

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 17 October 2016 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllr K McFadden - Town Mayor  
Cllr D Stevens - Deputy Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

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

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Mrs S James – Cornwall Council

TC.132 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

TC.133 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Town Mayor and Cllr T McFadden declared a non-registerable interest in minute no. TC.143(a) /16 (Applications) in respect of PA16/08794 as the applicant was a business customer and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

The Deputy Mayor declared a non-registerable interest in minute no.TC.142/16(a) (Grant Applications) as a trustee of the St Just & District Sports Association and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

Cllr D Roberts declared a non-registerable interest in minute no. TC.142 (a)/16 (Grant Applications) as the Town Council's representative on the outside body and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

TC.134 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations granted.

TC.135 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 3 October 2016, as amended below, be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

Min No.TC.126 (Financial Assistance) third paragraph, fourth line, insert the word "could" for "would".

TC.136 MATTERS ARISING

In respect of minute no.TC.126(a)/16 (Grant Applications), the Town Clerk referred to the letter which had been sent to all Town Councillors via email from the Vice-Chair of the Friends of St Just Library (FoSJL) following the last meeting. The Town Clerk reported that a response had been sent advising that the letter could not be considered under the minutes, as the minutes were only before the Council for approval and any amendments were purely for accuracy, no further debate could be taken in respect of the Council's decision. However, the Town Clerk commented that, in line with the Council's decision, the FoSJL had been re-advised to submit a further grant application.

TC.137 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR & TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Mayor reported that he had attended the South West in Bloom presentation event on 6 October 2016 at Taunton Cricket Club and expressed his delight at the St Just in Bloom's gold award and becoming joint winners of the Champion of Champions trophy with Sherborne, Dorset. The Town Mayor, on behalf of the Council expressed his thanks to all the group's volunteers who worked so hard in maintaining the town's floral displays.

The Town Mayor also reported that he had presented the annual awards at the St Just in Bloom presentation evening on 7 October 2016.

Cllr Mrs Blundy reported that she had attended the recent open day events at St Just Methodist Church which had been well attended by members of the public and she commented that a range of ideas had been suggested on a possible future use for the building. Cllr D Roberts said that he had had a number of conversations on the subject and that one of the main concerns related to the impact of the listing on the building and what restriction this could potentially place on any future use. He suggested that clarification on this point should be sought at the earliest opportunity.

Cllr Mrs Blundy also commented on the 12-month follow-up on the introduction of the Dementia Friendly community and she looked forward to receiving feedback from participating businesses.

Cllr Mrs Blundy also referred to the current public consultation on NHS out-of-hours service, and Sustainability & Transformation Plans which NHS England were requesting all health areas to produce, and which in her opinion would result in further cuts to NHS services.

TC.138 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

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

Two drop-in sessions recently held at St Just Methodist Chapel had seen significant interest and passion from the local community with wide ranging ideas. Many feedback/ ideas forms had been completed which would be reviewed and then a follow up event would be arranged.

Cllr Mrs James had also recently attended a planning conference, put on primarily for Cornwall Councillors, but with contributions from other areas that had good practice to share. Once the Cornwall Plan was adopted, hopefully in November, Cornwall would have evidence of a 5-year land supply for development. This would enable 'speculative development' to be resisted more successfully. Those attending were told this would be supported by local Neighbourhood Plans. The portfolio holder, Edwina Hannaford, explained that the aspiration for Cornwall was that for those wanting to build they would come to the Council and local people before they started drawing up any significant plans. It was hoped that officers and local people would have more of an influencing, rather than reactive role, to larger scale developments. Other planning authorities provided evidence on this approach and found that it had worked better for developers and communities.

The Neighbourhood Planning e-bulletin had been mentioned at the last meeting and Cllr Mrs James provided some information on key points: of the 213 towns and parishes, 7 parishes had reached the referendum/ adoption stage and another 31 are well on their way. A further 173 had made a start, with some smaller parishes clustering together to work up plans. Grants of up to £15,000 were available up until 2018 to assist with the development plan process. At the conference it had also been reported that in some areas, communities had taken the lead in developing plans and the minimum requirement was for 21 local people to form a constituted Neighbourhood Forum.

As reported by Cllr Mrs Blundy, NHS England were requiring all areas to come up with Sustainability and Transformations Plans, to set out how health services, in conjunction with social care, would be provided over the next 5 years, within set budget limits. Locally it was reported that savings in the region of £50m would have to be made with questions over how achievable that was due to the history of overspending. Social Care, within the Council had also struggled to operate within budgets. Depending on an individual's viewpoint, health and social care were inefficient and these plans would bring spending under control or health and social care was, and would continue to be, underfunded and these plans were unachievable. There seemed to be agreement that needs were rising and that the demographics in Cornwall meant that our population aging was ahead of the national average, in part due to people retiring here as Cornish returners or just because it was considered a 'nice location' for retirement.

Plans had started to be drawn up, behind closed doors, due to tight Government timetables, but the Council's Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee would now take a role in scrutinising them and it was hoped that many of the meetings would be in public. At a recent public meeting in St Ives, Phil Confue, leading the plan process and our local MP gave their assurances that there would be public consultations after the first draft was submitted to Government on 21 October 2016.

Cllr Mrs James commented that some members of the local community would have also heard concerns over proposed Government plans to cut funding to community pharmacies, thought to potentially have most impact on rural areas, like Cornwall.

TC.139 VOLUNTARY 1<sup>ST</sup> REGISTRATION OF THE PLAIN-AN-GWARRY

The Town Clerk advised the Council that during the legal process in respect of the new agreement with the St Just & District Trust following its decision to become an incorporated body it had come to light that the Plain-an-Gwarry was not in the legal ownership of the Town Council, and that technically, as no formal transfer of ownership had taken place in 1974 following local government reorganisation, the asset was now legally in the ownership of Cornwall Council. However, it was acknowledged that as the Town Council had been maintaining the scheduled ancient monument for a considerable number of years Cornwall Council would raise no objection to the Town Council making an application to Land Registry for 1<sup>st</sup> voluntary registration of the Plain-an-Gwarry thereby securing it legally in the Town Council's ownership.

Therefore, the Council was recommended to approve the recommendation to engage Cornwall Council's Legal Services to act on its behalf to complete the legal process. The cost of completing the process was in the region of £825.00 - £1,000.00 plus VAT.

RESOLVED: That the engagement of Cornwall Council's Legal Services to act on the Town Council's behalf in respect of the 1<sup>st</sup> voluntary registration of the Plain-an-Gwarry based on the terms and conditions as set out in the letter dated 4 October 2016 be approved.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

TC.140 DEFIBRILLATOR IN ST JUST CO-OP STORE

The Town Clerk referred to the letter received from Co-operative's Safe & Secure Team dated 10 October 2016 advising the Town Council that due to health & safety concerns the company had taken a policy decision to remove all external defibrillators and to install their own devices within their stores. The Council's defibrillator would be returned to the Town Council.

The Town Clerk reported that she had spoken to the company expressing concern at the decision and indicating that locating a new device within the store would result in a loss of 24/7 coverage, unless the Council was able to find an alternative suitable location for its own device.

The Town Council expressed its concern at the decision and agreed that it was important that an alternative location was found to accommodate the Council's defibrillator. It was AGREED that the Town Mayor would approach Paul Woolcock, Commercial Hotel about the possibility the defibrillator being installed on the exterior of his property.

(Action by: Town Mayor)

TC.141 REMOVAL OF BUSINESS RATES FROM PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

At the request of Cllr Mrs Salmon, the Town Council discussed the issue of the introduction of discretionary rate relief for public conveniences with effect from 1 April 2018. Cllr Mrs Salmon was seeking the Council's support in sending a letter to Cornwall Council urging the Council to pass on the rate relief to local councils.

RESOLVED That a letter be sent to Cornwall Council urging the Council to pass on business rate relief to local councils.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

TC.142 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

In accordance with their disclosures of interest the Deputy Mayor and Cllr D Roberts withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the item.

Prior to his withdrawal, in accordance with paragraph 3.5(a) of the Code of Conduct, Cllr D Roberts, as the Council representative on the Sports Association addressed the Council on the grant application.

The Town Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which set out a request for grant funding from the St Just & District Sports Association towards its annual maintenance programme, in particular the installation of new energy efficient LED lighting and new fitness equipment for the gym.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £4,000.00 be awarded to the St Just & District Sports Association.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £10,284.07 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

There were no letters of thanks.

TC.143 PLANNING

(a) Applications

In accordance with their disclosures of interest the Town Mayor and Cllr T McFadden withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the following application.

In the absence of the Town Mayor, the Deputy Mayor took the Chair.

**PA16/08794** Construction of first floor flat and sub-division of ground floor premises at the Launderette, Market Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Paul Woolcock. **(T Cl No objection)**

**PA16/08627** Reduce height of lime tree at 14, South Place, St. Just. Applicant: Mrs. Dilys Ryan **(For Information Only)**.

**PA16/08820** Telecommunications prior notification for the removal of 1 No. existing 0.3m dish and 5 No. existing antennas and the installation of 2 No. 0.3m dishes and 3 No. antennas at Arqiva Services Ltd. Communications Mast 141612 Carn Bean, Trewellard Hill, Pendeen. Applicant: CITL CTIL. **(T Cl No objection)**

**PA16/08226** Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of static caravan as residential accommodation on static caravan adjacent to Chy an Gwell Garage, Kelynack, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Arthur Michael May. **(T Cl No comment)**

**PA16/09100** Application for a residential dwelling at Flintstone Cottage, Crescent Place, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. Peter Eddy. **(T Cl Objection on the grounds of inappropriate design of the windows)**

(b) Decisions

**PA16/07328** Installation of 1 Pay and Display machine and related instruction signage at The National Trust Count House, Botallack, St. Just. Applicant: National Trust. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

**PA16/07329** 1 x Instruction sign (explaining how to use the Car Park Charging Machine etc.) and 1 x Welcome and Orientation sign is a timber mounted flat panel sign at The National Trust Count House, Botallack, St. Just. Applicant: National Trust. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

**PA16/07331** Installation of 1 Pay and Display machine and related instruction signage at National Trust Cape Cornwall Car Park, St. Just. Applicant: National Trust. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

**PA16/07332** 2 x Instruction signs for Pay and Display machine at National Trust Cape Cornwall Car Park, St. Just. Applicant: National Trust. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

**PA16/07383** Demolition of garage and construction of new dwelling and associated works at rear of 6, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Paul Woolcock. **Approval** (T. Cl. Objection – Support Planning Officer’s comments. However, following site visit Planning Officer amended comments and recommended approval. Following consultation with Town Mayor, and in accordance with the planning protocol, action taken to agree with Planning Officer recommendation.).

TC.144 PLANNING CONFERENCE FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

The Town Council received details of planning conferences for local councils being arranged by Cornwall Council. Any Town Councillor interested in attending was asked to contact the Town Clerk’s assistant who would make the booking arrangements.

(Action by: Shirley Darby)

TC.145 INFORMATION ITEMS

- Email from Geoff Brown, Cabinet member for Communities and Policy Advisory Group report on the Face to Face Service – Alternative Service Delivery of Library & Information Services – Update.
- Remembrance – 11 November 2016, service at Clock Tower
- Remembrance Sunday Service – 13 November 2016

Cllr Mrs James informed the Council that a further meeting between Cornwall Council and the Friends of St Just Library was due to take place on 7 November 2016. The Asst. County Fire Officer would also be attending the meeting to discuss a potential pilot project whereby volunteers might be used to provide crime prevention and health & wellbeing advice.

TC.146 MATTERS FOR REPORT

There were no matters for report.

Meeting closed at 8.02 p.m.

Town Mayor