

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 7 October 2013 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

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

COUNCILLORS

Mrs M Blundy	M Nicholls
Mrs McQueen	Mrs G Salmon

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Mrs James – Cornwall Councillor
Josh Barrie – The Cornishman

TC.160 PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None.

TC.161 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T McFadden, Cllr Morris and Cllr Roberts.

TC.162 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Town Mayor declared a non-registerable interest in minute no. TC.170/13 (Christmas Trees) as he was related to the proprietor of Cornwall Garden Services and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

The Town Mayor also declared a non-registerable interest in minute no. TC.174(a)/13 (Financial Assistance) as a former Committee member of Just Rugby Football Club and TC.179/13 (Annual Citizen, Junior Citizen and Sports Awards 2013) as one of the nominees was an employee and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the items.

The Deputy Mayor declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in minute no. TC.170/13 (Christmas Trees) as the proprietor of Cornwall Garden Services and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

The Town Mayor also declared a non-registerable interest in minute no. TC.174(a)/13 (Financial Assistance) as a former Committee member of Just Rugby Football Club and in minute no. TC.179 (Annual Citizen, Junior Citizen and Sports Awards 2013) as Chairman of

the St Just Amateur Boxing Club, which had made a nomination and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the items.

TC.163 DISPENSATIONS

None.

TC.164 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 23 September 2013 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC. 165 MATTERS ARISING

On minute no. TC.144/13 (The Community Employment Programme), the Town Clerk reported on the positive feedback that had been received following the initial meeting on 30 September. As a result, the dates for the first set of courses had been set for St Just: the Coracle project would be run from 21 – 24 October followed by two employability courses from 28 October – 9 November and 11 – 22 November 2013. In addition, there had also been considerable interest in the Apprenticeship Scheme.

Councillor Mrs James also reported on the positive feedback from the meeting and confirmed that a number of local businesses had been represented at the meeting. In response to a question from Cllr Mrs Blundy, she outlined the mentoring role, which formed part of the development of a local job club, with specific individuals providing support to those on the scheme. Anyone interested in becoming a mentor was asked to pass their details onto the Town Clerk who would forward them on to Cornwall College.

TC.166 WEBSITE

This item was deferred until the next meeting on 21 October 2013.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.167 CO-OPTION OF TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Council reviewed the issue of the co-option of councillors to fill the three remaining vacancies on the Town Council as six months had elapsed since the Council took the decision at its meeting on 13 May 2013 not to fill the vacancies immediately following the uncontested election (Min no. TC13/13 refers).

Following questions raised by a number of Town Councillors regarding the legality of the Town Council's decision not to fill the current vacancies by co-option, the Town Clerk advised the Council that confirmation had been received from Cornwall Council's Legal Services that as the Town Council did have a sufficient quorum it did not have to fill the seats immediately and that in view of the number of new Town Councillors it was reasonable to defer the process to enable the new Council to "bed in".

However, to put off the decision indefinitely could be open to legal challenge. The Town Council could consider reducing the number of seats on the Council by asking Cornwall Council to carry out a Community Governance Review to reduce seats from 12 to 9. This would include consulting the local electorate and other interested parties, and if supported, it was likely that Cornwall Council would also support the reduction. However, any changes to the number of councillors would not come into effect until the next election in May 2017.

In view of the number of apologies from Town Councillors the Council agreed to defer a decision on the item until the next meeting on 21 October 2013.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.168 TOWN & PARISH FORUM

The Town Council discussed the consultation being carried out by Cornwall Council into the work and operation of its Community Network Panels which had been deferred from an earlier meeting. The review was being overseen by the Devolution & Localism Portfolio Advisory Committee and a briefing paper had been produced which set out a number of options and on which town and parish councils were being asked to submit comment.

Additional information had also been received from Chandelle Randall, Community Network Manager, which indicated that the review and the potential options for the future would have a significant impact on the way the networks operated in the future. However, in the interim, as part of the review of the present terms of reference, it had been proposed that the number of representatives attending the Town & Parish Forum be limited to two councillors plus clerk so as to avoid meetings being dominated by one council and giving all councils an equal voice.

Councillor Mrs James explained the background to the establishment of the Community Network Panels acknowledging that their development had not been as originally envisaged and that they had become informal "talking shops" outside of Cornwall Council's decision-making process. In view of this, Cllr Mrs James stated that her response to the consultation would be that the networks should be given delegated powers, possibly with a devolved budget.

Following discussion the Town Council

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council be advised that the Town Council supports the proposal that the Community Network Panels become part of Cornwall Council's formal decision-making process with delegated powers and a devolved budget or otherwise abolished.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.169 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 s.14: TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC

The Town Council considered the detail of a Notice of Intention which had been submitted to Cornwall Council by South West Water to close Chapel Road from 28 October to 1 November 2013 to enable sewer lining works to be completed.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council has no objection to the proposed road closure.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.170 CHRISTMAS TREES

The Deputy Mayor declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as the proprietor of Cornwall Garden Services and withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the item.

The Town Mayor declared a non-registerable interest in the following item as he was related to the proprietor of Cornwall Garden Services and withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the item.

In the absence of the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Cllr Nicholls took the Chair for consideration of the following item.

The Town Council considered the purchase of two Christmas Trees for St Just and Pendeen.

RESOLVED: That authority is delegated to the Town Clerk to purchase two Christmas Trees from Cornwall Garden Services on behalf of the Town Council.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.171 PUBLIC SEATING

The Town Council considered suggestions from Town Councillors regarding the re-siting of the bench located outside the Town Council Offices.

In addition, the Town Clerk reported that the new seat had arrived and would be installed as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: That consideration is given to the re-siting of the bench to Kenidjack Castle and that authority is delegated to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Town Mayor to approach the land owner.

(Action by : Elaine Baker / Town Mayor)

TC.172 THE COMMONS ACT 2006 SECTION 22: SCHEDULE 2(4) APPLICATION TO REGISTER WASTE LAND OF THE MANOR AS COMMON LAND

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council is advised that the Town Council raises no objection to the registering of waste land in St Just parish as common land.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.173 ST JUST PRIMARY SCHOOL – OPEN EVENING

The Town Clerk reported that the Town Council had been invited to participate in an open evening event being held at St Just Primary School on Wednesday 6 November 2013. The aim of the event was for representatives to attend to promote their respective organisations / businesses and the services provided.

RESOLVED : That St Just Primary School is notified that the Town Council will be represented at the open evening event by Cllr Mrs Blundy, Cllr Mrs McQueen and Cllr Mrs Salmon.

(Action by Elaine Baker)

TC.174 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

The Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor declared a non-registerable interest in the following item as former Committee members of the St Just Rugby Football Club and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for its consideration.

In the absence of the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Cllr Nicholls took the chair for the following item.

The Town Council considered an application for grant funding which had been received from the St Just Rugby Football Club toward the cost of hosting the annual bonfire and fireworks display.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £500.00 is awarded to the St Just Rugby Football Club towards the cost of hosting the annual bonfire and fireworks display.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £6,242.84 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Grant Feedback / Letters of Thanks

A letter of thanks had been received from the St Just in Bloom Group thanking the Town Council for its help and support in 2013. The group had been awarded the Ayre Cup Silver Gilt in this year's South West in Bloom competition.

TC.175 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA13/08056 Part demolition of existing wall to create opening and parking space on land adjacent to 19, Lafrowda Close, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. J. Williams. **(T Cl no objection)**

PA13/08677 Proposed rear extension with west-facing Juliet balcony (amended design PA13/04159) at Merryn, Newbridge, Penzance. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. W. Wason. **(T Cl no objection)**.

(b) Decisions

PA13/02648 Variation of Condition 3 attached to Decision Notice 07/P/1033 in respect of Barns A and D and lifting of Condition 2 attached to Decision Notice No. W1/10-0403 (usage from holiday to residential) at Bosorne Farm, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. T. Olds. **Approval** (T. Cl. Strong Support).

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

PA13/06337 Construction of new dwelling and associated works at Rathlin, St. John's Terrace, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Humphries. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA13/06338 Conservation Area Consent for construction of new dwelling and associated works at Rathlin, St. John's Terrace, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Humphries. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Comment)

PA13/06791 Proposed conservatory extension at 4, Gews Farm Barns, Bethany Place, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. J. Midwinter. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA13/06194 Installation of underground oil storage tank for beam engine at Levant Beam Engine Museum, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant: The National Trust. **Approval**. (T. Cl. No Objection).

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. **Approval**. (T. Cl. No Objection).

TC.176 INFORMATION ITEMS

Landsend Astronomers

The Town Council noted the progress being made by Landsend Astronomers in its works with the local schools.

Gews Farm Development “Drop in” Session

The Town Council noted that a “drop in” session was being held on Tuesday 15 October 2013 in the Council Offices for members of the public interested in the Gews Farm development and how to apply for a home.

TC.177 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor Mrs Blundy reported on the Poltair Consultation Workshop Day on 25 September 2013, the Dementia Friendly Communities meeting on 3 October 2013 and the Penzance, St Just, Nevada City and Bendigo Twinning Group Social Evening on 25 September (copy appended to the signed minutes).

Councillor Mrs McQueen reported that a meeting was to be held on 16 October 2013 between the Church Square residents and the Local Neighbourhood Watch Group to discuss issuing relating to the Closed Churchyard, St Just.

Clr Mrs Salmon reported that she had also attended the Twinning Group’s Social Evening on 25 September.

The Deputy Mayor, in his capacity as Chair of the St Just Amateur Boxing Club reported that due a number of its members facing difficulties in paying for their boxing sessions, the club had agreed to introduce free sessions for its members and to finance its running costs through the club’s annual show and rental income received from the hire of the boxing ring.

TC.178 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 the following item because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

TC.179 ANNUAL CITIZEN, JUNIOR CITIZEN AND SPORTS AWARDS 2013

The Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor declared non-registerable interests in consideration of the Junior Citizen and Achievement in Sports Awards respectively and withdrew from the meeting for their consideration. In their absence, Clr Nicholls took the chair.

The Town Council approved the recipients for this year’s Citizen, Junior Citizen and Achievement in Sports Awards which would be presented on Feast Sunday.

(Action by : Shirley Darby)

Meeting closed at 8 50 p.m.

Town Mayor