

A Meeting of the Town Council was duly convened and held in the Council Chamber at 1 Chapel Street St Just on Monday 20th February 2006 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillor R Lee – Town Mayor
Councillor Mrs S Smith – Deputy Town Mayor
Councillors Mrs B Strick, B F Angwin, C Williams, H Bennett, M Thomas,
D Stevens, B Rees, A Trezise (part) together with the Town Clerk (Mrs E George).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor S Angove and Councillor M Nicholls.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were made by Councillor A Trezise and Councillor Mrs B Strick.

3. TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor gave a verbal report of his official appointments since the last full meeting of the Town Council as follows:

January 27th – HMS Cornwall at Truro
January 30th – Mayors Parlour Group
February 2nd – Standards Board Committee
February 3rd – Standards Board Committee
February 5th – St Ives Feast
February 6th – St Ives Feast
February 10th – Healthwatch
February 16th – Sports Hall

4. DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Deputy Town Mayor gave a verbal report as follows:

January 30th – Meeting with Age Concern
February 4th – CALC – AGM and Training Course
February 7th – meeting with Traders Association
February 9th – Meeting of St Just and Pendeen Community Action Panel (read report)
February 10th – meeting of Town Councils Working Party
February 15th – meeting with Sure Start

February 15th – Meeting of PDC – Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Pendeen.
February 20th – Meeting of Age Concern.

Councillor A Trezise entered at this point in the meeting.

5. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCILLORS

a)Councillor B Rees reported that he had attended the AGM of the Lands End Area Forum, the Conference and AGM of CALC (together with Councillor B F Angwin). Also the Town Council Working Party meeting.

b)Councillor Bennett had attended two meeting of Age Concern St Just and Pendeen.

6. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Morley Thomas reported his attendance at meetings as District Councillor re the PDC Local Area Agreement, Sure Start and the District meeting to set the Council Tax for the forthcoming year. He stated that there would be a reduction in Tourism Services in the District.

7. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Nil.

8. REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

No report available.

9. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 23rd January 2006 and 6th February 2006 were confirmed and signed.

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Dog Fouling – collection bins

The District Council had responded to this Council's enquiry regarding the apparent decrease in the number of dog waste bins in the area. Since the change in legislation there were now more dog bins in the area. The Clerk would continue to liaise direct with the District Council on any problem areas brought to her attention.

b) Pavement outside the Royal British Legion

The Clerk read the letter that she had written to Cornwall County Council on behalf of the Town Council and issued all Councillors with a copy of the Access audit/advice report from the Cornwall Disability Forum that had been forwarded to Councillor Goninan. A reply from the County Council was now awaited.

c) CCTV – St Just

The Clerk reported that she was still awaiting a reply from Trelawney Securities on the offer to negotiate re the fifth camera and the relocation of one other camera. Mr Corin had been on holiday but had now returned.

The Police were accessing the information obtained on the monitor when they required.

d) Casual Vacancy

The Clerk reported that the process to fill the vacancy was now in hand and being dealt with by the Returning Officer at Penwith District Council as the law required.

e) Waste Action Panel

The Clerk informed the Council that Mr Mike Toms had agreed to attend the next meeting of the Council on 6th March and would advise on the formation of a Community Waste Action Panel. The Clerk advised the Council that they would need to decide if the group was to be a Council sub-committee or a community involved group. This could be discussed with Mr Toms.

f) Parking facilities at St Just

A letter from Rachel Bray of Penwith District Council had stated that they have no knowledge of any concerns expressed regarding parking facilities in St Just to date but suggest that the subject could be included in the forthcoming questionnaires due to be issued through the Market and Coastal Towns Initiative. All outcomes from the MCTI process, which relate to the use and development of land will be forwarded to the

Sustainable Development & Improvement Service for discussion at the 'Issues and Options stage of writing the new Local Development Framework for the area.

g) Carnyorth Green – response from residents

The Clerk reported that she has received a list of items for attention in the Carnyorth area.

Cleaning and internal redecoration of the Bus Shelter, clearance of the bracken alongside the telephone box and green, consideration of a NO EXIT marking on the highway exiting the green near the (north side) corner, removal of mud and gravel from the highway in front of number 20 and filling in the potholes on the highway near the telephone box.

The Council agreed to take responsibility for clearance of the bracken and the work required on the bus shelter and the Clerk to contact the County regarding the other highway issues. The Council instructed the Clerk to get a price for the work.

h) Regeneration Project – Update

The Clerk reported that most of the end tasks had now been completed. There was still the formality of the legal responsibility of the land at Boscaswell Downs – this was being dealt with by County, the installation of the cycle racks and the adoption of the seating. The railings were installed and looked very effective in Bank Square. Nigel Sumpter was keeping in touch with the Clerk so that any small queries/concerns could be dealt with direct.

i) Alan Harvey – Citizen of the Year Award

The Council resolved to GO INTO COMMITTEE.

A local person was nominated and received the unanimous support of the Town Council. The Clerk to obtain the personal details required and forward to the District Council as soon as possible.

The Council resolved to come OUT OF COMMITTEE.

11. FINANCE

a) Applications for financial assistance
Local Government Act 1972 – Section

Councillors Strick and Trezise declared an interest.

1. Cruse Bereavement Care
2. Pendeen Residents Association
3. Pendeen Parish Rooms Steering Group

The Council resolved to make the following donations from the Section 137 budget.

1. Cruse Bereavement Care - £50
2. Pendeen Residents Association - £500
3. Pendeen Parish Rooms Steering Group - £500

b)Letters of thanks

Nil.

c)Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Accounts totaling = £3070.54

12. PLANNING

a) Applications:

The following planning applications were considered:

06/P/0102/F – recommended for approval

06/P/0105/F – recommended for approval.

06/P/0118/F – recommended for refusal on the grounds of inappropriate development of the site.

)Decisions:

13. PENDEEN – LIGHTHOUSE WALL – southern side of Car Park (AT)

Councillor Trezise stated that he had made further enquiries on the possibility of lowering the wall. English Nature and the National Trust stated that in principal they had no concerns in the matter. Enquiries were now being made from the owner of the land and other interested parties. He would report back when more information was available.

14. CAPE CORNWALL SCHOOL – information meeting (SS)

Councillor Smith informed the Council that Mr Kneebone, the Headteacher at the Comprehensive School, was prepared to come and talk to the Council on recent developments at the School.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Kneebone and invite him to a meeting in the near future.

15. AFFORDABLE HOMES (MT)

Councillor Morley Thomas informed the Council that other Parish and Town Councils had invited Mr Alan Hampshire to speak on the above subject at one of their meetings and he believed that St Just was the only Council that had not.

The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr Hampshire and invite him to do so at his convenience.

16. MCTI SURVEY (MT)

Copies of the draft survey was issued to all Councillors for comment. The public would receive the surveys during April.

17. TOURISM COMMITTEE (arrange meeting date)

The Clerk reported that there were matters that required the attention of the Council's Tourism Committee and that she wished to arrange a meeting date.

The Council agreed to meet on Wednesday 8th March at 10 a.m. in the Council Chamber.

18. CORRESPONDENCE:

a)PHA – Weed control at St Just

The Clerk reported that she had received complaints from members of the public regarding the use of chemical weed sprays in the area. The complaints had been forwarded to Penwith Housing Association (the authority responsible for authorizing the work) who had dealt with it to the satisfaction of the complainants.

b)ODPM – Standards of Conduct in English Local Government: The future.

The Clerk reported the Code of Conduct was being updated and the information would be circulated in due course. Noted.

c)Cornwall Library Service – Mobile Library

The Clerk issued copies to all Councillors of the services of the above traveling library. Notices had also been put in the public notice boards.

d)Britain in Bloom – proposed sitings of flower arrangements

The Clerk read to the Council a letter outlining the proposals of the St Just in Bloom Committee for floral displays in the town centre areas and asking the Council's approval for placing containers around the War Memorial and hanging baskets on the Council's office building.

The Council instructed the Clerk to inform the Committee to contact the Royal British Legion regarding the War Memorial and to seek permission from the District Council regarding the office building as they were the owners of the property.

e)Cornwall Enterprise

The Clerk was instructed to forward this information on to the Traders Association.

f)Just Cornish – St Pirans Day celebrations

Milo Perrin had written to inform the Council that it was intended to have a parade on the Friday before St Pirans Day and the local schools would be participating. He was inviting the Town Council to attend and support this event in the Town. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr Perrin and obtain details of when and where the parade would take place and Councillors to be notified accordingly.

g)CCC – Annual Minerals and Waste Monitoring Report 2004/5

The Clerk report the availability of this document from the County web.site. A hard copy would be obtained for the office. Noted.

h)CCC – Public Path Creation Order

The Clerk had been informed of the creation of a new section of footpath to link with footpath 77 from the top of Nancherrow Hill to Kenidjack (via the proposed extended treatment works). This was in accordance with what had been suggested some time ago but the Council asked the Clerk to clarify that the link would incorporate a footbridge across the river to the unclassified highway at Kenidjack.

i)PDC Play Strategy

All Councillors were informed of this forthcoming meeting at 2p.m. on Friday 24th February at the Astropark in Penzance. Noted.

j)Cornwall County Training Partnership – training sessions.

Any Councillor wishing to take advantage of this training – get in touch with the Clerk for booking etc. Noted.

19. PUBLICATIONS

The following publications had been received and were available to Councillors:

NALC – Direct Information

Parow Agenda

Outreach Magazine

Local Works

Sure Start

NAAC

20. MATTERS OF REPORT

The following matters were raised under this heading:

Councillor Angwin – lorries mounting the pavement outside Keg-an-Teg.

Councillor Smith – update on the subject of the Town Hall.

Councillor Stevens – update on the progress of the web site.

Councillor Strick – concern at Pendeen Carn and parking at Portherras Cross.

There being no further items of business the Town Mayor closed the meeting thanking the members for their attendance.

CONFIRMED THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH 2006

Town Mayor.....