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A Meeting of the Town Council was duly convened and held in the Council Chamber at 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 14th April 2008 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillor M Nicholls – Town Mayor
Councillor C McClary – Deputy Town Mayor
Councillors Mrs S Smith, Mrs S James, Ms S Angove, B F Angwin,
B Rees, K McFadden, N McFadden, M Thomas together with the
Town Clerk (Mrs E George).

1 member of the public.
2 Police Officers (part meeting)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs S Olds and D Stevens.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made:

Councillor S Smith – planning 08-0028-P.

Councillor K McFadden- planning 08-0382-P, 08-0383-LBC

Councillor N McFadden – planning 08-0382-P, 08-0383-LBC

Councillor B Rees – applications for financial assistance – Plen Project

3. TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

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

20th March – One Cornwall Seminar – meeting for Chairmen and Clerks.

5th April – St Just Opera

8th April – Chamber of Commerce meeting at St Just

10th April – CAP AGM at Comprehensive School

13th April - St Just Church – Penzance Rotary Club Service.

4. REPORT OF THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

The Deputy Mayor reported his attendance at the Geevor Partnership meeting where discussions have taken place on the covenants on the Geevor land and the County Council are also looking into the matter.

5. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCILLORS

a)Councillor Mrs Smith reported her attendance at a meeting of Age Concern and the AGM of P.A.C.T.

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b)Councillors Thomas and Angove reported their attendance at the Town and Parish Forum on 27th March as District and County Councillors respectively.

6. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Nil.

7. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Angove reported that the Prohibition of Waiting Orders for Trewellard and Carn Bosavern would be implemented in the near future.

8. REPORT OF POLICE OFFICER

PCSO Tonkin gave a verbal report to the Council (copy to the Clerk) as follows:

17 reported crimes compared to 20 for the same period last year.

Damage to vehicles - 4

Damage to dwellings – 2

Domestic incidents – 3

Drug offences – 1

Damage to non-dwelling – 2

Damage to bus shelters – 2

Drunk and disorderly – 1

Burglary to shed – 1

Arson- 1

9. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of 17th March 2008 and 31st March 2008 were confirmed and signed subject to the following (initialled) amendment:

Page 2760 – “Twinning with French town.....sub-committee be formed consisting of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, together with Councillors N McFadden and K McFadden to look into the matter further and report back to the Council in due course.”

10.MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a)One Cornwall Information and update

Information had been received from the Parish Liaison Officer of the One Cornwall Team . This included the latest One Cornwall Newsletter, a letter from the Electoral Review Working Group Chairman and general update information.

b)Plastic Bag free town – update

The Clerk asked if Councillors had any further information on this proposal and if the Traders Association had taken a view on the matter. The general public had been made aware of the Council's initial interest and were asking for progress reports.

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Councillor McClary stated that he would make further enquiries from the Co-op and Councillor Thomas said that he would refer the matter again to the Traders.

c)Environment Agency – response letter

The Clerk read a letter of response to this Council's enquiry from the Environment Officer of the above Agency regarding concerns at the quality of the water in the Cot Valley and Tregeseal rivers.

The response stated that due to financial restraints on the service they had been forced to make cut backs in this type of monitoring service although the output from the sewage treatment works at Tregeseal is still routinely monitored as this is funded by the charges raised against the consent to discharge for the site.

The Officer appreciates the genuine nature of the concerns and suggested that Councillors use and promote the use of the Agency freephone incident hotline – 0800 807060 to report any pollution incident as soon as possible following the event and secondly that if the Council was able to be more specific with details of the areas of concern there may be specific sites or land use practices that would benefit from pollution prevention visits by the Agency.

The Council noted this response.

d)Twinning

The Mayor had been asked to meet with a representative from the French town of Brec'h to receive a gift from their Mayor. The Mayor and the Clerk were authorised to purchase an appropriate gift in return to exchange at the proposed informal meeting.

e)PDC – Young citizen of the year award – referred from last meeting

The Council made no nomination but asked the Clerk to write to District Councillor Goninan and support a nomination that they believed he had put forward.

f) Carn Bosavern – No waiting Time restrictions and Limited Waiting Parking Bays

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The County Council had made a decision on the above proposal after taking into account the results of the consultation. Letter as follows:

“Due to a number of suggestions regarding the times covered by the limited parking bays, the restrictions have now been amended to Monday to Friday, 8 a.m to 5 p.m., 30 minutes no return within 2 hours. It was felt that there is no need for restrictions on a Saturday and after business hours during the week. The positioning of the two limited waiting parking bays will be as advertised.

There was limited objection to the double yellow lining along Carn Bosavern. The only amendment to these restrictions will be to terminate the lines at the junction at

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number 6 Carn Bosavern rather than continue down the road to number 1, due to the lack of alternative parking for the residents affected.”

11. FINANCE

a) Applications for financial assistance

Local Government Act 1971 – Section 137

1. West Penwith Community Bus association
2. Plen Project
3. Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre
4. Home Start West Cornwall
5. Housing Aid in Cornwall
6. Penwith Life Skills Exhibition
7. St Just in Bloom Committee

1. The Council asked for more details of the accounts of the Association and then reconsider at the next meeting.
2. The Council resolved to review the situation of the Plen Project in the light of applications to funders and reconsider in 6 months time.
3. Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre – leave
4. Home Start – leave
5. Housing Aid Cornwall were granted £100.

6. Penwith Life Skills Exhibition – awarded £100.
7. St Just in Bloom Committee – awarded £1000.

b) Letters of thanks

Nil.

c) Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

£8473.36

Totalling

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c) Notification of Annual Audit for 2007/2008

The Clerk reported receipt of notification of the annual audit. The appropriate notice had been published as required and arrangements were made for the Internal Auditor to attend in the near future.

d) Financial Statement for year ended 31st March 2008

The Clerk issued to all Councillors copies of the accounts, bank reconciliation statements and a list of Section 137 donations for the above year. Any queries or questions regarding the accounts please refer to the Clerk as soon as possible. The Statement would be presented to the Council for acceptance at the next full meeting following Internal Audit and prior to a submission to the Audit Commission.

12. PLANNING

a) Applications

Councillor Thomas made the following statement:

“In commenting on these applications I should make it clear that my comments are based on the information currently available and do not commit me to taking the same position when the matter is discussed at the District Planning Committee and full information is available.”

08-0028-P

Re-roofing of kitchen extension and installation of two rooflights at 23 Fore Street St Just for Ms S Thompson. T. Cl. – adhere to previous decision (No objection).

08-0059/F

Raising of ridge height to provide second storey, construction of two storey conservatory and balconies on front and side elevations for Laurence York Moore at The Design House Crukern Bosworlas St Just TR19 7RQ. T. Cl. – adhere to previous decision (support)

08-0277-F

Construction of two storey rear extension to replace single storey extension at 11 Levant Road Pendeen for Mr R Cope. T. Cl. – No objection.

08-0358-HP

Installation of two solar thermal collectors on East and West elevations, may affect the setting of a listed building, for Mr & Mrs G Richards of 8 Venton East Square. T.Cl. – divided opinion – concerns of effect on Article 4 C.A.

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08-0364-TPO

Lopping of ash and copping of alder for Mrs C Roberts of 18 The Turnpike Tregeseal St Just. T.Cl. No objection.

08-0382-P

Change of use, conversion and extension of existing dwelling to form 2 self contained units at 23B Chapel Street St Just for Mr D Menear. T.Cl. – no objection in principle – concerns at hanging slate and balcony as inappropriate in Article 4 Conservation Area.

08-0383-LBC

Change of use, conversion and extension of existing dwelling to form 2 self contained units at 23B Chapel Street St Just for Mr D Menear. T. Cl. – no objection in principle – concerns at hanging slate and balcony as inappropriate in Article 4 Conservation Area.

08-0423-P

Construction of dwelling and associated works at Land adj to 24 Regent Terrace St Just for Penwith Housing Association. T.Cl. – support.

08-0449-P

Construction of two dwellings and associated works at 1 Carn View Terrace Pendeen for Mr & Mrs C Williams.T.Cl. – no objection (prefer wood windows)

b)Decisions:

08-0137-P

Change of use of land from agricultural to residential and construction of a 4 bay timber garages. (Withdrawn by Applicant)

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13. ST JUST AREA GUIDE

The Clerk informed the Council that the Area Guides that had been published last year have proved so popular that stocks are currently low and there will not be enough to supply our local outlets for the forthcoming season. She suggested that the Council seek a quote from the publishers for additional copies.

The Council instructed the Clerk to seek a quotation for a)1000 copies and

b)2000 copies and report back in due course.

14. CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (SJ)

Councillor James raised this item following the Council's recent informal meeting with Affordable Housing Officer, Planning Officer, and Mr A Fox speaking on Community Land Trusts. Land End Area Forum have also discussed this subject and Councillor James felt that now was the time to determine if the subject was to move forward.

It was agreed that representatives from the Town Council meet with representatives from the M.C.T.I. to discuss the merits of such a scheme and if deemed appropriate that group to set up and call a public meeting to determine local interest and views on the subject.

15. REDUCING FEAR OF CRIME (SJ)

Councillor James asked what crime prevention initiatives were being undertaken by the Police in this area and were the public aware of any such initiatives.

It was suggested that matters referred to above could be looked at by the P.A.C.T. group or by referring direct to our Local Neighbourhood Beat Manager.

16. CORRESPONDENCE:

a)PDC – Review of Street Trading Control Areas 2008.

A letter had been received from the District Council's Monitoring Officer regarding a review of the way the District Council manages its street trading and asking if this Council had any problems or concern in this area.

The Council resolved that no problems had been identified relating to this subject so they had no comment to make on the matter.

b)CCC – Cornwall Countryside Access Forum – Annual Recruitment 2008.

The Council were notified of this annual recruitment drive and the Clerk informed them that she had displayed the relevant notices as required.

c)Penwith Community Development Trust

A letter had been received from Bernie Hall, Head of Communities, offering to come to talk to this Council and update them on the work being undertaken within the community and possibly discuss any financial support that the Council could offer.

The Clerk was instructed to make an arrangement with Bernie Hall for such a meeting.

d)CCC – Cornwall Electoral Review and info from PDC

The above information was noted.

e)CCC – Civil Parking Enforcement

The County Council information referred to the change in the way in which parking restrictions are to be enforced in the future. The County would be taking over responsibility from the Police from 5th May 2008.

The Clerk had put the information leaflets on the table for the use of Councillors and these would also be available to the general public in the near future.

f)Cornwall AONB – invitation to Annual Conference
17th May at Liskeard.

The Clerk informed the Council of the above invitation. Any Councillor wishing to attend please inform the Clerk as soon as possible.

17. PUBLICATIONS

- a)Minutes of League of Friends of West Cornwall Hospital and Poltair Hospital.
- b)Childrens Hospice South West – Campaign – newsletter
- c)Hocking Descendants Society Newsletter
- d)PAROW – Minutes of meeting.
- e)Outreach – magazine.

The above publications had been received and were available to Councillors on request.

18. MATTERS OF REPORT

a)The Clerk reported for information that the TIC Board in Bank Square had been updated with new photographs and local information.

b)Councillor Thomas stated that in his role as Governor at Cape Cornwall School he felt that it would be beneficial if the Council wrote to the Headteacher inviting representatives from the School Council to attend a normal monthly meeting of this Council. The Council adhered to this request and the Clerk to write accordingly.

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

CONFIRMED THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY 2008

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Mayor.....