

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 5 August 2013 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor K McFadden - Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

T McFadden
F Morris

G Roberts
Mrs G Salmon

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Sue James – Cornwall Councillor

PC Janine Reynolds – Neighbourhood Beat Manager, Devon & Cornwall Police

PCSO Andrew Tonkin – Devon & Cornwall Police

TC.98 PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None.

TC.99 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs Blundy and Councillor Mrs McQueen.

TC.100 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

TC.101 DISPENSATIONS

None.

TC.102 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 22 July 2013 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC. 103 MATTERS ARISING

On minute no. TC.97/13 (Matters for Report); the Town Clerk reported that a meeting was to be held on 10 September 2013 with representatives from Cornwall Council and

the Chairman of the Lafrowda Festival to discuss the litter problems which had occurred during the recent Lafrowda Day celebrations.

On minute no. TC.96/13 (Information Items), the Town Clerk also reported that she had received information via Chris Goninan that the 12 week period of consultation on the Poltair Hospital and West Cornwall Services Review was due to commence in September 2013 and that Mr Goninan had formally requested that, as part of the consultation process, a public meeting be held in St Just as a possible closure of Poltair Hospital would affect residents from the local area. Mr Goninan had received confirmation that a public meeting would be held in St Just (date to be confirmed).

TC.104 SPEED VISOR

The Town Council received a brief presentation from PCSO Andrew Tonkin on the request for a new speed visor which had been referred from the last meeting (Min no. TC.92/13 refers). PCSO Tonkin had contacted Cornwall Council Highways who had confirmed that the siting of a speed visor did reduce vehicle speed. However, Cornwall Council had stated that no funding was available to purchase any new equipment and that it would not support a mobile speed visor which was installed independently from the Council. Cornwall Council would only monitor speed visors where it deemed it was appropriate for one to be installed at a potential cost of £5,000. This was likely to be a more costly option than the suggested mobile visor for which a cost was still awaited from the manufacturing company.

Councillor Mrs James confirmed that she was meeting Mike Peters, Cormac Ltd on 9 August 2013 to discuss highway issues and she agreed to raise the issue of the speed visor with him and to report back to the next meeting.

PCSO Tonkin stated that speeding vehicles was the biggest problem locally at the present time and that policing plans were to be put in place over the next few weeks to address the problems. PCSO Tonkin also agreed to report back to the Town Council on the potential cost of a new speed visor.

(Action by : Sue James / Andrew Tonkin)

TC.105 ST JUST RECREATION GROUND

The Town Clerk advised the Town Council of discussions taking place between Sue James, local Cornwall Councillor and officers from Cornwall Council regarding St Just Recreation Ground and issues regarding facilities at the ground.

It had been suggested that at an item be placed on the next agenda of the meeting of the Local Community Action Panel (CAP) regarding the possibility of the group becoming a formally constituted group which would enable it to make funding applications in its own name. It was also being suggested that CAP could carry out a local survey to determine community need, and therefore take on board issues raised by young people in the local community.

Sue James, local Cornwall Councillor had offered her assistance, together with that of the Community Network Manager's Team.

PCSO Tonkin confirmed that the goal posts had been removed by Cornwall Council because they were unsafe but that they had not been replaced. Complaints had been received from owners of the adjoining properties regarding an increased nuisance from footballs kicked into their gardens. Councillor Mrs Salmon also reported that she had received complaints about a proliferation of broken glass and drug use at the recreation ground over the Lafrowda weekend. PCSO Tonkin stated that he had not been made aware of any such problems but agreed to investigate.

Following discussion it was agreed that PCSO Tonkin would find out the cost of a new set of goal posts and report back to the next meeting. He also agreed to discuss the matter at the next CAP meeting on 12 September 2013.

(Action by : Andrew Tonkin)

TC.106 2013 / 2014 PAY SCALES & ALLOWANCES

The Town Council noted that agreement had been reached with the Trade Unions in respect of the 1% increase which had been applied to all pay scales and allowances with effect from 1 April 2014. The new pay increase would be applied from the August salary.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.107 POLICE 101 NON-EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER

The Town Council noted the contents of a further response which had been received from the Devon & Cornwall Police Call Management and Communications Unit regarding problems with the Police 101 non-emergency telephone number.

TC.108 QUOTATION FOR REPLACEMENT CCTV CAMERA

RESOLVED: That the quotation from Ellis Security Ltd of £690.00 (excl. VAT) to replace an existing camera on the Fire Station Tower be accepted.

In response to a question regarding the effectiveness of the CCTV system, PCSO Tonkin confirmed that the cameras had assisted in securing a prosecution following the recent incidents of criminal damage within the Lafrowda Car Park.

It was also agreed that the Cornishman be approached about including a feature in a future edition of the newspaper on the CCTV upgrade.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.109 PERMISSION TO OPERATE A FOOD KIOSK – LAFROWDA CAR PARK

The Town Clerk reported that a request had made to Cornwall Council to operate a food kiosk in the Lafrowda Car Park on which the views of the Town Council were being sought.

Sue James, local Cornwall Councillor commented that she had also been consulted on the request and that like the Town Council her view was that there were already sufficient outlets in the town offering food and she was also concerned about a potential increase

in litter problems.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Cornwall Council is advised that the Town Council strongly objects to the operation of a food kiosk in Lafrowda Car Park on the grounds that there are sufficient food outlets currently operating in the town to meet demand, health & safety and hygiene issues, and
- (2) The Town Council adopts a general policy that states that *"St Just-in-Penwith Town Council is not in favour of mobile units operating in the town."*

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.110 DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE – DOUGLAS WOOLCOCK TRUST, LAFROWDA CAR PARK

The Town Clerk reported that a request had been made to Cornwall Council from the Douglas Woolcock Trust to enable drivers of the minibus to leave their cars in the reserved car parking space when the minibus was being used.

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council is advised that the Town Council strongly objects to the request by the Douglas Woolcock Trust to enable drivers of the minibus to park in the designated parking space as it would set an unacceptable precedent.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.111 FINANCE

- (a) Financial Assistance

None received.

- (b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £4,970.08 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

- (c) Grant Feedback / Letters of Thanks

In accordance with the grant funding criteria, the Town Clerk reported on the feedback which had been received from Pendeen following the recent visit to Huelgoat by pupils from the school which had been the subject of a recent grant award.

TC.112 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA13/06231 Proposed re-design of barn conversion (previously approved PA11/09158) at Church Road, Pendeen. Applicant: Mrs. P. Parsons. **T Cl objection as the proposed balcony is not in keeping with the original barn.**)

PA13/05711 Replacement extension and minor alterations at Tregiffian Barn, Sennen. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Slater. **(T Cl no objection, provided local granite to the area is used on the extension.)**

PA13/04678 Change from residential annexe to residential house at Hillside Lodge, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. C. Hooley. **(T Cl no objection provided application is submitted to discharge S.106 obligation.)**

PA13/06515 Use of part of caravan site for the storage of caravans and use of paddock for seasonal camping at Kelynack Caravan Park, Bosworlas, Crippas Hill, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. F. Grose. **(Application deferred to the next meeting pending receipt of planning officer and Environment Agency comments.)**

PA13/06770 Replacement windows on the Barn, rear of 10, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Bishop. **(T Cl no objection.)**

PA13/04064 Conversion of existing single storey stone barn into residential accommodation at Higher Bosavern Farm, Higher Bosavern, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Stephen Williams. **(T Cl strongly supports.)**

(b) Decisions

PA13/05331 Proposed front and rear extensions at 14, Boscaswell Downs, Pendeen, Penzance. Applicant: Mrs. Stella Clayton. **Approval.** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA13/04870 Raising of ridge height to allow loft accommodation and new windows throughout at Atlanta, Penzance Road, Pendeen. Applicant: Golowji Ltd. **Approval.** (T. Cl. Strong support).

TC.113 INFORMATION ITEMS

St Euny Wells to Tredinney Moor

The Town Clerk reported that confirmation had been received from the West Penwith Bridleways Association that its bid for funding from Natural England had been successful in respect of the track restoration and upgrade scheme from St Euny Wells to Tredinney Moors. The Town Council had provided a letter of support.

TC.114 Matters for Report

The Town Clerk reported that she had received confirmation from South West Water that the new Boswedden and Porthledden Sewage Treatments had been completed and had become fully operational from 24 June 2013. The new works had resulted in the removal of two crude sewage groundwater discharges at Boswedden which were now being pumped to the Tregeseal Sewage Treatment Works, and the septic tank treatment of crude sewage from the three properties at Porthledden Cove.

The Town Clerk also reported that Councillor Mrs James was due to meet with Mike Peters, Cormac Ltd to review highway issues within the locality. Town Councillors were asked to advise the Town Clerk or Councillor Mrs James of any issues which they wished to be brought to the attention of Cornwall Council in advance of the meeting.

The Town Council was advised of details regarding a planning training event being organised by Cornwall Council on 2 October regarding neighbourhood plans.

Councillor Mrs James gave advance notification to the Town Council that the Portfolio holder for Finance would be hosting a number of public events across the county to consult on Cornwall Council's proposed budget for 2014 / 15. The meeting for the West Penwith area was to be held on 19 September, venue to be confirmed.

TC.115 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

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

TC.116 CCTV

The Town Council, in consultation with the Local Neighbourhood Beat Manager and PCSO Andrew Tonkin and Councillor Mrs James discussed the operation of the CCTV system.

Meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Town Mayor