoming overly dependent on the abuser. The scale of the problem in Cornwall was currently unknown but many giving evidence indicated that we have likely only seen the tip of the iceberg.

Dangers of compulsive hoarding which could cause people to live in unhygienic and unsafe living conditions, the impact of which was not just confined to the hoarder. This had now been recognised and in its extreme forms, as a form of self-neglect. Adult Social Care was currently encouraging people to report family, neighbours and friends suspected of suffering because if the problem was not addressed it could lead to death or life changing illness or injury. Cllr Mrs James suggested that the Town Council might wish to consider putting safeguarding links on their website to the Cornwall Council website.

TC.56 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

The Town Council received the internal audit report for the year ended 31 March 2015 which had been produced by Hudson Accounting Ltd. (copy appended to the signed minutes). The Town Clerk reported that the VAT issue related to an invoice from the Royal British Legion, and that HMRC had been notified of an error in relation to the payment of pension contributions. No major issues had been identified with the Council's financial processes and controls.

TC.57 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

The Town Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which set out a request for financial assistance from the Miners' Statue Committee towards the cost of completing the project and the erection of the statue at Gevor Tin Mine.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £3,000.00 is awarded to the Miners' Statue Committee, and that the Committee is advised to make a further application to Cllr James's Community Chest Fund.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £10,667.72 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

The Town Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received from the Centre of Pendeen in respect of the recent grant award.

TC.58 PLANNING

(a) Applications

In accordance with his declaration of interest Cllr Stevens withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the following application.

PA15/04549 Proposed residential development to building plot on land adjacent to Rathlin, St. John's Terrace, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. Matthew Kerr, Atlantic Developments, Ltd. **(T Cl Objection on the grounds of inappropriate use of materials. The Town Council would prefer replacement of wood panelling with granite lintel and granite infill between 1st and 2nd floors).**

PA15/03988 Proposed single storey conservatory with granite and timber and slate natural materials to tie in with the site at Chy Avalon, Boscaswell Downs, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. Clint Toms. **(T Cl No objection).**

PA15/05248 Proposed roof extension, side extension, rear extension and associated works at Moorside, Newtown, St. Just. Applicant: Ms. Kate Knuckey. **(T Cl No objection).**

PA15/04943 Upgrade of telecommunications apparatus comprising the replacement of 3 No. existing antennas, addition of 3 No. 600mm diameter dishes and ancillary development at Orange PCS Ltd. Communications Mast 65, Land's End Radio Station, Higher Bosavern, St. Just. Applicant: EE Ltd. **(T Cl No objection).**

PA15/05058 Erection of a single detached dwelling on land at Carnyorth, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. David King. **(T Cl No objection).**

PA15/05095 Certificate of lawfulness for the use of converted barn as dwelling at The Barn, Boswedden Farmhouse, Boswedden, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Ciaran Payne. **(T Cl No objection).**

PA15/05161 Construction of three dwellings at Blackbird Stable, St. John's Terrace, Pendeen. Applicant: Stonecross Developments Ltd. **(T Cl No objection).**

(b) Decisions

PA15/0325 Formation of extension to west end of Chapel to improve access to the building, provide a covered walkway to the neighbouring building, provide improved accessible sanitary facilities and provide improved catering facilities at St. Just Free Church, Bosorne Terrace, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Roger King. Trustee of St. Just Free Church. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

(c) Enforcements

The Town Clerk reported that the following alleged planning breaches had been registered with Cornwall Council's Enforcement Team for investigation. Investigations were usually completed within 13 weeks and the Town Council was be advised of the outcome.

- Land at 11 Botallack, St Just – Erection of wooden chalet to replace caravan.
- The Count House, St Just - Removal of approved caravan and replacement with large timber structure on land possibly for residential purposes.
- Land to south of Parknoweth Cottage, Botallack – Large static caravan installed in field, together with extensive trenching work within AONB.

Appeals

The Town Clerk reported that an appeal had been lodged by Mr & Mrs W K McFadden against the refusal for the conversion of a barn to a dwelling on land off new Road, St Just. Applications PA14/08374 7 08375 referred.

TC.59 CONSULTATION ON NEW LOCAL VALIDATION LIST

The Town Council was advised that Cornwall Council was currently consulting local councils on the contents of its new Local validation List which it was required to do by Government. The list assisted planning applicants to understand what information was required to validate planning applications. The Town Council made no comments on the new list.

TC.60 APPLICATION TO USE THE PLAIN-AN-GWARRY AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

RESOLVED: That the following two applications be approved:-

- Cape Cornwall Beavers Fun Day on 27 June 2015 from 11.00 – 14.00 hrs
- Lafrowda Festival Committee from 6 – 19 July for various activities as part of the annual Lafrowda festivities and the use of the electricity supply in Market Square and the Plain-an-Gwarry.

Cllr Stevens requested that it be formally recorded that he had not participated in the vote in respect of Lafrowda Festival.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.61 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING

The Town Council received details of income and expenditure, together with bank reconciliations for the period 1 April to 15 June 2015, together with monthly bank and petty cash reconciliations which had been independently verified by Cllr Mrs Cock in accordance with Financial Regulations (copy appended to the signed minutes).

TC.62 MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Town Clerk reported that confirmation had been received from Cornwall Council that the footbridge at Tregeseal was to be replaced. However, the footbridge would be prioritised against other highway structure work within the county and available funding, and until the works had been completed the pedestrian diversion via Bosvargus Bridge would remain in place.

The Town Clerk also reported that the works to clear the rubbish at Portheras Beach had been completed and read out a letter of thanks from the Friends of Portheras Cove, together with a number of other emails which had been received from local residents thanking the Town Council for funding the works. The Town Council asked Cllr N McFadden to pass on its thanks to his staff for carrying out the work so efficiently.

Also the Town Clerk commented that, as a condition of the S.106 Agreement for the new affordable flats at Market Street Gardens, St Just the Town Council had received details of the marketing information from Jonathan Manser, HM Builders (Cornwall) Ltd.

The Deputy Mayor passed on thanks from a local resident for the help that she had received from PCSO Andrew Tonkin and Marcus Millington, Devon & Cornwall Housing at the recent Police "Drop in" session.

Cllr Mrs McQueen commented on the amount of rubbish in the recreation ground. The Town Clerk reported that the local street cleansing team regularly checked the site but that she would make them aware of the situation.

Cllr Mrs Blundy commented on a grant funding scheme through the Coastal Communities Team for coastal projects which improved access for the public. Cllr Mrs Blundy was asked to undertake further investigation into the scheme and to report back to a future meeting.

(Action by : Cllr Mrs Blundy)

Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Town Mayor