

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 18th
November 2019 at 6.45pm

Present

Marna Blundy Town Mayor
Sue James Deputy Mayor

Councillors

Zoe Baxter Farmer Morris
Jonathan Manser Grenville Prowse
Constance Moore Debbie Shephard

Also in attendance

Jill Stott (Tin Coast Partnership)
Judith Summers (Neighbourhood Plan)

Tin Coast Partnership presentation

Jill Stott introduced the partnership, which has £460,000 funding focussing on job creation (extending and creating jobs through planned tourism) and protecting heritage, landscape etc. The project will run until 31 March 2021. There are four work streams:

- a) Extending off-peak tourism, broadening the visitor base
- b) Providing information for visitors
- c) Improving travel and transport, promoting circular walks, cycle routes and responsible visiting
- d) Developing infrastructure, improving footpaths, signage and visitor hubs

Jill was thanked for attending.

TC.186 Public Address at Council Meetings

None

TC.187 Apologies for Absence

Brian Clemens

TC.188 Declarations of Interest

None

TC.189 Dispensations

None

TC.190 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 5th November 2019

TC.191 Matters Arising

TC.177:

- a) a meeting has been convened for Thursday afternoon with PLP, Tin Coast Partnership, National Trust officer and our contractor

- b) the contractor will arrange a winter cut at the Library; Premises Committee will take up future planting planning
- c) companies are proving slow to respond with quotes for the alarm system

TC.192

Finance

- a) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for payment as set out on the attached schedule

The need to investigate the telephone bill was noted

- b) Grant applications

RESOLVED: To award £500 to the St Just-in-Penwith Men's Shed, with the recommendation that they also apply to the Cornwall Councillor's Community Chest

- c) Letters of thanks

A letter was received from Madron Parish Council regarding Feast Sunday which their Vice Chairman described as inspirational.

TC.193

Planning

Sue James read the following statement:

As both a Cornwall Councillor and Town Councillor for the St Just-in-Penwith Division, I wish to make 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 different information and be in a different role.

a) Applications

- 1. PA19/08701

Proposal: Two replacement storage containers and two free standing garage ports for agricultural purposes

Location: Little Brea Farm Road from Brea Downs To Junction with Prow from Tredinney Common Kelynack St Just

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION

- 2. PA19/09543

Proposal: Construction of single storey extension Location: Curly Tail Cottage Bosvargus Farm

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION

- 3. PA19/09154

Proposal: Construction of a single detached 2 storey dwelling Location The Radjel Inn Boscaswell Terrace Pendeen

RESOLVED: OBJECTION ON GROUNDS OF INAPPROPRIATE MATERIALS – SHOULD BE GRANITE FACED ON SW ELEVATION, AND SLATE HUNG ON OTHER THREE SIDES

b) Decisions

- 1. PA19/07743

Non material amendment in relation to decision notice PA18/04545: Use of slate hanging to first floor gables. Location Land West of Truthwall, St Just

Approval

2. PA19/05216

Demolition of existing storage building, and erection of single dwelling house.

Location Land and Buildings West of Carnyorth Environmental Education Centre B3306 Between Carnyorth Terrace and Parc An Yorth St Just

Approval

3. PA19/08033

Replacement garage. Location Heathers Cottage Kelynack St Just

Approval

4. PA19/07535

Fell Sycamore Tree (T1) Fell Cherry (T2) Location Rosewell Cot Valley St Just **Approval following The Tree Officers Report**

c) Appeals

Appeal Ref: APP/D0840/W/19/3226949

The proposal is for Construction of Four Traditional, One Bedroom Apartments & Associated Works Location Carvean 22 Fore Street St Just TR19 7LJ

APPEAL ALLOWED

TC.194

Neighbourhood Planning

The Housing Needs Survey has arrived and can be read on the NP website. Sue James will circulate to all councillors. Policy writing has now commenced.

TC.195

Correspondence

Re. recycling, to be discussed in TC.199

TC.196

Interim arrangements

To note the resolutions made by Council on 5th November, which were:

a) to appoint a Short-Term Executive Committee with delegated powers comprising Mayor, Chair of Staffing, Chair of Premises and Grenville Prowse

b) to adopt agreed Terms of Reference for this committee

TC.197

Committee Reports

To receive updates and recommendations from Committees which have met since the last Full Council meeting

Staffing Committee – to note the appointment of Sue James and Grenville Prowse to this committee

Climate and Environment Action Committee – Committee Chair

Constance Moore reported on a successful day at the Centre of Pendeen, and the appointment of three more community members at the committee meeting on 6th November

- TC.198 Toilets and Car Parks Heads of Terms
 The Chair of Premises and Amenities Committee, Sue James, reported on the initial responses from the solicitor to the issues raised by the committee. Council accepted that we had been expecting to pay £100,000 for St Just car park but the view was that the overage should reflect this and we should propose 25 years. If CC want to keep the longer overage and the restrictive covenants then paying £1, as per other transfers, would be more appropriate. There was also a view that the restrictive covenants should be about requiring the town council to continue providing the facilities for as long as needed but, otherwise, the overage deals with disposals. The solicitor has been asked to check if TUPE applies, to enable the Staffing Committee to address at an early stage.
RESOLVED: Chair of P & A Committee to further consult the solicitor on the Council's suggested further amendments to Heads of Terms, before submission to Cornwall Council. These to include that Council expects the remedial work on the toilets to be completed before transfer
- TC.199 Recycling Provision in Car Parks
 To receive an update and agree any associated actions
 There is much local concern about the decision to remove recycling banks whilst not increasing household collections, and councillors were agreed that this will reduce recycling rates.
RESOLVED: that the Mayor write a strong letter to the Cabinet member
- TC.200 Community Governance Review
 We received late notice of a Cornwall Council meeting re Community Governance where the agenda included a proposal to ward our Parish. The Mayor therefore gathered opinions from councillors by email for submission to that meeting. Most councillors wished to retain the existing arrangements. Any warding arrangements would have to follow the new polling districts, with a division through Carnyorth.
- TC,201 Library
 To receive updates and agree any associated actions and expenditure
 a) Property issues will be referred to the Premises Committee
 b) Philip Wilkins has offered us office furniture following his retirement
RESOLVED: to accept this kind gift, and to arrange collection for delivery to the Library
 c) Christmas opening arrangements
RESOLVED: that the Library will open for half days on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, and closing on Boxing Day and returning to normal opening hours on 2nd January
 d) Petty cash for Library
RESOLVED: to set this at £50 for the time being
 e) Library reporting to Council
RESOLVED: to accept monthly statistical reports from the Client Relationship Officer, and monthly footfall monitoring from the Librarian

TC.202

Mayor's Report

1. There was good coverage in the Cornishman of our Feast Awards
2. I attended the St Just in Bloom Presentation Evening on 8th November, presenting awards at a packed ceremony in the Old Town Hall. This was ably chaired at short notice by Brian Clemens
3. Remembrance Sunday events went well in both St Just and Pendeen. On Remembrance Day itself I attended the Candles of Remembrance at Cape Cornwall School, and a moving event at Pendeen War Memorial with classes from Pendeen Primary School. The remembrance at St Just War Memorial was less well supported, with no-one taking responsibility for it and no member of clergy in attendance; councillors agreed to note this for discussion next September.
4. This morning I attended a meeting planning St Piran's Day 2020
5. Looking ahead: councillors are invited to attend the Tour of Britain planning meeting on Wednesday morning.
6. Finally we are expecting a visit this week from Historic England to discuss the installation of flagstones in the Plen an Gwari – long awaited

TC.203

Cornwall Councillor's Report

We have already discussed the Public Recycling Areas in St Just and Pendeen car parks, an issue causing concern to local residents that I have brought to the attention of Cabinet. You are also now up to speed with the Community Governance Review process, in relation to suggestions of warding our Town Council area.

Another contentious issue, coming to Cornwall's Full Council this month is the Spaceport. Whilst it is being promoted as good for jobs and the economy of Cornwall, there are increasing public concerns. Some concerns focus on the environmental impact and whether offsetting with tree planting is acceptable and others are asking whether this is a good investment of public money, even though supporters emphasise it is capital funds that will be borrowed.

Early in December, I anticipate the Road Traffic Order going out for public consultation for double yellow lines at Lower Boscawell to ensure the bus can safely turn there. I do not believe it needs to be part of the consultation but I have had it accepted that there should also be signage indicating it is a bus turning area as I believe some of the problem is caused by people not realising that. The addition of parking restrictions often attracts complaints and objections but I hope that Town Councillors will explain to unhappy car drivers why this is so important for our non-driving residents who fear the bus company will stop running the bus to them.

Some of you will be aware of the Wheal Buzzy project, part of the 60th anniversary celebrations of Cornwall's AONB to develop habitats for our declining solitary bees. An area of open space, at the end of Moorland Close, owned by Lands End Peninsula Community Land Trust, is going to be planted with suitable wild flowers, on 3rd or 5th December, subject to the weather. It is hoped that local children and

residents might get involved but Town Councillors are also welcome to pop along with refreshments or a helping hand.

Work to collate the Dossier for the International Dark Sky designation continues but we have delayed to the end of January submitting the draft, as the weather caused us to postpone an important Star Gazing Outreach event and is delaying light meter reading work. We also need to get a plan for future Outreach events and I'm pleased to say that I've put the Friends of our Library in touch with Astronomers and they are going to arrange a talk on Astronomy, there, in the New Year. If any of you have access to the Cornwall Wildlife Trust magazine, you will have seen a significant feature on our Dark Skies project.

I still have more than £1,500 left of my community chest fund and whilst I have a couple of applications in the pipeline I could do with more otherwise the money will go unspent.

TC.204

Information Items and Matters to Report

Grenville Prowse: concerns about the potential difficulties in clearing the roads completely for the Tour of Britain

Farmer Morris: unfortunately the reclaimed flagpole is broken, and not fit for use. We will need to purchase a new one

Debbie Shephard: attended an interesting Planning Conference, and will circulate copies of the presentation when she receives them. There is a pleasing emphasis on Climate Change awareness in planning

Sue James: attended the Library Event on 14th November, which was less well supported because of the dreadful weather. Future events are planned, and suggestions for topics are welcome; the next event, in the New Year, will be an astronomy talk, to support the Dark Skies outreach

TC.205

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)

Staffing Update from Chair of Staffing