

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL
held on Line, Zoom on Monday 25 January 2021 at 7.15pm

**THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POLICE AND CRIME PANELS
(CORONAVIRUS) (FLEXIBILITY OF LOCAL AUTHORITY AND POLICE AND
CRIME PANEL MEETINGS) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2020 No.
392**

Present

Marna Blundy Town Mayor
Sue James Deputy Mayor

Councillors

Farmer Morris Chris Denley
Jonathan Manser Brian Clemens
Grenville Prowse Daisy Gibbs
Constance Moore

TC.154 Public Address at Council Meetings

None.

TC.155 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received on behalf of Louise Paine, Debbie Shephard and Zoe Baxter

TC.156 Declarations of Interest

None.

TC.157 Dispensations

None.

TC.158 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 11th January 2021.

TC.159 Matters Arising

None.

TC.160 Finance

Accounts for Payment of £6556.69 were presented for approval.

RESOLVED: To approve the payments **£6556.69**.

(a) Financial Assistance

None.

(b) Letters of thanks:

None.

TC.161 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.

Applications

9/21. Application: PA20/11338

Proposal: Minor alterations to door and window openings and with new doors and windows. New single storey sun-room to rear (east). Garage converted to studio//office accommodation. New Natural slate roof coverings. Existing barn previously converted for residential use. Previous Approval 1/87/P/0610/F

Location: Petanna Peace Barn Carnyorth St Just Penzance **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

2/21. Application: PA20/09113

Proposal: Construction of agricultural barn

Location: Stunts UK Ltd., Storage Unit, Dowran, St. Just **(T. Cl. Feels unable to comment as do not have valuable information from the Land Agent as to whether this building is viable as an agricultural barn. T. Cl would value this insight).**

Also including

Application: PA20/10393

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use for storage and distribution of Scott May Stunt Show U.K.

Location: Stunts UK Ltd., Storage Unit, Dowran, St. Just **(T. Cl. No comment).**

10/21. Application: PA20/09619

Proposal: Amendment to PA19/04169 (Conversion and extension to existing barn to form a holiday unit and associated works) in respect of the omission of approved ground floor extension on south elevation.

Location: Land West of Lower Bostraze Farmhouse, Lower Bostraze, Newbridge. **(T. Cl. No Objection provided the Level 2 Inspection Report from Historical England findings are met).**

11/21. Application: PA20/10939

Proposal: Retention of byre as art studio accommodation ancillary to the main house.

Location: . Lower Hailglower Farm, Tregeseal, St. Just. **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

12/21. Application: PA20/10940

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for retention of byre as art studio accommodation ancillary to the main house including repointing of the whole property and retention of timber windows to the house and the studio as like for like.

Location: . Lower Hailglower Farm, Tregeseal, St. Just. **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

13/21. Application: PA20/11426

Proposal: Construction of agricultural barn and associated works for 35-acre farm.

Location: Land North East of Pengelly, Bosavern, St. Just. **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

14/21. Application: PA21/00211

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension and erection of modern lean-to extension to the front of the property.

Location: Teasel Cottage, Lafrowda Terrace, St Just. **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

b) Decisions

Application: PA20/07638

Proposal: Replacement of roof and rotten windows, erect building signage, general internal alterations and change of use of a small part of the building (20 square metres) from office kitchen to takeaway.

Location: Bank House, Bank Square, St. Just. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection)

Application: PA20/09278

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of permanent siting of a caravan for holiday use on land west of Ponds Hill, Bojewyan.

Location: Land to west of Ponds Hill, Bojewyan, Pendeen. **Granted CAADs, PIPs and LUs only** (T. Cl. Noted).

Application: PA20/11279

Proposal: Prior approval of a building for agricultural use.

Location: South Bosvargus Farm, Access track to South Bosvargus Farm, St. Just. . **Withdrawn** (T. Cl. Withdrawn).

Application: PA20/11066

Proposal: Non-material amendment in relation to Decision Notice PA18/07851 dated 11/10/18.

Location: 30, Bosorne Road, St. Just. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection)

c) Appeals *None*

d) Appeal Decisions *None.*

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TC.162 Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

The Neighbourhood Planning Team had not yet met, so no report was due. Discussion on the progress towards May 21 deadline took place.

TC.163 Library

The Town Council is providing the public with a restricted Library Foyer Service which is still allowed under the National Lockdown. The Council will monitor the developing situation and take action when necessary. All staff feel safe with the current working

practices. New windows have been installed and a report on the structure it is awaited from Cornwall Council.

TC 164 Plain an Quarry

The outstanding work to the Plain an Gwarry was discussed and the Property and Amenities Committee leading on this having a Meeting on 13 January 21 to addresses matters and is commented on the item below at TC.168.

TC.165 Daisy Chain

The Council discussed what further assistance if any; could be given to the project. Daisy Gibbs felt the project had sufficient resources and was achieving what it had intended. It had also the offer of financial donation from a resident if it was needed and was keeping a list of potential donors. Currently Daisy is not contactable due to comms issues but has admin support the phone details of the admin support will be shared with the clerk to share with Library staff.

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TC.166 Coronavirus Report

The Clerk is continuing to send emails from the various bodies such as CALC and Cornwall Council to Councillors; on advice/actions the Town Council should take during the crisis. The clerk had also place on the Town Council website the details to report suspected Coronavirus rule breakers to Devon and Cornwall Police. He had also added Cornwall Council help for Business to help spread the word on the support available.

TC.167 Committee Reports

The Chair of the Climate Change Committee reported back after their meeting today.

Cormac had given permission to install the Memorial Bench at Corner above the primary school at the garden area.

Lafrowda Close

Live West have agreed limited tree planting to start. However, the full tree planting plan will need to be put to residents through a consultant process at a future day after the current restrictions is eased to involve all residents.

Chairs reported back on the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 13 Jan 21.

The clerk was disputing the bill with Bulb its standard supplier trying to have the credit built up in the account released back to the Council it stems from when they took over the supply. The previous company was disputing credit but it was now resolved after months of disputes between the companies. A credit was recredited to the Council this week.

A new sign "Town Council and Library" will be sourced by the clerk. The signs will not be plastic but of a light metal style sign.

The committee agreed in principle to commission a revised report for the specialist work needed. The Clerk would contact the existing contractor after receiving a report. The council would obtain costing for the remaining main work.

Plans to position a bench near to the Primary School in St Just would need permission and the committee felt the clerk should approach Highway to get their permission which the clerk has done and awaiting response.

Staffing meeting now due on 2 February 2021.

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There was a discussion about possible uses of the Warrens site – community workshops, perhaps a shed for unwanted stuff that people could reuse, in return for a contribution. Planting at the library – Penwith Planters was mentioned, and Ali can contribute flowers. A letter will be sent to Ian to thank him for all his work. It was suggested that the flowerbed by the primary school could be cleared and replanted with shrubs and small trees, and a seat placed there in memory of Robert Matthews.

Climate Change Committee considered Cornwall Council Climate Change Planning Policy.

TC.168. Cornwall Councillors Report

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – relevant to agenda item 13

There is so much information about, that it is hard to summarise or prioritise. For those wanting to access all information available locally, from roll out of vaccinations to mental well-being and financial help, there are posts on my website that should take you to most stuff.

Key things for you to know and share are that whilst infection levels are low in the Land's End area this is not the case throughout Cornwall with Penzance and Helston having a spike in infection rates. Sadly, residential homes are struggling to contain outbreaks, when the virus gets into a home.

For our residents, mobile over 80's have mainly had the call with housebound and those in residential homes now being reached. Our local NHS seems to be following the Government advice and is now cancelling 3 week follow-up appointments for those that have had their first Pfizer vaccine.

For businesses required to close under Lockdown rules and those severely affected by loss of trade, financial help is available. For the mandatory scheme, affected businesses on the Council's Business Rates register, should have received or be about to receive an automatic payment. For those without Business rated premises or who for other reasons have fallen through the financial help gaps, they have until 31 January to make a bid to a discretionary fund.

Any business not signed up to Business Hubs through Cornwall Council or even the Tin Coast Partnership, within our Parish, could be losing out on getting news of all help and advice available and I would suggest all businesses get themselves signed up to networks at that level or for their particular sector.

Our residents do not need to struggle either. For those on any kind of benefit who need to isolate, they are entitled to financial help from the Council and for those not on benefits but who through isolation have a substantially reduced income and less than £6,000 of capital or savings, they can apply for benefits and the grant whilst waiting. Our residents are also continuing to donate generously to all local Food Projects so those who are struggling should feel no shame in asking for help; that is why local people are giving.

COMMUNITY LED HOUSING

The Land Trust I chair locally has had a (virtual) meeting with Cornwall Community Land Trust and a few interested others, and would like to go ahead with seeking land/sites for community led housing that will be for local people, in perpetuity. The resources and skills this requires are beyond a bunch of well-intentioned local volunteers so I would like to involve Cornwall CLT in taking this forward. They, for understandable reasons, prefer this to be with the backing and support of the relevant Town or Parish Council; so either today or at a future meeting, can we agree to the Town Council logo being on the appeal for suitable sites, albeit that Cornwall CLT will manage the process? I will work with them, through our local land trust but would the Town Council like to play an active role from selecting suitable sites through to homes being built and occupied? If the Town Council as a whole want a briefing, I can ask the Chief Executive of Cornwall CLT, Andrew George, to attend a future Council meeting.

TOWN VITALITY FUND BID

I have a meeting scheduled for Wednesday to get ideas for writing the bid and will share a draft with you as soon as produced. I want to assure you that it will be for this Town Council to finalise and decide whether to submit. My broad thinking is to capitalise on learning from the Tin Coast Partnership and focus outcomes on recovery and sustainability post pandemic.

TC.169 Mayor's Report

Mayors of Cornwall meeting

I attended this meeting last Thursday and, as ever, it was a helpful sharing of thoughts across the county. Key issues were as follows:

- Concerns expressed about the level of policing across the county. Some councils have funded or part-funded police provision for their towns, but this tended to be ASB officers or PCSOs, who are in any case frequently diverted to other tasks, so it has been unsatisfactory. It was felt that a police presence, regular patrols, and police officers with powers, is what is required, with a call for a return to local police officers who know their patch.
- Support was offered to the Mayor of Penzance who has been subjected to very unpleasant attacks since her correct action to remove unauthorised flags from the Prom.
- Councils were concerned about the Support Grant going down to nil in 2022-2023, with one Clerk opting not to include the Support Grant in their budget already, so they will not be affected by its reduction this year and then its loss next year.
- Despite the government's insistence that the elections will go ahead in May, there was some feeling that this might not happen. Concerns were also expressed that in the current climate, where door-to-door canvassing and even

delivering flyers might not be recommended, major political parties could afford to fund postal mail-outs for election literature, but smaller parties and independent candidates would be disadvantaged.

Tin Coast Partnership meeting

I attended a virtual meeting this week, to learn about the eight proposed sites for open public wifi in the area (3 in St Just, 1 at Pendeen, plus Cape Cornwall, Botallack, Levant and Geevor). I understand there is initial funding for this, but some concerns were voiced about the ongoing cost of this – perhaps £10,000 p.a. – and who would pay going forward.

Emergency Plan meeting

The six Co-ordinators had a virtual meeting to go through the Plan last week, and suggestions were made for improving and adding to the information in it. These are now being actioned. I think the challenge will be to keep the Plan updated and the Coordinators in place. A request has been made for hi-vis vests and Grab Bags to be made available for the Co-ordinators, hopefully to be funded by the grant we anticipate receiving from Cornwall Council for the Emergency Plan.

Network Panel Meeting

I'm sure that the Clerk and our Cornwall Councillor will bring us up to date with all developments, but I just wanted to highlight the proposal to protect our Penwith Moors with a SSI designation for national importance, maybe next year. This could have an impact on planning, so we need to be aware of the implications when considering applications, I would think from now onwards.

St Piran Celebrations

With the continuing lockdown and schools' closures, it will be no surprise to learn that the St Piran Parade and Concerts will not take place this year. However, there are hopes of decorating window displays, flags and posters, and perhaps a competition – the committee is meeting virtually this week to plan its programme, and other suggestions are welcomed.

Bus stops

I have produced a separate report on the findings of a consultation with residents in Botallack and Creswells Terrace, for discussion at Council and hopefully for actions to take forward.

TC.170 Correspondence

Councillors drew attention to numerous emails and comments they had received and discussion took place on some of them.

Daisy Gibbs mention that she was linking in with the project who were working with providing hot meals to those in rural isolation and if any one know of anyone to contact her.

The council agreed to the Tin Coast Partnership using its logo in promoting material to show it is also a partner. The use of the logo is just to show the Town Council are one of the partner organisations and does apply it is responsible for any of the partnership expenditure etc. it is part of working partnership with shared goals. Discussion about concerns on opening the council to legacy/on going expenditure from Hot spot WIFI were raised.

The Council felt its councillors sit on outside bodies for the Council and represents the Council; so, could not give permission for any outside body to act on the council behalf.

RESOLVED: The Tin Coast Partnership can use the Town Council logo in promoting partnership material to show the Town council is a partner.

TC.171 Information Items and Matters to Report

Next Devolution meeting on the Toilets and Car Parks will take place on 27th January 21.

Given the current restrictions on movements, it was thought unlikely to get on site visit to look at the bus stop issue at Gews Farm and other locations. The first step would be to get Highways to move the stops to a safer place nearer the entrance. Then to contact the bus companies once these sites such as Botallack and Creswells were deemed safe by the highway professionals.

Brian Clemens asked Councillors to submit any questions to him to pass on to the Police Inspector.

Chris Denley says he is collecting laptop donations and would welcome more if councillors could spread the word.

The next meeting will be brought forward to **7pm** to allow for a planning matter to be discussed.

The next agenda will contain an item on the Cornwall Community Land Trust.

TC.172. 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).

The meeting closed at 8.42 pm.

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