

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 23 February 2015 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

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

COUNCILLORS

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

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Mrs S James – Cornwall Council
Mr Rob Evans – Local Resident
Mr Gary Kaute – Applicant PA15/01010
Mr Paudic Murphy – Community Organiser, Pendeen

PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None.

TC.266 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was an apology for absence from Cllr Mrs McQueen.

TC.267 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr D Roberts declared a non-discloseable interest in TC.276/15 (Applications) in respect of planning application PA15/00010 as the applicant was a personal friend and he agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

Cllr G Roberts declared a non-discloseable interest in TC.276/15 (Applications) in respect of planning application PA15/01010 as a neighbour of the applicant and he agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

TC.268 DISPENSATIONS

None received.

TC.269 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 9 February 2015 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.270 MATTERS ARISING

In respect of Min. No. TC.262/15 (Applications), the Town Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to the Planning Officer regarding PA14/08512 Nineveh Farm, Trewellard setting out the Town Council's concerns regarding the planning officer's comments and the consultation process in general, and confirmed that the application was to be considered by the West Area Planning Committee on 9 March 2015.

TC.271 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR & TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had attended the centenary baton event of the WI on 18 February 2015 at Land's End Hotel.

TC.272 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

In the absence of PCSO Andrew Tonkin, the Town Clerk presented the monthly Police Report for the period covering 27 January to 23 February 2015. During that period there had been five reported crimes which compared to eleven for the same period last year.

The reported crimes were as follows:-

- 1 Malicious Communications (send offensive message)
- 2 Common Assault's
- 1 Dog dangerously out of control
- 1 Possession of a Controlled Drug

TC.273 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

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

Since Cornwall Council's Cabinet re-shuffle and re-organisation of the committee structure, business was only just getting back to normal. However, it was very noticeable that all Council departments were very stretched due to the reductions in staffing as a consequence of budget cuts. These reductions and restructuring were ongoing so at times it was difficult to find the right person to talk to, and workload pressures were beginning to affect service levels in many areas. Cllr Mrs James stated that she was concerned about the human consequences the underfunding of the Council was causing.

At the last Full Council, Cllr Mrs James's main contribution had been to challenge what was being done to protect vulnerable adults attending day centres in Cornwall. This was as a result of the Serious Case Review being published into abuse and neglect issues at the John Daniel Centre in Penzance and the official response to it of "we have

learnt the lessons and senior staff have changed". These issues had been going on across the Day Centres of Cornwall for almost a decade and there had been a further incident since those reported in November 2011. Cllr Mrs James reported that she was seeking a meeting with the Portfolio holder, Cllr Jim McKenna because she felt that he needed to understand that changing senior staff, giving some training and issuing new guidance did not alter a deep rooted culture, combined with the fact it was a service with minimal outside interest and even less scrutiny. Cllr Mrs James commented that most people with learning disabilities had been moved out of large hospital institutions but day centres could become just as isolated and insular when those using the services and their families were so dependent on them, no matter what standard of care was on offer.

This week Cllr Mrs James was due to attend a meeting of the Health and Environment Committee. On the agenda was the final draft of the Homelessness Strategy and discussion document to develop a Strategic Tenancy Policy. In terms of the latter document Councillors were being asked to consider what kinds of tenancies the Council should expect social landlords to provide, including the length of a tenancy and criteria for extending or ending it.

Important issues were coming up for the Health and Scrutiny Committee, such as Children's Safeguarding arrangements to ensure the problems of sexual exploitation prevalent in Rotherham could not go unaddressed in Cornwall. When other Local Authorities had carried out this review they had found systemic problems that were leading to many historic abuse investigations. The Committee was also due to examine the commissioning process for community based personal care packages for adults. Worryingly, the current Framework Agreement had proved inadequate so services could not be provided across Cornwall to all those assessed as in need. This was affecting families in West Cornwall and would put many in difficulties and unnecessary distress. Steps were being taken to improve the situation rather than simply waiting for the Scrutiny Committee to report.

Cllr Mrs James also reported that Cllr Bill Maddern who represented the neighbouring ward and had for some years been Chair of the Community Network Panel was unfortunately seriously ill and therefore limiting his involvement with Council business. Whilst he had not stood down as Chair of the Panel he was leaving the work to Cllr Mrs James and the other vice chair who was also unwell at present.

Finally, Mrs James hoped that over the next month progress might be made on the future of St Just Library and Nancherrow Youth Centre but getting information was proving more difficult.

TC.274 SOUTH WEST COAST PATH – LOCAL MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP 2015

The Town Clerk reported that the grant offer in respect of the South West Coast Path (SWCP) - Local Maintenance Partnership (LMP) 2015 had been received from Cormac Ltd for cutting parts of the SWCP in the parish. The Town Clerk reported that the amount of grant had remained unchanged from previous years £265.58. The Town Clerk also sought the Town Council's approval to continuing with Scottworthy Estate Services as the Council's approved contractor in 2015 / 16 and that Standing Orders be waived accordingly.

RESOLVED : That

- (1) the grant of £265.58 in respect of the SWCP LMP 2015 be accepted; and
- (2) Scottworthy Estate Services be retained as the Town Council's preferred contractor for 2015 / 16 and that standing order 19(c) and financial regulation no 11 be waived accordingly.

TC.275 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

No applications had been received.

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of 3,328.95 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

None.

TC.276 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA15/00729 Change of use of deconsecrated Trewellard Sunday School and smithy out-building to residential unit. Renovation and building works to convert the main building to a 4 bedroom dwelling and smithy to ancillary accommodation at Trewellard Sunday School, Levant Road, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Heatley. (**Application invalid – Consideration deferred until receipt of valid planning application**).

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

PA15/00010 Build a Conservatory on the rear of the property approx 4m x 5m single storey. Replace the plastic windows that are in building now to wooden windows at 1, Tregeseal Hill, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. David Law. (**T Cl No objection, support**).

PA15/00765 Replacement roof tiles to match existing main roof. Replacement doors. Construction of new storm porch to front entrance. Demolition of existing rear shed building to form car parking/hard standing area with construction of new store at Teal Cottage, 17, Pleasant Terrace, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Stephen Popper. (**T Cl no objection**).

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. **(T Cl No objection)**.

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

PA15/01010 Variation of Condition 2 in relation to PA13/09977 dated 23/12/2013: Revised design of previously approved dwelling: Condition No: 2. Condition removal. Proposed changes were considered to be too significant to be dealt with under the Council's non material amendment procedure at 29, The Turnpike, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. G. Kaute. **(T Cl No objection)**.

The Town Clerk referred to application PA15/00533 (10, Foundry Close, Nancherrow) to which the Town Council had raised an objection to the use of timber cladding. The Planning Officer had spoken with the agent who had confirmed that the applicant would be willing to amend the drawings to show timber on the side and rear only. However, the Town Clerk was advised to inform the Planning officer that the Town Council continued with its objection to the use of timber cladding and would only accept render to match existing as previously approved. If the recommendation of the Planning Officer was to approve the application, the Town Council wished the application to be called in.

(b) Decisions

PA14/08443 Construction of affordable units (four flats and one dwelling with off-road parking on land S.E. of Queens Arms, Botallack, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Philip Miucci. **Approval by Committee** (T. Cl. Strong Objection on the grounds of over-development and design out of keeping with the character of the village).

PA14/10678 Proposed rear extension and side garage at Boslowen, Pendeen, Penzance. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. G. Watson. **Withdrawn** (T. Cl. Strong Objection on highway grounds).

PA14/11608 Construction of 3 bedroom dwelling together with forming new vehicular access at Carvean, 22, Fore Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. T. Olds. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection in principle).

TC.277 INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Town Council received the minutes of the Internal Audit Committee held on 14 February 2015.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations contained in the minutes in respect of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, risk management and asset register be approved.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.278 GRIT BIN, PENDEEN

The Town Clerk advised the Town Council that a request had been received from Mr Paudie Murphy, Community Organiser, Pendeen regarding the installation of a Grit Bin in Pendeen Car Park.

The Town Clerk reminded the Council that the issue of Salt Bins had been previously discussed in September 2010 and then again in April 2011 (min. nos. TC144/10 & TC.326/11 referred) following Cornwall Council's decision to remove salt bins and stated that the Council had decided not to take on responsibility for salt bins due to concerns regarding personal liability.

The Town Council agreed to take no further action on this matter.

TC.279 INFORMATION ITEMS

None received.

TC.280 MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Town Clerk reported that notice had been received from Cornwall Council that the Cornwall Local Plan: Strategic Policies had been submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for independent examination. The Planning Inspectorate had appointed Mr Simon Emerson to conduct the examination. Document details could be accessed online.

The Town Clerk also gave an update on the footbridge, The Turnpike, Tregeseal, St Just. The matter had been referred to Cornwall Council's Asset Team to consider options for repair and replacement and a decision was still pending.

Cllr Clemens reported that Owen Davis, Cape Cornwall School had been elected on to the Cornwall Youth Council and suggested that he be invited to attend a future Council meeting. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to Julie Nash, the Headteacher to extend an invitation.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Cllr G Roberts reported that he had attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pengarth Day Centre on 20 February, 2015 and he was pleased to report that the future of the centre looked more encouraging.

Meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

Town Mayor