

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 July 2017 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllr Marna Blundy - Deputy Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Zoe Baxter
Sue James
Jonathan Manser
Constance Moore
Farmer Morris

Louise Paine
Geoff Roberts
Debbie Shephard
Bev Strick

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ginny Marsh and other members of the Board of Trustees, St Just Community Library

PAUL WOOLCOCK

The Town Council stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect at the sudden death of Paul Woolcock on 14 July 2017.

TC.63 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from the Town Mayor and Grenville Prowse.

TC.64 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Jonathan Manser declared a non-discloseable interest in min no. TC.73(a)/17 (Applications) in respect of PA17/03421 as the applicant was a business client and he agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

TC.65 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations granted.

TC.66 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 3 July 2017 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Deputy Town Mayor.

TC.67 MATTERS ARISING

The Deputy Mayor raised several issues: the Town Clerk reported that a date for the devolution update was still awaited, discussion on the establishment of a Communication Engagement Working Party would be on the agenda for the next meeting, and Sue James confirmed that dates for a meeting to discuss the skate park project were also awaited. It was likely that first meeting would be held in September.

TC.68 ST JUST LIBRARY DEVOLUTION UPDATE AND TIC PROVISION

Ginny Marsh, St Just Community Library (SJCL) updated the Town Council on the latest position regarding the devolution of the library following a further meeting with Cornwall Council on 6 July 2017. Grant funding opportunities from Calor and the Prince's Countryside Fund had been unsuccessful. However, an application to Comic Relief had secured £1,000 for folding chairs.

Ginny Marsh reported that there had been little progress on the devolution of the service to SJCL, despite the business case having been submitted to Cornwall Council for scrutiny in March 2017. To date, scrutiny of the bid had not taken place as Cornwall Council had confirmed that issues remained outstanding which needed to be resolved before a contract could be drawn up. Therefore, it was unlikely that devolution would be completed in the current financial year. This had implications for the group in securing additional funding as it needed to demonstrate that it had a proven track record in running the service when funding applications were being made.

In view of the above, the Council was advised that Cornwall Council had indicated that there was still the option for the Town Council to purchase the freehold of the building from Cornwall Council at a cost £1.00, which would enable the Town Council and SJCL to share the building.

Sue James referred to the decision by Cornwall Council not to provide extended TIC opening during the summer period, due to staff resource issues. However, following a recent meeting with Julie Zessimedes, Head of Library & Information Services there was an indication in a change of position, with the potential for extended hours to be provided. The Town Council had previously assisted the extended opening hours by way of a £2,500 grant. Sue James was seeking a further £1,000 in 2017 / 18 from the Council in support of the TIC as the £7,500 previously committed by the Council would not be needed in this financial year.

The Town Clerk reminded the Council that from previous discussions the issues regarding extended opening hours were not financial but operational from a service perspective. In addition, the Council was advised that as no notification had been given on the agenda of the Council's intention to take a decision on this issue, the Town Clerk's advice was that the issue should be deferred to the next meeting so that proper notice could be given. Sue James stated that delaying the decision until the next meeting would hinder the prospect of any positive outcome. The Town Clerk again reminded the Council that proper notice had not been given. However, the Town Council RESOLVED to allocate £1,000.

The Town Clerk requested that it be formally recorded in the minutes that this decision had been taken against the advice of the Proper Officer of the Council.

TC.69 2017 OFF-STREET CONSOLIDATION ORDER

The Town Council received a consultation from Cornwall Council which proposed the consolidation of its current off-street parking orders into one document, together with some minor alterations to car park operations, on which the Town Council's comments were being sought.

The Town Council made no formal comment on the consultation.

TC.70 ST JUST PARKING PRESSURES

The Town Council discussed the current parking pressures facing the town. Sue James reported that she had received complaints from residents regarding the lack of parking, and enforcement within the town. In particular, Sue James suggested that given the increase in visitors to the area that the Town Council should begin to consider the potential for providing additional car parking within the town. The Tin Coast project and discussions regarding the future of the Methodist Chapel provided an opportunity for the Council to raise the issue.

The Town Clerk reported that the parking situation was an ongoing problem which had been previously raised with Cornwall Council's parking team but unfortunately there had been no resolution. Currently, St Just had been allocated one Civil Parking Enforcement Officer visit per week but regular visits were not taking place. Cornwall Council had also advised that there would need to be changes to the signage but to date this had not happened.

Sue James agreed to raise the issues with Cornwall Council and to report back to a future meeting, and it was AGREED that the Council's representatives would raise the issue of additional car parking provision at the next meeting of the Tin Coast project, as it was also looking at transportation issues.

(Action by: Sue James / Debbie Sheppard)

TC.71 TOWN CRYER – ST JUST

The Town Council considered the offer from the Town Cryer of Penzance to act as Town Cryer for St Just which had been raised by the Deputy Mayor at the previous meeting.

As the Council only held two civic functions per year which did not involve major parades within the town, the Town Council although grateful for the offer agreed to decline.

(Action by: Marna Blundy)

TC.72 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

There were no applications for financial assistance.

(b) (i) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £7,960.53 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 Cape Cornwall Gig Club following the award of a grant for the gig launching trolleys. A further letter had also been received from the Cape Cornwall Tennis Club following its grant award for new equipment.

TC.73 PLANNING

Cllr Mrs James made the following statement: -

“As both a Cornwall Councillor and Town Councillor for the St Just-in-Penwith Electoral Division, I wish to make it clear that any views and opinions expressed today will not affect my decision making at a later stage of the planning process when I might have additional information and be in a different role.”

(a) Applications

PA17/05759 Various works to trees in a conservation area at 15, Carn View Terrace, Pendeen. Applicant: Ms. Ursula Gleeson. **(T CI No objection)**

PA17/05911 Application for alterations to existing conservatory including new pitched roof and replacement of existing upvc windows with grey powder coated aluminium windows at 7, Boscawell Village, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. K. Baker. **(T CI No objection)**

PA17/06157 Non-material amendment for removal of porches to front elevations and substituting timber sash windows with UPVC windows to (PA15/05151). Construction of three dwellings on land at St. John's Terrace, Pendeen. Applicant: Stone Cross Developments Ltd. **(T CI No objection, subject to the UPVC windows being of box frame and sliding sash design).**

PA17/05903 This Application is for a revised design to an existing approved Planning Application PA11/08664 on land East of 12, Portherras Terrace, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. Jones. **(T CI Objection, design out of keeping with the local area and removal of granite in the design).**

PA17/04079 Proposed two storey extension and balcony at Bosleder, Kenyhton Lane, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. F. Tucker. **(T Cl No objection)**

In accordance with his disclosure of interest Jonathan Manser withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the following application.

PA17/03421 Retrospective application for the removal of limb and topping of main stem of Elm tree at Daisy Cottage, Cot Valley, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Trevor Jones. **(T Cl No comment)**

PA17/05845 Works to trees at Cot Valley, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Simon Hocking, National Trust, Botallack. **(T Cl No objection)**.

(b) Decisions

PA17/04185 Application for display of advertisement consent for the siting of 1 externally illuminated timber fascia sign (only the Co-op logo is illuminated); 1 externally illuminated timber Co-op logo sign and 2 non-illuminated wall mounted aluminium panel signs at Corner House, Market Square, St. Just. Applicant: Co-operative Food. **Approval** (T. Cl. Objection removed after being advised by Planning Office that the illumination would be less than currently in place as illumination only over the sign).

PA17/04302 Listed Building Consent for replacement windows, retention of chimney and replacement of fibre cement with natural slate on rear elevation at Trevegean Farm, Trevegean, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. James Tregear. **Approval** (T. Cl. Strong Support).

PA17/04773 Proposed front extension to incorporate a bathroom and porch at 10, Parc An Yorth, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. J. Aldred. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA17/01726 Proposed annexe accommodation (on site of garage) and kitchen extension to cottage at Trevean, 8, Falmouth Place, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Mark Coe. **Refusal** (T. Cl. Strong Objection – Overdevelopment of the site and not incidental to the main dwelling).

TC.74 INFORMATION ITEMS

The Town Council received details of improvements to public access along the South West Coast Path between Marsland Mouth and Penzance as part of the Coastal Access in Cornwall project.

TC.75 Matters for Report

The Town Clerk advised the Council of an invitation to attend the launch of the Atlantic Coasters, First Bus Company at 11.00 a.m. on 26 July 2017, National Trust Welcome Centre, Penzance.

Town Councillors reported back on the feedback from the local community on the development of a neighbourhood plan which had been encouraging.

Geoff Roberts reported that the Pengarth Day Centre had received £10,000 from the Garfield Western Fund.

Bev Strick reported that she had attended a recent meeting of the Centre of Pendeen, and that the Centre was considering opening a café.

Louise Paine and Debbie Shephard reported that they had attended a meeting of the Tin Coast project.

The Deputy Mayor reported that she had attended a “Shaping our Future” co-production meeting which discussed the STP. Together with the Town Mayor they had led the civic parade at Lafrowda Day.

Meeting closed at 8.19 p.m.

Town Mayor