

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING of ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 10 February 2014 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor K McFadden - Town Mayor
Councillor T N McFadden – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

B Clemens	F Morris
F Cock	D Roberts
T McFadden	G Roberts
Mrs G McQueen	Mrs G Salmon

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Crystal Wakefield - Pendeen

TC.291 PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ms Wakefield attended the meeting to advise the Town Council about a local pilot volunteer scheme that she hoped to establish within the local community.

The focus of the scheme was threefold: signposting to helpful groups and organisations, the creation of two community hubs: one in St Just and one in Pendeen to work closely with existing local community groups to develop a collaborative, mutually supportive and cohesive working relationship for community benefit and development of a volunteer “good neighbourhood scheme” which would identify and respond to the needs of isolated and vulnerable people in the local community. The concept of the pilot was to add to, but not undermine the work of existing agencies and to “plug” perceived holes in local service delivery to increase take up and local awareness of service provision.

Volunteers would be used within an unincorporated association managed by a small coordinating group hopefully under the umbrella of a local organisation.

There would be some initial one-off set up costs such as premises / telephone line / broadband / printing etc the cost of which was estimated to be in the region of £1,000.00

The Town Council thanked Ms Wakefield for attending the meeting and outlining her proposal and stated that the matter would be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting on 24 February when the Council would consider its formal response.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.292 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Blundy, Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Mrs James.

TC.293 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None received.

TC.294 DISPENSATIONS

None.

TC.295 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 27 January 2014 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC. 296 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

TC.297 FLY TIPPING, TREGESAL

The Town Council discussed the issue of fly tipping at Tregeseal which had been raised by Cllr G Roberts at the last meeting (minute no TC.288/14 refers), and in particular a request that new signage be erected to advise local residents of the flooding risk to properties if rubbish continued to be dumped near the stream. The Town Clerk reported that the matter had been investigated by Cornwall Council but that no evidence had been found of rubbish entering the stream, and that, as garden waste only had been dumped it did not pass the public interest test to put resources into catching the offender. In addition, the Town Council had no powers to erect signs, but if the Council decided that it wished to erect a sign and was prepared to cover the costs, Cornwall Council had indicated that it may provide such a sign.

The Town Council reiterated its concern at the potential for additional flooding and

RESOLVED: That a quotation for signage and erection be obtained from Cornwall Council and brought to the next Council meeting on 24 February 2014 for consideration.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.298 AFFORDABLE HOUSING – SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

The Town Council considered its response to the draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document on which Cornwall Council was currently seeking views.

The Town Council made no formal response to the draft supplementary planning document.

TC.299 SUPPORTED BUS SERVICES IN WEST CORNWALL

The Town Council considered a note which had been produced by Cllr Mrs McQueen and Cllr Mrs Salmon following the joint meeting of the St Ives, Hayle & West Penwith Community Networks regarding cuts to the supported bus services in West Cornwall. The current proposal would see a reduction in Cornwall Council's budget of £0.450m in 2014/15 which would have an adverse affect on the feasibility of some routes.

Town and parish councils were being asked to advise First Bus of their preferred routes and views on the proposed increases in fares.

The recommendations that were agreed at the joint meeting were as follows:-

- that Cornwall Council reinstates the existing level of funding to supported services as a minimum;
- that First Bus review recent changes to ticketing arrangements and fare increases;
- that First Bus and Cornwall Council address specific bus service shortcomings;
- that Cornwall Council clarify the position on disabled/wheelchair access on bus services;
- that funding from Cornwall Council is identified as central to community bus service provision; and
- that discretionary fares are retained for children aged 8-plus on journeys over 2 miles as part of the 'Transport to School' consultation

The final recommendation was in response to a further Cornwall Council consultation on home to school transport.

Mrs McQueen stated that the bus company had responded positively to the comments made at the meeting and asked the Town Council to consider if there were any other routes which needed to be brought to the attention of the bus company.

Cllr Clemens stated that he had received a number of complaints from local families regarding the proposed changes to discretionary fares for school children, and in particular referred to the increased risk of injury to children walking along the road between Pendeen and St Just.

Cllr Mrs Salmon also referred to the 300 bus service and requested that, as part of the Council's formal response to the supported bus services consultation, consideration be given to extending discretionary fares to local people on that route.

RESOLVED : That

- (i) Cornwall Council is advised that the Town Council strongly supports the recommendations of the Joint Community Network Meeting held on 30 January 2014;
- (ii) Cornwall Council is advised of the Town Council's concern at the heightened risk of danger to school children from the Pendeen area walking along the road between St Just and Pendeen as a result of the loss of discretionary fares; and

- (iii) Consideration is given to extending the discretionary fare scheme to the 300 bus service for local residents only.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.300 MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE AND ONE STOP SHOPS

The Town Council considered recommendations from Cornwall Council to replace the Council's existing mobile library and one stop shop services with a range of community based initiatives in the light of a 50% budget cut.

The results of the consultation would be reported back to the Partnerships Portfolio Advisory Committee prior to the Cabinet's final decision.

RESOLVED: That no formal response to the consultation be made at this stage.

TC.301 THE COMMONS ACT 2006 – PART 1 (REGISTRATION) THE COMMONS REGISTRATION (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 APPLICATION 2846 – 0.771 HECTARES OF LAND AT TREWELLARD COMMON

The Town Clerk reported that following the Council's consideration of the above application to register waste land of the manor as common land a further letter had been received from Cornwall Council regarding the receipt of an objection to the registration from Mr A J and Mr B M Angwin and that as a result the application had been withdrawn.

As the Town Council had decided to support the application, Cornwall Council was seeking confirmation from the Council as to whether in light of the withdrawal of the application it wished to pursue the registration as applicant and meet the cost or withdraw its support.

In addition the Town Council was advised that a further application by Save Penwith Moors (App 2847) concerning 6 hectares of land at Trewellard Common and Carn Eanes was being processed.

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council is advised that in the light of the objection received in respect of application 2846 the Town Council withdraws its support to the registration of the land as common land.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.302 REVISION TO STANDING ORDERS

The Town Clerk presented revisions to the Council's standing orders which had been produced by the National Association of Local Councils in response to new legislation.

RESOLVED: That the amendments to the standing orders be adopted by the Town Council with immediate effect.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.304 WASTE MANAGEMENT IN CORNWALL

The Town Council noted the contents of a document which had been produced by Stithians Parish Council regarding its concerns and proposals to Cornwall Council for the sustainable management of the county's waste, but made no formal comment.

TC.305 CALC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Town Council agreed not to be represented at the CALC Annual General Meeting on 20 February 2014.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.306 CORNWALL AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

The Town Council agreed not to be represented at the forum meeting on 22 March 2014.

TC.307 QUOTATION FOR THE UPGRADE OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

RESOLVED: That the quotation from Karn Solutions for the upgrade of computer equipment within the Town Clerk's Office be accepted.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.308 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

No applications received.

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £84.98 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Grant Feedback / Letters of Thanks

A letter of thanks had been received from Arthritis Research UK in respect of the grant to help support continued research.

TC.309 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA14/00440 Construction of a double garage at 9, Cresswell Terrace, Botallack, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. J. Anderson. **(T Cl no objection)**.

(b) Decisions

PA13/11127 10kw aircon wind turbine, 10m mast, 10.25 to hub and 14m to tip on land at Trebartine, Kelynack, St. Just. Applicant: Ms. C. Dyas. **Withdrawn** (T. Cl. Strong Objection).

PA13/10123 Conversion of rear store to additional residential accommodation and associated works and replacement windows and doors at 1, Regent Terrace, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. J. Curnow. **Approval without balconies** (T. Cl. Objection on the grounds that the two Juliet balconies were not in keeping with the original barn).

PA13/11219 Proposed importation of materials and re-profiling of existing land at Tregiffian, Sennen, Cornwall. Applicant: Mr. B. Grose. **Withdrawn** (T. Cl. Strong Objection).

(c) Enforcements

EN13/00126 Development has not been constructed in accordance with the approved plans – additional windows, construction of large fence and height on land adjacent to Trevarno, Leat Road, Boscaswell Downs, Pendeen. **Application Received.**

TC.310 INFORMATION ITEMS

The Town Clerk reported that the Government had announced that, as part of the Final Local Government Financial Settlement 2014/15 it had decided not to extend referendum principles to parish councils for the coming financial year. However, the Local Government Minister, Brandon Lewis MP had put local councils on notice that the Government was prepared, if necessary, to apply the referendum thresholds to larger town and parish councils from 2015 to 2016 onwards to provide protection for local taxpayers and extend the principle of direct democracy.

TC.311 MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had received a number of complaints regarding the use of pebbles as part of the landscaping at the Gews Farm development. The Town Council noted the comments.

TC.312 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that under Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of the following item because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

TC.313 ST JUST LIBRARY

The Town Council considered its position regarding the proposal by Cornwall Council to reduce opening hours at the library, and in particular the effect on the TIC provision during the summer holiday period for which the Town Council made a financial contribution of £2,500.00 to provide extended provision during periods when the library

would otherwise be closed.

RESOLVED: That

- (i) a meeting is arranged between the Town Council and Cornwall Council at the earliest opportunity to discuss the impact of the proposed reduction in library opening hours and the potential impact on TIC provision during the peak summer season; and
- (ii) the Deputy Mayor to attend the public meeting being arranged by Cllr Mrs James on 13 February 2014 on behalf of the Town Council and to report back to the next Council meeting on 24 February.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Town Mayor