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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 21st July 2008 at 7.15 p.m.

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

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Nil.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor C McClary declared an interest in agenda item 11(a) Application by St Just Mining Research Group.

Councillor M Thomas declared an interest in agenda item 11(a) relating to application of Cape Cornwall School FSA and to the grant to the Nancherrow Centre agenda item 11(a).

Councillor D Stevens declared an interest in planning application 08/0912/HP.

Councillor S Angove declared an interest in the grant to the Nancherrow Centre agenda item - 11(a).

Councillors Nicholls and Angwin declared interests in the grant to the Nancherrow Centre – agenda item 11(a).

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:

24th June – Cape Cornwall School and French School from Brec'h – Music and Dance.

29th June – St Ives Mayors Sunday

30th June – Affordable Housing

3rd July – Cape Cornwall Traders Breakfast

8th July – Britain in Bloom judging
9th July – Twinning meeting with schools
12th July – League of Friends Fete

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12th July – Cricket Club
14th July – St Just Primary School – open photographic exhibition
19th July – Lafrowda Day – Mayors of District and Chair of Penwith District Council

4. REPORT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

Nil.

5. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCILLORS

a)Councillor S James wish to update on Affordable Housing. (this would be included in agenda item 14). She also reported on the position with the Centre of Pendeen. There were ongoing problems with the structure of the building which was still causing concern.

There had been a slight increase in the income of the Centre and the Committee were now more optimistic. The Farmers Markets had proved popular and successful events.

b)Councillor S Angove reported that she had attended a concert in Pendeen Church on behalf of the Mayor.

c)Councillor D Stevens reported that he had attended a meeting of the Sports Centre Committee.

d)Councillor Angwin reported that he had attended a meeting as Tree Warden at Penwith District Council.

6. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Nil.

7. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Angove reported that some of the local highway schemes had been delayed.

8. REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

In the absence of a Police Officer, the Clerk read the reported crimes to the Town Council as follows:

Total of 15 crimes compared to 32 for the same period last year.

3 criminal damage to vehicles.

1 criminal damage to property.

1 affray.

1 vehicle interference.

3 reports of non crime domestic related issues.

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1 report of theft.

2 reports of burglary.

1 report of drink driving.

1 report of assault causing G BH with intent.

1 report of taking motor vehicle without consent.

9. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 23rd June 2008 and 7th July 2008 were confirmed and signed subject to some minor clerical errors which were amended and accepted as correct.

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a)One Cornwall – update

The Clerk issues a copy of Issue 10 Newsletter to all Councillors.

CALC were holding a meeting on this subject on 29th July 2008 at 7 p.m. Any Councillor intending to attend to inform the Clerk so that she can email the numbers attending.

b)Land Registry Information

The Clerk informed the Town Council that it appeared to be advisable to register the small piece of land at Tregeseal that is the current site of the telephone kiosk. The Council agreed that the Clerk pursue the registration process.

The possible registration of the Plain an Gwarry would require some considerable research before a Statutory Declaration could be made prior to a possessory title being applied for. The Clerk would speak with the Legal Department at Penwith and seek advice.

c)Twinning – update (MN)

No further information at this point in time.

The Clerk asked that Mr Howard Curnow be informed of the next meeting as he had considerable knowledge on the subject.

d)Land at Boscawell Downs- Project with Pendeen School

The Mayor reported that the Headteacher at the Pendeen School had met with the Clerk and the gardener of the School gardening project to discuss the subject. It appeared that the idea was acceptable to all parties and as the School had no funding to kick-start the project an initial £250 was put into the project fund so that work could be started whenever convenient. It was proposed by Councillor Angove, seconded by Councillor McClary that the above project goes ahead. Councillor K McFadden expressed his disapproval of the payment believing it required prior discussion by the Council. The Clerk stated that Standing Orders permitted such a payment by the Clerk after conferring with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. (minute subject to amendment at mtg. 1/9/08)

e) IN COMMITTEE – CCTV – consideration of maintenance agreement and outstanding account

It was proposed by Councillor N McFadden and seconded by Councillor B Rees that this item of business be considered at the end of the meeting. Resolved.

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11. FINANCE:

a) Applications for financial assistance:
Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

1. The Parish Church of St Just in Penwith
2. Nancherrow Centre
3. Friends of Cape Cornwall School
4. St Just Mines Research Group

The Council resolved as follows:

1. To write to the Vicar re the application for the Church to enquire what funding was already available and what other sources of funding he was seeking.

Councillor C McClary assumed the Chair for the next application by the Nancherrow Centre.

2. The Nancherrow Centre be granted £1000 (as proposed in the 2008/9 budget).

Proposed by Councillor Stevens seconded by Councillor Rees.

3. The Clerk to contact the secretary to the Friends of Cape Cornwall School and enquire what other funding they had sought and what funds they had available for this project.

4. The St Just Mines Research Group be granted £250 in support of the photographic exhibition project at Botallack. Proposed by Councillor Thomas seconded by Councillor Angwin.

b) Letters of thanks.

Letters of thanks had been received in response to recent donations.

1. Pendeen Parish Hall.
2. Centre of Pendeen
3. Victim Support Cornwall.

c) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were approved for payment:

		Totalling
£4611.89		
(BACS payments)		
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d) The Clerk issued a Financial Statement for the three months from 1st April to 30th June 2008 for Councillors Information. Any queries, please contact the Clerk after the meeting or in the office.

12. PLANNING:

a) Applications:

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 and full information is available."

08-0912-HP

Construction of conservatory on rear elevation and removal of garage door and insertion of window on front elevation at 35 Carrallack Mews, St Just for Mr P Davies. T.Cl. No obj.

b) Decisions:

Nil.

**13. 1. Application to use the Plain an Gwarry from 13th to 19th July 2008.
Lafrowda Committee for Lafrowda Week – various events.**

The Council confirmed the permission for the above application given by the Town Clerk.

**2. Applications to use the Plain an Gwarry on August Bank Holiday weekend:
Saturday 23rd August – 7-10 for Breton and Cornish Music
Monday 25th August – 7-10 for Cornish Music.**

The Council confirmed acceptance of the above use.

**3. Application to use electricity in Market Square by Lafrowda Committee for
Friday 18th and Saturday 19th July 2008 for the Lafrowda Festival events.**

The Council confirmed acceptance of the above uses.

14. Setting up Community Land Trust (SJ)

Councillor S James gave a verbal report to the Council on the result of the public meeting held in the Methodist Church Hall. Another meeting is planned for early September with a view to setting up a Community Land Trust. (Councillor James to confirm the date with the Clerk in the near future.) Two representatives appointed from the Town Council – S James and N McFadden, 1 representative from L.E.A.F. and 1 representative from each of the following Parish Councils to be invited – Sennen, St Levan, St Buryan, Sancreed and Morvah. Councillor James would make the contact for L.E.A.F and the Clerk to email the Parishes listed above when the date is confirmed.

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15. Tregiffian/Trevedra footpath (CMc)

Councillor McClary stated that although this matter had been looked into in some detail a while ago and the relevant authorities confirmed that they would investigate the matter further, nothing further had been done.

The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr Pender at Planning Enforcement and request an update on what action if any was being taken to determine the legality or otherwise of the constructed footpath.

16. Fencing at Nine Maidens(BR)

Mr Ian Cooke had circulated information to all Town Councillor expressing the concerns of a group of concerned residents on the proposals of Natural England to fence in several areas of heathland under their Heath Project. Councillor Dave Stevens read a report by Adam Sharpe on historical guidance on managing the heathlands.

The Council believed they would be in a better position to make a decision on this matter if they could have a short talk/presentation at a meeting from both sides of this sensitive subject. To this end the Clerk was instructed to

contact Mr Ian Cooke and Natural England to determine a suitable and acceptable date and time for all parties.

17. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Letter from PRA – re Town Council’s view on Cancer Care in Cornwall.

A letter from the Pendeen Residents Association had expressed concern at the possibility that certain Cancer Care Services could be taken out of Cornwall and relocated in Devon.

They were asking the Town Council for their view on the matter.

The Council unanimously resolved to support the retention of a first class Cancer Care Service in Cornwall. The Council felt that is very important that patients should have access to the service as near as possible to where they live. During times of serious illness the added stress of having to travel out of the County for treatment or surgery is not acceptable to most people. PRA to be informed of the above decision.

b) CCC – Landscape goes live! Council comments requested.(copies to Mayor and Deputy)

The Clerk informed the Council of the above landscape study and website. Details at <http://www.cornwalllandscapes.org.uk>. Comments invited either on line or by writing to Cornwall County council.

c) Matthew Taylor M.P. re incinerator in St Dennis

A letter had been received from Matthew Taylor M.P. seeking the Council’s support for a public inquiry into the planned waste incinerator for St Dennis.

On a proposal by Councillor Stevens seconded by Councillor McClary the Council resolved as follows:

“The St Just Town Council is concerned that plans to build a single large waste incinerator in Cornwall to burn 240,000 tonnes every year for 30 years, a commitment of hundreds of

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millions of pounds of Council taxpayers money, may not be the best environmental, financial or practical solution for Cornwall’s waste; believes the plans contradict Government and regional planning guidance that waste should be dealt with in as close proximity to its source as possible and that the scale of the incinerator takes insufficient account of the increasing emphasis on recycling and reuse; believes that more environmentally friendly energy recovery processes should be examined; and calls on the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to call in the proposal to examine in detail the cases for and against the proposed incinerator and alternative solutions.”

Councillor S Angove asked to be recorded as being against this resolution.

d)CCC – Modification Order for Part of footpath 73

The Clerk reported receipt of the Notice of the Modification Order as detailed above.

The Council unanimously resolved to support the Order believing that varying the footpath as shown in the Order will clarify the situation and prevent any confusion in the future.

e)CCC – Stopping up of part of highway at Bosorne Road/Regent Terrace

The Clerk read a letter from the Legal Department at Cornwall County Council serving notice of the County's intention to apply to the Magistrates Court on October 3rd 2008 for an Order authorising the stopping-up of two areas of highway land at Bosorne Road/rear of Regent Terrace, St Just with plan attached.

The Council had received no objections to the proposal and agreed unanimously to support the above application for the Order.

f)CALC- General Meeting: Annual Conference

The next CALC General Meeting will take place on 29th July at County Hall at 7 p.m. Subject – Community Networks.

Councillor Rees agreed to attend the above meeting.

CALC AGM – County Hall 24th November 2008.

CALC – conference County Hall 7th February 2009.

Noted.

g)BTCV .

Information had been received (available from the Clerk) on the work of the above volunteer group.

h)PDC - Town and Parish Forum 24th July 7 p.m. Penzance

The above meeting date was noted.

i)PDC – Post Office Closure Programme.

Noted.

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j)CCC – Cornwall County Fire Brigade's IRMP Service Plan

Information noted.

18. PUBLICATIONS:

a)The Selus

- b) League of Friends of West Cornwall and Poltair Hospitals
- c) PAROW – Agenda and minutes
- d) Clerk's and Councils Direct
- e) The Ramblers Association Newsletter
- f) Local Council Review – NALC

The above publications were available to Councillors on request from the Clerk.

19. MATTERS OF REPORT

Nil.

The Council resolved to GO INTO COMMITTEE---

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10(e) Consideration of maintenance agreement for CCTV equipment:

On a proposal by Councillor Angove seconded by Councillor McClary the Council unanimously resolved to accept the quotation of Cornwall CCTV in the sum of £400 and the terms and conditions contained therein.

Outstanding account re Trelawney Securities for consideration:

On a proposal by Councillor Stevens seconded by Councillor McClary the Council unanimously resolved to pay £465 plus VAT as a final payment for the goods and services provided by the Company.

OUT OF COMMITTEE-

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

CONFIRMED THIS 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2008.

Mayor.....

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