

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 September 2018 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllr Brian Clemens - Town Mayor  
Cllr Marna Blundy – Deputy Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Geoff Roberts  
Constance Moore  
Farmer Morris  
Zoe Baxter

Grenville Prowse  
Debbie Shephard  
Sue James  
Bev Strick

LOCUM TOWN CLERK

Cas Leo

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE

Nigel Semmens +5

TC.114 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Jonathan Manser and Louise Paine

TC.115 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

TC.116 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations granted.

TC.117 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 3 September 2018 be approved as an accurate record signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.118 MATTERS ARISING

None.

(Action by: Clerk)

TC.119 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance.

None.

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £2,744.60 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Clerk)

(c) Letters of Thanks

None.

(d) External Auditor

The External Auditor has completed their report and issued a certificate stating AGAR was in accordance with the guidance and no matters of concern were noted.

(e) Mayors Allowance

The Mayor has decided to give £100 to Cancer Research UK and £200 to St Just Higher Churchyard Group.

TC.120 ST JUST HIGHER CHURCHYARD GROUP

Caterina Hicks gave overview of work undertaken by this group.

TC.121 PENDEEN COMMUNITY CEMETERY PROJECT

Delia Webb presented on the work of the project. Following this presentation the Council offered to find out if St Just Town Council were the planning applicant whether it would obtain a 50% discounted price.

RESOLVED: it was agreed that the Clerk approach Cornwall Council to establish if the Council could obtain a lower price for being the planning applicant.

(Action by: Clerk)

TC.122 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) **Application** PA18/07596

**Proposal** Erection of two industrial units with variation of condition 1 of decision PA17/07651 dated 14/11/2017 to allow alterations to roller shutter door location from the original design

**Location** Trewellard Industrial Estate Trewellard Pendeen Cornwall  
**Applicant** Mr Steve Mellstrom Glen House Estates Ltd. **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

**Application** PA18/07862

**Proposal** Replacement of 2 timber sheds with 1 steel shipping container on detached plot belonging to Driftwood, to be used for personal storage and to include change of use of land. Removal of tree T1.

**Location** Driftwood 4 Truthwall Villas Truthwall St Just

**Applicant** Mr Anthony Jones. **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

**Application** PA18/07299

**Proposal** Proposed conversion and extension of former British Legion to form 5 No open market units and 3 No affordable units

**Location** St Just British Legion 11 Market Street St Just TR19 7HU

**Applicant** Mr N Semmens, Semmens Developments Ltd. **(T. Cl. Objection – Over-development, no parking area, no bin area, bedrooms too small).**

(b) **Decisions**

**PA18/05489**

Proposed new vehicle access onto 30mph carriageway at Chy Tollborth, New Road, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Gary Kaute. **Approval** (T. Cl. Objection on road safety issue).

(c) **Appeal Decision**

None

TC.123 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (NP)

Councillor Marna Blundy updated the Council on the current position of the Neighbourhood Planning process. The Steering Group Officers are meeting Sarah Furley (Chief Neighbourhood Planning Officer at Cornwall Council) to discuss all aspects of the plan on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, and then again with the full Steering Group on 21st September. Vanessa Luckwell (Cornwall Council) will be assisting on all aspects of the plan, stakeholder consultations, promotion and publicity and the emerging plan structure, targets etc. A report is forthcoming on the first Have Your Say Consultations, with responses being analysed to assist in the next stages of community consultation. Grenville Prowse mentioned that Penwith Landscape Partnership (PLP) were coming to discuss what could be achieved together in the N Plan with his group on Tuesday.

TC.124 ST JUST LIBRARY

The Library project was discussed under information items and included the news from Cornwall Council that the Business Case had been accepted by the Project Board. There will need to be Director's approval and a potential Cabinet Report (TBC) later in the process.

The Board does have concerns around the ability to complete in time (31/3/19), and the need for the Town Council to seek external professional support with project capacity, HR restructure advice, Employment Legal advice and IT support to move TC functions into Libraries, on top of usual Property and Commercial Legal advice. There is a freelance library

consultant/project manager who was recommended in the email. The council had already been taking advice on the above issues but would like to look at what the benefits and costs of engaging a project manager may bring. The Property Group (PG) asked if an internal viewing of the Library, on a closed day could take place. Cornwall Council intend to report back within a month on the roof situation with a report on its condition and future planned work.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Clerk approach Cornwall Council to obtain a building viewing and costings on the role of a Project Manager.

(Action by: Clerk)

TC.125 GDPR

The work on creating a suite of GDPR documents has been completed and was forwarded for Councillors for review. There are 13 documents in total which address most aspects of the arrival of GDPR this year. The CCTV signs now have the Town Council's details with them. Once the Council agrees these documents, they will be placed on the website and brought into use from that date.

(Action by: Clerk)

TC.126 CORNWALL COUNCIL REPORT

Penwith Landscape Partnership

Volunteer sessions have begun and there are several walks planned to explore the landscape the weekend of 20/21 October. Posters on the table.

Boundary Reviews & Community Governance Reviews

At Full Council last week, we voted to object to the Parliamentary Boundary Review's proposed constituency that crosses the Cornwall/ Devon border, known as the Devon wall. After a lengthy debate we agreed the proposed new boundaries and names for the 87 Divisions for Cornwall Council (reducing from the current 123) from 2021, placing the Parish of St Just with St Levan, Sennen and Sancreed to create Land's End Division, with an apostrophe! Can I reassure this Council that it took about 2 minutes to go through the procedure to add the apostrophe and not the 90 minutes that National media decided to report? That was a case of Chinese whispers between local and National reporters but it did place me on page 3 of The Times and got me on air talking with Chris Evans. A Community Governance Review will now start, run by Cornwall Council. That is looking at Town and Parish Councils considering whether they are covering the right areas, are the right size, whether they should be wards etc. It will be for Town and Parish Councils and members of the public to make submissions but where a proposal being made is not supported by an affected Council, Full Council of Cornwall Council will debate and make the final decision. Uncontested decisions will be made by the electoral review panel. Given that historically the community of Pendeen has considered petitioning for its own Parish Council, this might be the appropriate time for this council to consider the issue of warding to ensure that communities, like Pendeen, feel adequately represented. We could consider 2 multi-member wards or more wards with a mixture of multi and single member wards. Something for Councillors to ponder and consult residents on and then discuss once we receive a letter with the formal terms of reference of the review. We might even want to consider a residents meeting, once the details are known so that we are working with what residents want rather than us putting in our submission and different communities we represent petitioning for what they want.

Proposed Merger of Devon and Cornwall Police with Dorset Police

At the Full Council last week, we voted to oppose the proposed merger based on the case not being made that the asserted benefits might not be delivered for Cornwall without significant risks of loss of local controls and influence. As voluntary mergers are unknown territory, there is no certainty whether this would have a beneficial or detrimental impact on resourcing as the position over equalising Council tax police precept is unknown – currently Dorset pays £18/ year more than Cornwall. Plus, the Government could take the view that a combined force, under one Chief Constable and one PCC does not need as much Government grant, thus reduce funding available.

Cornwall Council Budget Setting

We are just starting early conversations on setting the budget for next year. Government grant will further reduce meaning that we still have difficult decisions to make of what we can and cannot provide beyond statutory services and meeting the needs of our most vulnerable adults and children. We also have to consider whether local people can manage further Council tax increases to plug some of the gaps left from declining Government grant. We are also weighing up carefully where we can obtain and apply capital funding to reduce future revenue costs or to boost the economy to bring in more business rates that we now see the benefit of locally. There will be public consultations that individual councillors or this Council might want to engage with. As previously, some decision we make as a Unitary will have a negative impact on services locally and we will have to take a view on whether we think we can take those on more cost effectively or leave our residents with a less than desirable service.

National Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse is coming to Cornwall

In November, the team will be in Cornwall for evidence gathering through a project being called *Cornwall Will Be Heard*. They will attend 4 locations around Cornwall and are wanting victims of Child Sexual Abuse to come and give their evidence of historic abuse whether it occurred in Cornwall or elsewhere. I have placed information about the project on my website and am sharing it through social media but if anyone else feels able to help spread the word I would ask them to do so either from my website or by emailing me.

TC.127 THE LEAT. PENDEEN

An email was forwarded on 11 September 18 with background information which initialled discussion on the subject and the work of community groups on this site. A draft poster was presented by Sue James for comment. Sue explained the background to the environment work to the Leat and the attempts to protect the LEAT space; given the land may not be owned by anyone. Sue intends to modify her poster and continue her work with community groups.

TC.128 THE EMERGENCY PLAN

The last emergency plan that the Council seem to have set up was in 2013 which needs to be reviewed and brought up to date. The document was made confidential with limited distribution but is of limited use until it is reviewed. The discussion centred on the need for a councillor to take the lead on this piece of work. The Deputy Mayor volunteered to lead on this.

RESOLVED: it was agreed that the Deputy Mayor would lead on this for the Council and report back.

(Action by: Deputy Mayor)

TC. 129 MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Tin Coast

Items discussed at the recent meeting were; transport links, community bus and timetables, electric cars. The Levant Mining disaster happened 100 years ago and events to remember the tragedy are moving forward. Improvements to toilets.

Coastal Community Fund, No updates yet.

Bev Strick mentioned surface issues on Leat Road which are now being looked into. The Centre of Pendeen have bought a new iPad and 3 computers on loan for use by residents.

Deputy Mayor: mentioned residents had reported noise issues in the early hours in the Bosavern area. Other councillors then reported the one-off event which was to raise funds for a local charity wasn't that noisy and the event was a well-managed event.

The Mayor:

13 September 2018 Pendeen Silver Band took part in the National Championships and are now ranked 10<sup>th</sup> best band in the fourth section in the UK.

St Just Toilets vandalised at Lafrowda Day being repaired.

Repair dog sign at Plain-an-Gwarry.

Temporary Repair of Noticeboard.

The Mayor has attended:

4 September 2018 Funeral of Mrs Shirley Woolcock to represent the Town Council.

16 September 2018 Mayors Civic Parade.

TC.130 INFORMATION ITEMS

The library (see above).

TC.131 MATTERS TO REPORT

The second instalment of the Precept and CTS Grant £87,539.98 have been paid into the Council's Bank Account.

Damage to the St Just Noticeboard and the need for new Perspex covering.

St Just Toilets were reported to be closed and untidy, Cormac have been informed.

TC.132

Exclusion of the Press and Public

If necessary, to consider passing the following resolution:

"RESOLVED - that under Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it is proposed that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be

transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the business specified in the following item(s).”

TC.133 PENDEEN PLAY PARK

A large hole in the wall has been reported by the Contractor with estimate repair cost. The Council decided to seek another quote from an existing contractor to carry out emergency repair to protect users of the park.

RESOLVED – that the Council would commit this low-cost expenditure for work with one of its existing contractors on the estimate provided by Mr. P. Morse. The work needs to be carried out to ensure the health and safety of park users.

TC.134 STAFFING MATTERS

The Council’s decision and resolution to be shown on a confidential minute to these minutes.

Meeting Closed at 9.08 p.m.

Town Mayor