

MINUTES of the TOWN COUNCIL MEETING of ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 23 November 2009 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor M Nicholls – Mayor
Councillor M Thomas – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

B F Angwin	K McFadden
Ms P S Angove	N McFadden
W F East	F Morris
Mrs S James	D Stevens
C S McClary	

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Colin Garrick, Cornwall Council
Simon Jones, Shopmobility Manager, Penzance

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs Sharon Olds.

TC.155 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-That the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 9 October 2009 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor, subject to minute nos. TC.141 and 147 being amended to read "*Councillors Ms P S Angove, Mrs S James and M Thomas declared a personal interest in min no TC.147 Bosavern Farm as members of the Steering Committee of the Community Land Trust.*"

The Town Mayor informed the Council of concerns that had been raised from a local resident in respect of the Council's decision to award a S.137 grant towards the cost of the exhibition to mark the Levant Mine Disaster and the Council's response to the public consultation on the conservation area appraisals for the smaller villages (*minutes of the meeting of the Town Council 12 October 2009 refer*). The Town Clerk reported that she had responded on behalf of the Town Council to the comments received. The Town Council noted the comments.

The Town Clerk also reported that she had received a response from Kevin Moseley, Cornwall Council regarding the use of permitted development, and in particular the issue of Certificates of Lawfulness which had been raised by Councillor Stevens at the Council meeting on 9 November 2009. The Town Council noted the response.

TC.156. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillors Ms P S Angove declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 09-1198-P at min no TC.166(a) as the applicant and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

Councillors Mrs S James and Thomas declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 09-1198-P at min no TC.166(a) as friends of the applicant and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

Councillor M Nicholls declared a personal interest in planning application 09-1198-P at min no 166 (a) as the applicant was known to him.

TC.157 REPORTS OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR & TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Mayor reported that he had attended St Just Feast on 1 November 2009 and on the Monday morning.

The Deputy Mayor reported that on behalf of the Town Council he had attended and laid the wreath at the Service of Remembrance at Pendeen on 8 November.

Councillors Mrs James reported that she had also attended the Service of Remembrance at Pendeen. On 29 October she had chaired a meeting of the Community Land Trust and on 13 November had signed as a Trustee and confirmed that the legal process to create the trust was continuing which should be completed in the next few weeks. On 3 November she had also attended a meeting at the Centre of Pendeen.

Councillor Angove reported that she had attended planning training by the Council for the Protection of Rural England on 31 October 2009 in Truro.

Councillor B F Angwin reported that he had attended a meeting of the Bendigo / Nevada Twinning Association on 18 November 2009.

TC.158 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

As Councillor Goninan was absent from the meeting, the Town Clerk circulated a copy of his written report to all members of the Town Council. The report updated the Town Council on the progress being made in respect of the draft Management Agreement between Pendeen Community Heritage and Cornwall Council in respect of Geevor Mine, affordable housing in St Just, dog fouling, the Promoting Independence (PIP) Project, Councillor Champions for Older People, Boswedden Lane, Cape Terrace and Balleswidden Stack. The report also outlined the decision taken by Cornwall Council's Health Adults Overview & Scrutiny Committee to establish a Single Issue Panel to look into Minor Procedures and Outpatient Appointments which Councillor Goninan would chair.

TC.159 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

In the absence of PC Dan Care & PCSO Andrew Tonkin the Town Clerk gave the Police report for the period from 28 September to 23 November 2009. During that period there had been 23 reported crimes which compared to 46 for the same period last year.

These included five cases of criminal damage to motor vehicles, four criminal damages to dwellings, five burglaries, one drunk and disorderly, two thefts, one possession of a Class A drug, one knife possession, one common assault, one attempt to purchase alcohol for an under 18 year old and two unauthorised taking of motor vehicles.

TC.160 SHOPMOBILITY

The Town Council received a presentation from Colin Garrick, Cornwall Council and Simon Jones, Shopmobility Manager, Penzance outlining the scheme.

The Shopmobility Scheme which had been in operation for three years was established due to a lack of disabled parking within Penzance. The scheme provided mobility scooters for individuals with mobility problems and aimed to promote independence, meet individual needs and support inclusion into the community for those who felt excluded.

The scheme was managed by the Light & Life Free Methodist Church aided by a team of volunteers. The scheme had proved popular with visitors to the area during the tourist season but those involved in scheme now wished to increase local usage.

The scheme cost in the region of £10,000 p.a. to run but only generated about £1,500 in income so was therefore reliant on grant funding for its continuation. It was hoped that further funding would be available from Cornwall Council to bridge the gap. However, support from town and parish councils was also being sought, particularly in respect of publicising the scheme. It was hoped that improvements to the scheme would see it connect with other local organisation to get the machinery to those who needed it, particularly those who were socially isolated.

Councillor Angove supported the aims of the scheme and suggested that the provision of such facilities within St Just would help to alleviate rural access problems. Simon Jones commented that proposals were in hand to extend the service to St Ives from Spring 2010 and would look at the feasibility of a scooter / wheelchair being made available within St Just.

Councillor K McFadden expressed concern at the financial viability of the scheme as it was primarily dependent on grant funding. Simon Jones took on board the comment and said that the winter months were challenging. The Town Council suggested that the Cornishman be approached to help publicise the scheme and raise its profile locally.

The Town Council thanked Colin Garrick and Simon Jones for attending the meeting.

TC.161 PENWITH MOORS

The Town Council considered its formal response to the request by Save Penwith Moors to hold a public meeting on the issue of fencing and grazing of moorland in West Penwith, with specific reference to Carnyorth Moor which had been deferred for consideration from the last meeting to give Councillors an opportunity to consider the report by John Waldon (*minute no. TC.143 refers*).

RESOLVED: - That

- (1) The Town Council fully supports the continuation of the Heathland Forum as the mechanism for continued dialogue between all the relevant parties and therefore feels that it would be inappropriate to hold a public meeting at this time.
- (2) A letter is sent to Cornwall Council and Natural England expressing the Town Council's concern at the mismanagement of the scheme by Natural England and urging Natural England to continue dialogue via the Heathland Forum.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.162 APPOINTMENT OF TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO CORNWALL COUNCIL'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk advised members that Cornwall Council was currently seeking two town and parish council representatives to its Standards Committee. Any councillor interested in selection should complete the application form copies of which were available from the Town Clerk.

TC.163 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

RESOLVED: That the Town Council authorises the Deputy Mayor to purchase two sets of LED Christmas lights.

(Action by : Morley Thomas)

TC.164 JUST A WORD

The Deputy Mayor sought the Council's view on the continuation of the "Just a Word" publication.

RESOLVED: That a meeting of the Town Council's Working Party be held at 10.00 am on Monday 7 December to consider the issue.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.165 FINANCE

- (a) Applications for Financial Assistance

Phoenix Project

The Town Council received a brief presentation from Clive Williams on the details of the countywide mentoring project which aimed to help young adults with behavioural problems by building up their self-esteem and improving their lives.

The scheme had been funded by the Cornwall Council via the Fire Service budget and the service was now looking to continue the mentoring programme at a local level by using local fire brigade officers in the community.

The Mayor reported on the programme which had been run successfully at the Penzance Fire Station and welcomed the continuation of the programme within St Just.

RESOLVED: That a S.137 grant of £400 be awarded to the St Just Fire Service to support one mentoring programme and that Clive Williams be asked to attend a future meeting of the Town Council to report on the progress of the mentoring scheme locally.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £2,365.27 be approved for payment.

(c) Letters of Thanks

The Town Clerk reported that letters of thanks had been received from the St Just Football Club and Cornwall Blind Association.

TC.166 PLANNING

(a) Applications

09-1198-P Construction of dwelling on plot adjacent to the Old Net Factory, St Just. Applicant Councillor P S Angove.

Councillor Angove as the applicant, Councillors Mrs S James and Thomas, as personal friends of the applicant, withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the application.

Councillor Nicholls declared a personal interest as the applicant was personally known to him.

T CI supported the application but would like to see a chimney incorporated in the design.

(b) Decisions

09-0151 Erection of wooden pole and additional span of overhead wire at Boscaswell Estate, Pendeen. Applicant Western Power Distribution. **Consent with conditions but subject to review after 5 years. (T CI no objection)**

09-0776-P Construction of nursery, children's centre and associated works on land at Cape Cornwall School, St Just for the Brambles Nursery & Children's Centre. **Approval (T CI no objection)**

09-0952-P Demolition of existing extension and construction of 2 storey and single storey extension at Forge Cottage, Tregiffian, Sennen. Applicant Mr K Collins. **Approval (T CI no objection)**

09-0993-P Construction of replacement agricultural building at Higher Bojewyan Farm, Pendeen. Applicant F.E. & E.M. Murley & Sons. **Approval (T CI no objection)**

09-999-P Retention of land as part of garden at Trevarno, Pendeen. Applicant Mrs Vivien Flinn. **Approval (T Cl no objection)**

09-1009-HP Installation of rooflights and suntubes at Tor Barn, Higher Bojewyan, Pendeen. Applicant Mr Duncan Adams. **Approval (T Cl no objection).**

09-1105 Proposed replacement windows at 21 Carn View Terrace, Pendeen. Applicant Mr & Mrs Trehwella. **Certificate of Lawfulness**

(c) Satellite Dishes

Details of a response received from Cornwall Council's Planning & Regeneration (West) Team in relation to the installation of satellite dishes was circulated to all members of the Council for information.

TC.167 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED - that in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following matters on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the identified paragraphs of Part I, Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).

TC.168 COUNCIL OFFICE ACCOMMODATION (EXEMPT PARAGRAPH 3)

The Mayor advised members of the Town Council that preliminary discussions had been held with officers of Cornwall Council regarding possible options for the future use of the first floor of the Council Offices as the tenant would not be returning.

The meeting was adjourned to enable a site inspection of the newly refurbished flat by those members of the Town Council present.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.45 p.m.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk be authorised to continue in preliminary discussions with the local Community Network Manager regarding this issue, with information on proposed options being brought forward to the Town Council for consideration at the appropriate time.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.169 IT EQUIPMENT (EXEMPT PARAGRAPH 3)

The Town Council considered a quote for a replacement desktop computer for the Town Council office.

RESOLVED: That the quote from Karn Solution Ltd be accepted.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.170 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING (EXEMPT PARAGRAPH 3)

The Town Clerk presented details of the Town Council's income and expenditure, together with bank account reconciliations for the period 18 July to 16 November 2009.

RESOLVED: That the position be noted.

Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Town Mayor