

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 22nd July 2019 at 7.15 p.m.

Present:

Cllrs M Blundy (Mayor), S James (Deputy Mayor), B Clemens, Z Baxter, J Manser, C Moore, F Morris, L Paine, G Prowse, D Shephard and B Strict

Locum Town Clerk:

Mrs D James

Public Present:

None

TC.72 Public Address at Council Meetings
None Present

TC.73 Apologies for Absence
Cllr G Roberts

TC.74 Declarations of Interest
Cllr J Manser – 7 a i – Grant request – Nancherrow Project £2000 – on the committee

TC.75 Dispensations
Cllr J Manser – 7 a i – Grant request – Nancherrow Project £2000 – on the committee – Dispensation to address the council/discuss and vote was granted until the Grant request has been dealt with, as it is likely to be deferred at this meeting - it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.

TC.76 Minutes
Resolved: That the Town Mayor signs as a true and accurate record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 8th July 2019.

TC.77 Matters Arising
The Council discussed the responses to the request for confirmation of herbicides used by the Town Council's contractors, the suggestion of dilute vinegar and salt was agreed.

TC.78 Finance
(a) Grants - to consider the following grant requests
i. The Nancherrow Project - £2000

Agreed: To defer the matter until the documents requested have been received

(b) Accounts for Payment - To approve payment of accounts to be made and to note payments already made (if any)

Resolved: That the accounts be approved for payment

(c) Town Clerk authority to spend – Financial regulation 4.1 and 4.5

Resolved: To make the following amendments to the Town Councils' financial regulations:

4.1

- a duly delegated committee of the Council for items over ~~£500~~ **£1000**; or
- the Clerk, in conjunction with Chairman of Council or Chairman of the appropriate committee, for any items below ~~£500~~ **£1000**.

4.5 In cases of extreme risk to the delivery of Council services [.....] subject to a limit of ~~£500~~ **£1000**. The Clerk [.....] soon as practicable thereafter.

(d) Banking: - To note the transfer made between accounts
Noted

TC.79

Letters of Thanks

Received from:

Cornwall Air Ambulance for the grant of £2000

Pendeen Parish Hall and Theatre for the grant of £2000

St Just RFC for the grant received for the fireworks night

TC.80

Plain-an-Gwarry - To consider the following application(s) received:

(a) Cornwall Vintage Motorcycle Club - 9th September 2019

Resolved: that the request is granted

TC.81

Planning

(a) Applications:

As part of the formal consultation process, the Council's comments are sought on applications received from Cornwall Council since the last meeting (*schedule sent to all Councillors*). Copies of the applications are available for inspection at the Town Council offices.

1. PA19/05634

Proposal Redevelopment of redundant Women's Institute site by construction of two three bedroomed detached dwellings and ancillary works with variation of condition 2 and 7 in relation to decision notice PA17/11723. Condition Number(s): 2, 7. Conditions(s) Removal: Amendment to material finish N/A. Location Pendeen Women's Institute Boscaswell Road Lower Boscaswell Pendeen

Resolved: That the Town Council strongly objects to the application, the brick work that has been used should be removed and granite lintels and coins should be used as per the original plans

2. PA19/04169

Proposal Conversion and extension of existing barn to form a holiday unit and associated works. Location Land West Of Lower Bostraze Farmhouse Lower Bostraze Newbridge

Resolved: No objections

3. PA19/05199

Proposal Erection of new lean-to white PVCu conservatory. Location 8 Cape Terrace Cape Cornwall Street St Just TR19 7JF

Resolved: No objections

4. PA19/05727

Proposal Replacement Roof Covering to Front Elevation. Location Trevegean Farm Trevegean St Just TR19 7NX

Resolved: No objections

5. PA19/05728

Proposal Listed Building Consent: Replacement Roof Covering to Front Elevation. Location Trevegean Farm Trevegean St Just TR19 7NX

Resolved: No objections

6. PA19/04719

Proposal Completion and retention of garage approved under previous application - amended design in relation to decision notice PA17/00877. Location Kelynack Barns Kelynack St Just Penzance

Resolved: No objections

(b) Decisions:

PA19/01717 - Proposed variation of conditions 3 & 4 and the removal of condition 5 to be used for holiday accommodation. Location Boscean Country House, St Just Approval (T. Cl. Strong support)

PA19/02670 - Two storey rear extension with balcony, single storey front entrance extension and stable block. Location Karensa, Numphra, St Just. Approval (T. Cl. No objection)

PA19/02551 - Demolition of existing extensions to south elevation and replace with extensions to create a 4 bedroom family home and including a small single storey garden room to amenity space at rear. Location 3 Crippas Hill, St Just Approval (T. Cl. No objection)

PA19/04493 - Works to trees within a Conservation Area: Removal of Group of 8 Leyland Cypress trees and replace with Hydrangea and Buddleja. Location Norton Mead B3306 Between St Johns Terrace and Geevor Mine, Pendeen TR19 7SB
Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps) (T. Cl. No objection)

PA19/03738 - Construction of first floor extension & associated works. Location Hayloft Cottage, St Buryan. Approval (T. Cl. No objection)

(c) Appeals:

None

(d) Enforcement:

None

TC.82 Neighbourhood Planning (NP)

An update was given - the current return is now 1000 forms.

TC.83 Cornwall Councillor Report

Thank you to those that attended the drop-in event regarding the proposal to get West Cornwall Designated as an International Dark Sky Reserve. 61 people came on the evening, all of whom were supportive. Anyone unable to attend can email darksky@cornwall.gov.uk stating their Parish and postcode, whether or not they support the proposal and why. I'm now in the process of arranging a stakeholder event, aimed at landowners, businesses and interested bodies, for 9 September and Chairs/Mayors and Clerks will be invited to that. It is fair to say that this West Cornwall project is dominating my diary and I suspect my time, over the next six months.

Earlier this month, the Leader of Cornwall Council appointed me to be the Cornwall Councillor Representative on the newly formed Penwith Local Family Partnership. 6 Local Family Partnerships have been set up in Cornwall with the purpose of: Improving outcomes for children, young people and families within the locality.

Taking a multi-agency/disciplinary role in overseeing the effectiveness of services, building on what is working well, identifying concerns and finding local solutions. Maintaining a strong focus on community engagement and building community capacity.

Tomorrow I will attend County Hall for an All Member Briefing on the Spaceport; a project that is proving a marmite subject depending on your view of it's likely contribution to the Cornish economy weighed against a need to dramatically reduce emissions due to the Climate Emergency. The briefing will be webcast if Councillors wish to hear the briefing for themselves. Then on Wednesday I will attend the Cabinet meeting with a particular interest in the Climate Change plans and debate as well as catching up on the letting of the Waste and Recycling Collection Contract.

Today I received an email, as a Cornwall Councillor, to inform me that Morrab Surgery, that runs the Branch Surgery at Pendeen, has been rated Inadequate by the CQC. The full report, published today, can be found on the CQC website but in summary, it was rated Inadequate for Are Services Safe and Are Services Well Led, Requires Improvement for Are Services Effective and a Good for Are Services Caring and Are Services Responsive. This will be an added concern to patients that use that surgery but should not really affect efforts underway to secure it.

TC.84 To consider quotes received for:

(a) Pendeen Play Park repairs

Discussion took place on the repairs required and quotes received.

Resolved: To accept quote A for £2,874.00 (South West Play)

Resolved: To replace the play table and rocker if the quotes are within the Clerk's amended power to spend (*as per TC.78 above*).

(b) IT equipment and software upgrade

Discussion took place on IT issues identified and quotes received.

Resolved: To accept quote B £988.80 (MCC Systems)

Resolved: To accept the recommendations for Office 365. For the Clerk to confirm the quote and to accept that the work is done/system installed.

TC.85 Information items and matters to report

CCTV – upgrade and maintenance were discussed. Suggested that an amount was added to the annual budget each year.

St Just in Penwith Parish Church has been successful with its application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund, they have been awarded £226,000 towards the cost of the raise the roof project.

Plain-an-Gwarry – discussion took place regarding the request to place 2 bowers on the wall.

Resolved: That the Clerk write to the member of the public confirming that the Council do not give permission.

A message has been received from a member of the public regarding a plaque on a seat in Market Square, they have asked if the Council would like a donation towards a new bench.

Resolved: That the Clerk write advising that the bench has been recently refurbished but that they may donate to maintenance if they wish to.

Cllr Clemens – attended a Network Community Panel meeting, several highways issues have not been progressed.

Cllr Strick – There is a sustainability event at the Centre of Pendeen on 24th August.

There will be a barn dance on 9th August at Pendeen Parish Hall – all proceeds will go to the Hall and the Cemetery fund.

Cllr Prowse – Has received queries regarding the spraying of Carn Gloose. Suggestions were made that the Town Council request that the National Trust place signs in the area before they spray the area.

Cllr James – The Tri-Service Officer has expressed concerns regarding parking around Market Square and the ability for a fire engine to get through in an emergency.

TC.86 Mayor's Sunday and Mayor's Report

Mayor's Report

1. Saturday 13th July - Attended the Lafrowda Drekly Dance Show at Cape Cornwall School. Another very enjoyable evening, with contributions from our schools, nurseries and adult groups

2. Tuesday 16th July - Attended the Primary School's Summer Production 'For the Duration'. Interesting and moving presentation based on stories gathered from local families. Some excellent acting and singing.

3. Wednesday 17th July - Visited the Memory Café Network held at Hayle for all the Penwith Memory Cafes. Proud to support this hugely important service.

4. Friday 19th July - Attended the launch of Geevor's Virtual Reality Tour, designed to enable those with disabilities to be able to experience underground. Geevor is leading the way locally with this ground breaking technology

5. Saturday 20th July - The weather, which caused the cancellation of the Buggy Racing on Friday evening, cleared to give us a warm and sunny Lafrowda Day. As Mayor I led the midday Schools parade, accompanied by some members of the folk band in which I play. Another amazing demonstration of this creative and unique community working together to give a splendid day, with thousands of people packed into the town to enjoy the parades and the entertainment.

The police have reported that Lafrowda Day went well, with just a few minor scuffles etc but nothing serious reported to the police. The only real issue was at the end of the evening when a crush of people trying to get on the First Kernow buses caused serious concerns to the police who were forced to control the crowds – barriers and security persons were needed.

Mayor's Sunday

This will be on Sunday 15th September in Pendeen Parish Church. This will not be a traditional formal service, but will feature contributions from local individuals and groups. Invitations will be sent out early next month.

TC.87

Library – devolution

To consider/receive the following and agree any associated actions and expenditure

(a) To receive updates from the Clerk, Councillors and relevant Town Council Groups

The Clerk and Cllr Manser gave updates on various aspects of the transfer and building works.

Cllr B Clemens left the meeting

(b) New fire risk assessment

Resolved: To accept the quote from Fal Fire and Security of £255 +VAT

(c) To consider and agree the terms, conditions and costings for hiring library space

Resolved: As a community building, to make it free at the point of use by community members.

(d) To consider the transfer date and response to Cornwall Council

Resolved: To agree the library transfer on or after the 2nd September, subject to building work being completed and satisfactory TUPE agreements being in place.

(e) Transition fund

Resolved: To submit the request for funds as identified.

TC.88

Sealing of documents:

To consider and seal the following documents in relation to the Library Devolution:

- (a) Option Agreement (x2)
- (b) TP1 (transfer of part) (x2)
- (c) TP1 (transfer of part) (x2)

Agreed to vote en block for the above items

Resolved: That the Town Council adopts the documents and that they are sealed with the Town Council seal.

TC.89

Exclusion of the Press and Public

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).