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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Re Agenda item 13.

10 members of the public attended to speak on the subject of Off Road Bikers and to seek the Town Council's support in principle for the intention to use land located at South Bosvargus Farm, with the permission of the land owner, for the use of the Tinnars Bikers Club. Mr Matt Myers spoke on behalf of those present and presented the current situation and desire of the Club Members to run an organised and legal site and to reduce the alleged incidents of bikers having to use non-permitted land in the area resulting in complaints to the Police. The Police Officers present also fully support the project and have been working with the Club for the past two years to establish a potential site for legitimate off road motorcycle activities .

A Meeting of the Town Council was duly convened and held in the Council Chamber St Just on Monday 22nd December 2008 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillor M Nicholls – Town Mayor

Councillor M Thomas – Deputy Town Mayor

Councillors Mrs S Olds, B F Angwin, C McClary, D Stevens, Mrs S James,

W East, B Rees together with the Town Clerk (Mrs E George).

10 members of the public

2 Police Officers .

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms S Angove, N McFadden, K McFadden.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor D Stevens declared an interest in planning application 08/1596/P.

Councillor B Rees declared an interest in planning application 08/1638/P

3. REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR

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

1st December – Legal Service at Truro Cathedral (together with the Town Clerk)

2nd December – Town Council Audit Meeting

4th December – Cape Cornwall School Breakfast Club

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8th December – Judging of the Christmas Window Displays with PDC Chairman, Cllr. Mrs J Tanner.

9th December – Working Party Meeting to edit Just a Word

4. REPORT OF THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

2nd December – Audit Meeting, 9th December – Working Party meeting re JAW.

5. REPORTS OF TOWN COUNCILLORS

Councillor Rees reported his attendance at the Audit Meeting on 2nd December and the Working Party on 9th as above. He had also, together with Councillor Angwin, attended the One Cornwall presentation and the Town and Parish Forum meeting on 18th December. Councillor S James had attended a meeting at the Centre of Pendeen.

6. REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Nil.

7. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Nil.

8. REPORT OF POLICE OFFICER

P.C. Daniel Care gave a verbal report to the Town Council as follows:-

There had been 6 reported crimes since the last full meeting of the Town Council.

3 burglaries

2 theft

1 criminal damage

This compares to 11 crimes for the same period last year.

Patrols have been stepped up in the area over the Christmas period to target anti-social behaviour. Police are appealing for the public to be vigilant and to report to the Police any incident. Please report crime on the 08452 777444 or emergency 999. Please do not leave messages on the 01736 356221 for reporting crimes as these are not always picked up at the time.

9. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2008 were confirmed and signed.

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2008 were confirmed and signed.

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10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a)One Cornwall update and issue 15 newsletter

Copies of the above issue had been circulated to all Town Councillors.

An acknowledgement of receipt of this Council's formal expression of interest to enter Phase 1 of the Active Partnering arrangement pilot scheme had been received.

b)Internal Audit Committee (report previously circulated)

The Report of the Council's Internal Audit Committee (attached to these minutes) was approved and accepted.

c)North Cornwall District Council – Acknowledgement of Town Council's response on Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) Methodology Report.

The Town Council's comments had been noted.

d)Balleswidden Minestack

The Clerk was instructed to arrange a meeting of interested parties for early in February. It was suggested and agreed that the date be provisionally arranged for 2nd February 2009 (immediately following the Council's Planning meeting).

11. FINANCE:

a)Applications for financial assistance – Local Government Act 1971 Section 137

1. Consideration of annual honorarium to Pendeen Silver Band
2. Mr Terry Dymond – in appreciation of work on the Pendeen Christmas Tree.

The Council resolved to grant £300 to Pendeen Silver Band and to give Mr Dymond £50 as a gesture of appreciation.

b) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Totalling
£589.92

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c) Penwith District Council – Parish/Town Council Precept 2009/10

The Clerk issued all Councillors with a copy of the letter from the District Council providing details of the requirement to Precept. The date of the Precept (Estimates) meeting is scheduled for Monday 26th January 2009. Noted.

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12. PLANNING

Councillor Thomas made the following statement:

“In commenting on this application 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.”

a) Applications

08-1596-P

Construction of domestic wind turbine at The High Barn, Grumbla, Sancreed, for Mr. Jeffrey Goodman. (T. Cl. No objection).

08-1638-P

Demolition of existing garage and construction of dwelling and associated works for Mr. K. Miucci. (T. Cl. No objection).

b) Decisions

08-1307-P

Retention and completion of construction of Ground Floor and First Floor Extensions to provide additional bed spaces and lounge facilities at Benoni Nursing Home, 12, Carallack Terrace, St. Just. for Benoni Nursing Home Ltd. Approval (T.Cl. no objection).

08-0917-P

Installation of antenna in connection with digital switchover at National Grid Wireless Transmitter, Carnyorth for National Grid Wireless. Approval (T.Cl. no objection)

08-1182 - P

Extension of time from 10 months holiday occupancy in any one year to 12 months occupancy in any one year for 15 static caravans at Roseland Caravan Park, Dowran, St. Just for Mr. Mr. C. Flack. Approval (T.C., no objection)

08-1315-P

Conversion and extension of garage to form holiday accommodation at Kelly Bray, Higher Bosavern, St. Just for Mr. A. Holliday. Approval (T.Cl. no objection)

08-1354-P

Installation of solar collector panels on south elevation at Kelynack Moor Barn, Bosworlas, St. Just for Mr. Julian Boyd. Approval (T.Cl. support).

08-1447-HP

Re-roofing using dark grey nailed slate. Installation of roof lights of side Elevation. Installation of replacement windows and doors. Raising height of boundary wall and re-painting of front elevation at 10, Lafrowda Terrace, St. Just for Mrs. Margaret Foden. Approval (T.Cl. No objection).

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c) Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use or Development

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Continued use of land for residential caravan at Airport Cottage, Kelynack, St. Just for Mr. G. Trembath. Cert. Of Lawfulness (T.Cl. no objection).

13. MOTOR BIKES (WFE)

Councillor East raised the subject of the acquisition of a possible site for off-road bikers to take part in their chosen sport. The situation was as described by Mr Matt Myers at the beginning of this meeting in "Public Participation." Councillor East felt that the Town Council should support this sporting activity.

On a proposal by Councillor East, seconded by Councillor McClary the Town Council voted to support the project in principle. * Vote as follows: 8 in favour, Councillor Thomas asked for his name to be recorded as abstaining from voting.(* subject to an amendment on 19/1/09 meeting. E.G.)

14. 1996 TOWN SURVEY CAU – LISTED BUILDING RECOMMENDATIONS (CMc)

Councillor McClary raised the subject of the above Town Survey which had been undertaken by the Cornwall Archaeological Unit in 1996. This survey had proved a valuable asset and reference book over the years but he was concerned that few of the recommendations for Listing in the survey had actually materialised. He felt that this was a matter that the Town Council should look into in the future.

The Council instructed the Clerk to write to Mr N Johnson, Head of the Historic Environment Service at Cornwall County Council and invite him to meet with the Town Council for an informal discussion on the matter in the near future.

15. RIGHTS OF WAY CONTRACT – GRANT AID OFFER FOR 2009/10 FROM CORNWALL COUNTY COUNCIL (EG)

The Clerk reported that the County Council had made a grant offer for the next financial year in line with the new calculations for categories of gold and silver paths. They had advised that it was not necessary to seek new quotes, but to continue with the existing arrangements locally. The Clerk reported that she felt the grant offer was reasonable and if the Town Council set aside a small budget in its own forthcoming Precept, as per the current year, it would give the Town Council some flexibility with local path issues as had proved an advantage in the past.

The Council agreed to accept the grant offer as detailed above, and to include a sum in the Town Council budget also detailed above.

16. INFORMATION COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE – (new MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME)

To be available to the public from 01/01/09 (EG)

The Town Council had circulated to all Town Councillors details of the above requirement.

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The Council's current Publication Scheme expires on 31st December 2008 and it is a legal requirement to adopt a Scheme from 01/01/09.

The Clerk stated that the Information Commissioner's Office had produced a Model Publication Scheme for Local Councils and she suggested it would be in the Town Council's interest to adopt this Model Scheme. If the Town Council chose this course of action no further communication with the I.C. Office would be required, but advertising the scheme publicly could be done via the Town Council website and providing the link with the Information Commissioners Office.

The Council resolved to adopt the Model Publication Scheme as detailed above and instructed the Clerk to make the arrangements for the publicity via the Town Council's website.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

a)Cornwall County Council – Arts in the Community Activities – (FEAST) circulated

The Clerk had previously circulated information regarding the above Project which was asking for suggestions for a vacant/central business premises in the centre of St Just during the month of February. Councillors had also been approached individually by the Project Manager who lives locally. The Council could not identify any suitable premises in the Town Centre but did suggest one on the outskirts of the Town.

b)Boundary Committee – draft recommendations

The above information had been circulated to Town Councillors. Noted.

c)Caradon District Council – Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Shoreline Management Plan Review – copy previously circulated.

The Council made no comment on the above review.

d)Letter from local resident re business advertising sign on granite feature in Market Square

The Council agreed with the complainant in that the sign should be removed and to this end the Mayor and Deputy Mayor were instructed to visit and speak with the trader involved and respectfully request its removal as soon as possible.

e)Cornwall County Fire Safety Brigade.

Information in the form of a Fire Safety Message on DVD had been received for Councillors to circulate as they think appropriate. Noted.

f)Penwith District Council- Court Desk Service
HMCS – Proposed Amendment to Counter Service.

Noted.

g)Cumbria Clock Company re clock maintenance

The Clerk reported receipt of communication for the above company who were responsible for the maintenance of the St Just War Memorial Clock and the Pendeen Church Clock on behalf of the Town Council. The letter informed the Council that the costs would increase

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slightly for this next year. The St Just Clock from £120 to £146. The Pendeen Clock from £95 to £135.

The Council approved the above charges and informed the Clerk to inform the Company accordingly.

h)Letter from local resident re proposed housing at Carrallack Lane - previously circulated.

Contents noted.

18. PUBLICATIONS:

The following publications are available to Councillors upon request to the Clerk:

- a)Penwith District Council – Christmas and New Year Refuse Collections
- b)Cornish Association of Victoria Newsletter
- c)Cornwall Blind Association
- d)Outreach Magazine
- e)PAROW – Agendas and Minutes
- f)Penwith District Council – Housing Advice Strategy 2008/10
- g)Hocking Descendants Society Newsletter
- h)Interlink Cornwall
- i)Your Cornwall – publication

19. MATTERS OF REPORT

Nil.

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

CONFIRMED THIS 19TH DAY OF JANUARY 2009.

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Mayor.....

