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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 the 21st January 2008 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillor M Nicholls – Town Mayor
Councillor C McClary – Deputy Town Mayor
Councillors Mrs S Olds, Mrs S Smith, Mrs S James,
B F Angwin, K McFadden, N McFadden, M Thomas, S Angove (part meeting from 15.)
D Stevens, B Rees together with the Town Clerk
(Mrs E George).

Press.
PCSO Tonkin
1 member of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Sandy Angove – she would endeavour to attend later in the meeting if possible.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

3. REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR

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

18th December 2007 – Hospital and Homes Christmas Visits with the Town Clerk.
10th January 2008 – Kids-R-U's Pantomime
13th January 2008 – Marazion Feast
15th January 2008 – Traders meeting at St Just
16th January 2008 – St Just in Bloom.

4. DEPUTY TOWN TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

Nil.

5. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCILLORS

a) Councillor Stevens reported that he had attended a meeting of the Allotment Society and reported the Town Council's support from the last meeting.

b) Councillor Smith reported that she had attended meetings as follows:
10th January – St Just and Pendeen Community Action Panel
11th January – meeting of St Just and Pendeen Age Concern. An Open Day
will be held
at Age Concern on Friday 14th March to discuss any concerns or issues.
21st January – Meeting of St Just and Pendeen Age Concern.

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6. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Nil.

7. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Nil.

8. REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

PCSO Andrew Tonkin gave a written report to the Clerk and stated that reported crime for the area totalled 9.

4 criminal damage

2 thefts

2 common assault

1 arson

9. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 17th December 2007 and 7th January 2008 were confirmed and signed.

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Land at Boscaswell Corner Pendeen

The Clerk reported that she had received confirmation from the Solicitors that the transfer of the land had been completed and the interim payment for legal fees had been refunded

this would now need to be forwarded to the County Council as they had agreed to fund the

legal costs involved in the transfer. Councillor K McFadden stated that he wished to know

the amount of the legal costs involved. The Clerk was instructed to make enquiries on this matter.

b) Twinning

Virginia March and Howard Curnow had both expressed an interest in discussing this further.

The Mayor would be meeting with the above mentioned together with Councillor Neil

McFadden to discuss the matter further in the near future after Howard Curnow had returned

from France.

c)CCTV – update – (EG) – IN COMMITTEE

It was reported that the electrical work required to the cameras had now been completed.

Councillor Neil McFadden was thanked for his assistance with this task.

d)CCC – Highways – response re Chywoone Cross Roads

Mr A Drake (Area Surveyor) stating that he does not believe the Council's request(for reflective signage) would alleviate the perceived problem. As funding is extremely limited, and must be directed to priority works, he is unable to accommodate the request.

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11. FINANCE:

a)Applications for financial assistance

Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act

The following applications were submitted to the Town Council for consideration:

1. Centre of Pendeen
2. Cornwall Animal Hospital (awaiting accounts)

On a proposal by Councillor K McFadden, seconded by Councillor N McFadden the Council resolved to grant £1000 to the Centre of Pendeen.

The second application was still awaiting presentation of accounts.

b)Letters of thanks.

Letters of thanks had been received from the following organizations in response to recent donations.

1. St Just and District Community Sports Centre
2. Cape Cornwall Comprehensive School

c)Accounts for payment:

Totalling = £1585.19

d)Financial update from CALC – copy to Town Councillors
Information was supplied regarding credit arrangements and borrowing by Town and Parish Councils.

e)Budget information for meeting on 28th January 2008
The Clerk issued financial information to all Town Councillors regarding expenditure in the current financial year, bank balances etc together with projected expenditure to 31st March 2008 and guidance on individual budget headings in preparation for the meeting on 28th January.

12. PLANNING

a)Applications:

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Councillor M Thomas made the following statement:

"In commenting on these applications I should make it clear that my comments are based on 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."

07/P/1502/F

Replacement of existing metal framed windows with aluminium framed windows at St Just Library. Market Street, St Just for Cornwall County Council.

Tcl: No Objection

08-0004-F

Construction of dwelling and internal garage on land adjacent to St Johns Terrace Pendeen for Stone Cross Development and Construction Ltd.

Tcl: No Objection

08-0012-F

Construction of maintenance/storage building at Leswidden Dries for Mr M May of Stunts UK Ltd.

Tcl:No Objection (please note: Adhere strictly to conditions imposed relating to properly constructed drainage facilities, Council concern at possible effect on

nearby water source which has been used in the past for public supply. The sole use relates strictly to the application.)

08-0014-CLEUD

Continued use of land for the siting of residential caravan at Airport Cottage Kelynack for Mr G Trembath. (Certificate of Lawfulness)

Tcl: No Objection

b)Decisions:

07/P/1316/F

Installation of photovoltaic panels on south roof slope at St Just Cricket Club Cape Cornwall Road for St Just Cricket Club. - Pl.Auth. Approval. T.Cl.Support.

07/P/1320/F

Demolition of existing garage/store and construction of detached dwelling at garage r/o former Trewellard Stores junction B3306 at Trewellard Pendeen. - Pl.Auth. Approval. T.Cl. No objections.

13. IDEAS TO ENCOURAGE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (SJ)

Councillor James raised the above subject for Council discussion.

It was agreed that the subject of Community Land Trusts be looked into in more detail by contacting Mr Alan Fox of the Cornwall Rural Housing Association and inviting him to meet with the Town Council and possibly representatives from Penwith's Affordable Housing Department and look at the subject in more detail.

14. SUPPORT FOR FARMERS MARKET IN PENDEEN/ST JUST (SJ)

Councillor James raised the above subject in response to requests through the MCTI recent survey which had identified the issue as one of interest to the wider community.

Considerable discussion took place on the benefits or possible detrimental impact such a market could have on the communities of St Just and Pendeen. In general it was felt that as the MCTI had not been successful in obtaining funding for this project and that a feasibility study would be required it was unlikely to get support. Councillor Thomas stated that such a

Market would need an organizer and Councillor K McFadden stated that such a market should not be considered for Market Square due to the existing parking problems there. Councillor Smith stated that a survey had at one time identified the Town Hall as being appropriate venue for a Farmers Market. It was agreed that such a project would need to be structured and that it could jeopardize existing businesses as market stalls had none of the usual business overheads to take into account.

A proposal to explore the possibility of a farmers market was lost by 6 votes to 5.

Councillor S Angove entered at this point of the meeting.

15. UNITARY AUTHORITY – TOWN COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT (SS)

Councillor Smith raised the above subject and the fact that the Council had not completed sections 2 and 3 of the One Cornwall Survey to identify the ambitions and interests of the Council in the provision of future services.

Councillor Angove stated that she had been appointed to the Implementation Executive as a representative to CALC.

It was agreed that the Town Council completes the survey as mentioned above at the next Planning Meeting scheduled to be held on 4th February 2008.

16. NEW TRACK AND BARBED WIRE FENCING AT TREVEDRA CLIFF/GWENVER (CMc)

Councillor McClary stated his concerns that this new track had been excavated, heavily fenced and signed with "private" notices. In his opinion it was detrimental to the visual impact of the area and a real eyesore. The District and County Councils had been aware of the situation for some time but no visible action had been taken to date. According to local information there was no evidence of a previous track and this could set a precedent for the future.

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On a proposal by Councillor McClary, seconded by Councillor Smith, the Council instructed the Clerk to write to the County and District Councils and ask them to identify the legality or otherwise of the track and the concerns at the infringement of the public rights of access under the Open Countryside legislation.

17. BANNING OF PLASTIC BAGS IN TOWN AND DISTRICT – TRADERS RESPONSE(CMc)

Councillor McClary raised this issue following the discussion at the meeting in November 2007

(2709) where it was agreed to bring the matter to the attention of the Traders Association in St Just for comment.

Councillor Thomas stated that it had been brought to the attention of the Traders Association -

although they had agreed it was a good idea felt it would not always be possible to operate

such a scheme. Councillor Stevens stated that the local Co-op should be approached in the

place and then public opinion could be sought on the subject. More enquiries to be made on

the matter and reported back in due course.

18. CORRESPONDENCE:

a)CALC – 4th Annual Conference – Saturday 9th February 2008

The above invitation had been received and 4 Councillors and the Clerk agreed to attend.

Councillors Angwin, Angove, Smith and Rees together with the Clerk.

b)CALC – Nominations for Honorary Officers and Outside Bodies.

On a proposal by Councillor Angwin seconded by Councillor McClary, Councillor Rees was unanimously nominated to the position of President of CALC for the ensuing year.

19. PUBLICATIONS:

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

a)PAROW – minutes and agenda

b)Local Council Review – Magazine

c)Cornwall and the Cross – book from Frances Banham Chairman of the Victoria County History of Cornwall Trust.

d)Clerks and Councils Direct – newsletter

20. MATTERS OF REPORT

Councillor Angove stated that a public meeting on Affordable Housing being organized by the

Lands End Area Forum was to be held on 29th January at the Age Concern premises in St Just.

Councillor Stevens indicated the possibility of available land in relation to allotment provision.

No details at this time.

There being no further items of business the Town Mayor closed the meeting, thanking the

Members for their attendance.

CONFIRMED THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2008

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Mayor.....

