

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 28 January 2019 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

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

COUNCILLORS

Bev Strick	Zoe Baxter
Jonathan Manser	Grenville Prowse
Constance Moore	Debbie Shephard
Farmer Morris	Sue James
Louise Paine	

LOCUM TOWN CLERK

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ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE

No attendance.

TC.238 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Geoff Roberts.

TC.239 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

TC.240 DISPENSATIONS

None.

TC.241 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 14 January 2019 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.242 MATTERS ARISING

None.

TC.243 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance.

None.

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £3559.65 be approved for payment in the closed session.

(Action by: Clerk)

(c) Interim Audit Report

The Locum Clerk informed the council that the IA report dated 17 January 2019 has been received and will be circulated to councillors on Audit Committee ahead of the meeting in February 2019, then brought back to a full council meeting in March 2019.

TC.244 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**

Application PA18/12011

Proposal Application for a proposed agricultural shed for the storage of seed potatoes.

Location Land at Kelynack Farm Kelynack St Just Penzance

Applicant Mr Clive Williams **(T. Cl. Objection due to access issues).**

Application PA19/00208

Proposal Application for the change of use of a dwellinghouse to 2 dwelling houses.

Location Truthwall Barn Truthwall St Just Penzance

Applicant Mr And Mrs R Kersley **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

Application PA18/11588

Proposal Construction of Shed, Replacement Sunroom, Windows & Doors, installation solar panels and additional windows

Location Chy Kerensa Bollowal St Just TR19 7NP

Applicant Mr & Mrs Oakley **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

Application PA19/00346

Proposal Proposed use of land for caravanning all year round

Location The Clubhouse New Road Tregeseal St Just

Applicant Mr Terry Owen St. Just RFC Ltd. **(T. Cl. Permission requested to defer decision until 12th Feb so Applicant can be invited to Meeting on 11th Feb to give outline comments on AONB/Sport England. Cornwall Council member to contact Applicant/Planning Office on role of car park).**

Application PA19/00431

Proposal Variation of condition 2 (plans) of PA18/01053 - Construction of two dwellings

(amended site area). Substitute approved drawing 17033-PL-02-01 with new drawing 01-A3-06 Elevations Rev A to include discreet 'in-roof' solar tiles on the South elevation.

Location Trevaylor Caravan and Camping Park Truthwall Lane Truthwall St Just

Applicant Mr Karl Callighan (**T. Cl. No Objection**).

b) **Decisions**

PA18/10083

Change of use of land for temporary tent camping (Decision 04/P/0610/F) with variation of Condition 2 to allow use of the site all year round at The Clubhouse, St. Just RFC Ltd., New Road, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Terry Owen. **Approval**

(T. Cl. No Objection).

PA18/11042

Replacement windows and doors in upvc to front and rear elevations at Holly Tree Cottage, 14, Cresswell Terrace, Botallack, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. K. Hughes. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

(c) **Appeal Decision**

None

TC.245 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (NP)

The Neighbourhood Plan will remain an agenda topic on all meetings in case any N Planning business needs to be discussed. Future meetings were pending.

(Action by: Locum Clerk)

TC.246 LIBRARY

The Councillors on the working party gave a brief update on progress being made. The clerk then referred to the recent John Cooper email dated 21 January 2019 and explained the email had responded to the Town Council's question on asbestos and if the town council were satisfied, a line could be drawn under that matter; subject to any further legal advice. Cornwall Council had already been informed about the Town Council accepting Cornwall Council plans to undertake all the work needed; before hand over. The Deputy Mayor asked if the Locum Clerk could inform Cornwall Council of the Town Council position after tonight's discussions, to ensure all work could progress.

RESOLVED: That the Locum Clerk will Inform Cornwall Council.

(Action by: Locum Clerk)

TC.247 PLAIN AN GWARRY

Permission was sought to use the location for three different dates by Penwith Landscape Partnership (30 January, 13 February, 10 April 2019).

RESOLVED: That Penwith Landscape Partnership are given permission to use the location.

(Action by: Locum Clerk)

TC.248 GORSEDH

Deputy Mayor updated councillors on the project. Two meetings so far, the last one was on the 19th January 2019. A local organising committee needs to be formed, an event planned for 13 April 2019 with a host of events in early September 2019.

TC.249 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR REPORT

It feels much longer than a month since I last reported to you as it has been a very busy month for me.

Some of you will have seen that the newly expanded Police Inspectorate, now covering Fire and Rescue Services, reported its view of Cornwall's Fire and Rescue Service, just before Christmas. The Service was assessed against 11 criteria and was judged good on 6, requiring improvement on 4 and inadequate on 1. Inevitably, it was on the 1 that National and local media's attention focused!

Since Christmas, with time to reflect on other Fire and Rescue Inspection reports and discussions with the Inspectorate, it is clear that the inspection was judging services by their internal, locally set targets and plans rather than some National objective standards. Whilst that sounds positive, it means a service with easy to achieve un-ambitious targets will be judged good whereas an ambitious service that misses its targets, becomes failing. An example here is an ambitious target in Cornwall to reach fires within 10 minutes of a 999 call, 100% of the time. We achieve that 75% of the time and have an average response time of 12.5 mins, across Cornwall but we were judged as being worse than a service with a target response time of 20 mins, 80% of the time because they achieved their lower standard!

In talking with residents, they generally have confidence in our Fire Service and we have been recognised by the Inspectorate as quickly looking to address some technology issues that reduced the availability of up to date data to our crews. Despite our misgivings about the approach and language used in the Inspection report, we have got on and addressed the issues raised and will continue to do so.

I'm sure there will be mixed opinions around the table about Cornwall Council declaring a Climate Change Emergency and committing to reduce its net carbon emission to zero by 2030, subject to Government providing us with the resources and powers to do so. Those who are struggling with why we did so should listen to the webcast of our meeting last Tuesday and I'm happy to forward you the link, on request.

I would urge you to consider the issues raised in that lengthy motion debate and point out that the public gallery was as full as when we were discussing funding for the Stadium for

Cornwall. You will also be receiving an invite to a conference regarding Climate Change and Neighbourhood Planning, at the Environment and Sustainability Institute at Penryn, part of Exeter University and that's on Saturday 9 March. I hope at least some of you will join me in coming along to explore the issues with very well-informed folk.

I would also ask that we consider how we can work with our local community, to reduce greenhouse gases, just like we have supported residents and businesses in committing to being single use plastic free. I'm fairly sure they will be approaching us, as a Town Council, fairly soon so it might be worth an agenda item, next meeting.

A recent meeting of our Bereavement Service, shone a light on Public Health Funerals, previously known as Paupers Funerals. There are an increasing number of families that cannot afford the respectful send-off they want for their loved ones, with no frills arrangements costing in excess of £1,000. They then turn to the Council and whilst, with our limited resources, staff go above and beyond, it does amount to a cremation early in the morning and normally ashes are not returned.

Soon after this briefing, I listened to a radio 4 programme, "We need to talk about death: I can't afford to die" broadcast on 19 January. It is available on listen again and I would encourage you to do so. I will work with others at the Council to follow-up some good ideas that the programme raised because I hate to think of any family in Cornwall worrying about this at their time of grief.

An update on seeking the International Dark Skies Designation; we are taking advice from the International Dark Sky Association in Arizona on the West Penwith area, drawing a line from St Ives, down the A30, around Marazion, as the potential boundary. I am arranging to speak at the St Ives and Hayle and our own West Penwith Community Network Panels, about the project, and if there is broad support, we will start a process of public consultation whilst some technical data gathering goes on behind the scenes.

I want to draw to Town Councillors attention an additional £1,500 sitting in the St Just Community Library account from when they were seeking the devolution of the Library. This money was allocated from my Community Chest fund, for the purpose of securing a sustainable future for the Library and, once we are ready to progress beyond building matters, I would like a meeting between Town Council and Friends representatives to agree the most appropriate use of that fund. It is better to find an agreed use than risk losing the money by returning it to Cornwall Council.

TC.250 INFORMATION ITEMS

The Locum Clerk has created a draft tender spec document ready for the devolution of the (Toilets). It was hoped that the draft tender while meeting all the requirements could also be adapted at a future date to ensure local people could apply, while ensuring all health and safety functions etc are carried out.

TC.251 MATTERS TO REPORT

Sue James mentioned a concerned resident had contacted her reference the Pendeen GP Surgery being put up for sale and losing this service. Sue said it was a complex matter and she had contacted various individuals about the situation and hoped to be able to update

the council at the next meeting on her progress. The Mayor also added he informed the local MP and had discussions with various individuals on the subject.

Bev Strick updated the council on the Pendeen Cemetery Project. Water has been found by the company drilling bore holes (Wheal Jane Mining) but it is was still looking positive.

The SMART village Initiative had taken place.

Pendeen have traffic lights in operation while repairs to water pipes were taking place

Geoff Roberts email. St Just Rugby Club House have a defibrillator at Tregeseal.

WPCNP update from Councillors who attended the meeting on 17 January 2019 was given including the Community Emergency Planning. The Deputy Mayor said that Bev Strick and herself had already started the process. The presentation given by Arthur Roberts Resilient Manager was very informative and she hoped he would be visiting the council in the near future, once the Plan had progressed. Small sums of money were now available to the council. £100 if it completes a plan, and once finished and tested a further £400. If the plan was then shared another £100 was available.

Ordinalia letter of support was requested by the Deputy Mayor which was supported by the council and the Locum Clerk will send it out.

The Mayor gave an update on St Just in Bloom and the reason why they these use their existing contractor and he said this subject will appear on the next agenda and he will invite them to come and speak to the council.

On line Banking access issues were discussed, no new mandates names were set-up when the new council started in May 2017 or past names removed. This has now been done subject to Barclays checks and a new card requested.

Code of Conduct training, 2 councillors are interested in refresher training. if any more wish to have a refresher let the clerk know, no dates or times. CALC just wish to judge the demand.

The Mayor had attended representing Town Council:

16 January 2019. NCI Cape Cornwall with Annie Coak who founded the volunteer Group to run the watch, Annie was asked to become Honorary President to celebrate her 22 years' service and her role.

17 January 2019. WPCNP.

19 January 2019. Mayor with his wife attended the St Just Pantomime which was excellent.

19 January 2019. Gorsedh Meeting where the focus was on making the events the best possible for the community.

21 January 2019. St Pirans Day Celebrations meeting.

The Mayor mentioned: A group of girls from St Just Primary School represented Cornwall in the zone finals of the England Schools Championships at Plymouth at table tennis and have qualified to the regional finals in Bristol on February 10th 2019. The Council asked the Locum clerk to write to the coach David May, to congratulate them on their success and wish them luck for February.

TC.252 EXCLUSION OF 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.253 CONFIDENTIAL STAFFING MATTER

Meeting Closed at 9.21 p.m.

Town Mayor