

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 8 July 2012 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor K McFadden - Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Mrs M Blundy	F Morris
T McFadden	M Nicholls
Mrs G McQueen	G Roberts
	Mrs G Salmon

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Sue James – Cornwall Councillor

TC.65 PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None.

TC.66 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from the Deputy Mayor.

TC.67 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

TC.68 DISPENSATIONS

None.

TC.69 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 24 June 2013 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC. 70 MATTERS ARISING

On minute no. TC56/13 (Report of Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor and Town Councillors), Councillor Mrs Blundy reported that the posters for the West Cornwall HealthWatch campaign regarding “private providers” were now available.

On minute no. TC 61/13 (Financial Assistance), the Town Clerk reported that she had received notification from Landsend Astronomers that they wished to withdraw their application for funding as the group was concerned about the potential risk of a Hydrogen Alpha Telescope being left at the school without direct supervision.

TC.71 COUNCILLOR T N MCFADDEN

The Town Mayor updated the Town Council on the progress of the Deputy Mayor following his recent accident. The Town Council passed on its best wishes to the Deputy Mayor.

TC.72 CAPE CORNWALL SCHOOL

This item was deferred until the meeting on 9 September 2013.

TC.73 LANDS' END AIRPORT

In the absence of Chris Pearson, Airport Manager, Lands End Airport the Town Clerk advised the Town Council that the airport was seeking its support to proposed runway hardening works.

The works would include a new asphalt surface on the existing runway, but with a reduced width. Clarification was being sought from Cornwall Council's Planning Team that the works would fall within permitted development rights and therefore not require a formal planning application. The works were required because of the increased dependency on fixed wing flights following the cessation of the helicopter link between the mainland and the Isles of Scilly. The islands were not only dependent on passenger flights but also there had been increase in freight transportation. The airport also attracted much needed economic benefits to the local economy. The works would be jointly funded by the IOSSC, CIOS, ERDF and Regional Growth Fund. Various investigations and surveys had been carried out in recent months and discussions were continuing with Cornwall Council highways regarding drainage issues.

RESOLVED: That a letter of support for the proposed hardening works be sent to the Isles of Scilly Steamship Company.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.74 LANDS' END PENINSULA COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (LEPCLT)

Sue James, in her capacity as the Chair of the LEPCLT gave a brief presentation to the Town Council on the work of the Trust and its relationship with the Town Council.

Councillor Mrs James stated that the Town Council had supported the LEPCLT since it had been established and that its central role was that of "Constitutional Custodian" which meant that if at any time the Town Council became concerned about how the Trust was operating or had concerns about any of its trustees, then the Town Council had the power of "veto". The main focus of the Trust was the delivery of affordable homes. The Trust had the power to purchase land and buildings to be held in trust for the benefit of the local community. It could also be used as a vehicle for other projects such as the delivery of community shops etc. The Trust was also a registered charity. Councillor Mrs

James hoped that the Town Council would continue to give its support to the work of the LEPCLT.

TC.75 NATURAL GAS

Councillor Nicholls advised the Town Council that approximately ten years ago the Council had considered the issue of mains gas being brought to St Just.

Since then British Gas had entered into a £10m improvement programme with Cornwall Council regarding property insulation. Councillor Nicholls suggested that now was an appropriate time for the Town Council to write again to British Gas seeking its comments / views on the possibility of mains gas being brought into the town, thereby reducing the dependency on LPG bottled gas.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to British Gas seeking its comments / views on the possibility of mains gas being brought to St Just.

(Action by :Elaine Baker)

TC.76 BUS SHELTER, CARNYORTH

The Town Council considered a letter from Mrs Dunk, Carnyorth regarding the possible purchase or renting of the bus shelter at Carnyorth.

RESOLVED: That Mrs Dunk is advised that the bus shelter, as a community asset for use by the local community, was not available for sale or rent.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.77 Use of Plen-an-Gwarry

RESOLVED: That the application by the Lafrowda Festival for use of the Plen-an-Gwarry for the "Lafrowda Pop Up Plen" on Sunday 7 & 14 July and Monday 8 to Thursday 18 July for assorted children's activities be approved.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.78 Use of Electricity in Market Square

RESOLVED: That the application by the Lafrowda Festival to use the electricity supply in Market Square on Friday 19 & Saturday 20 July 2013 be approved.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.79 101 – Non Emergency Telephone Number

The Town Council noted the response from the Police & Crime Commissioner dated 17 June 2013 regarding the 101 Non Emergency telephone number.

The Town Clerk also reported that a letter had also been received from Devon & Cornwall Police's Professional Standards Department which had been asked to investigate the

Town Council's complaint regarding problems experienced by local residents with the 101 no emergency telephone number. The Town Clerk requested that specific examples be forwarded to her in order that a detailed response to the complaint could be provided.

TC.80 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

The Town Council considered the grant application from the St Just Memory Cafe towards the cost of a stimulation exercise: that of arranging three separate visits for those suffering from memory loss and their carers. The visits would provide an opportunity for social activity amongst those with similar problems and other people, promoting stimulation and interest.

Councillor Mrs Blundy commented that she had attended a number of the group's sessions and reported on the positive work that was being undertaken.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED: That the following grant be awarded:-

St Just Memory Cafe	£350.00
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The Town Council also suggested that the group be encouraged to make a further application in the following year as the work and membership of the group developed.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £2,023.23 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

None received.

TC.81 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA12/06059 Erection of solar photovoltaic array at Boswedden House, Boswedden, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Nigel Nathan. **(T CI No objection)**

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

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

(b) Decisions

PA13/00950 Erection of two storey two bedroom house on land adjacent to 4, Church Road, Pendeen. Applicant: Mrs. Evelyn Hancocks. **Refusal.** (T. Cl. Strong support if the highway issue problem is solved).

PA13/03522 Construction of dormer windows to front and back elevation, granite cladding to front and re-roofing with natural slate at Jeffries Downs, St. John's Terrace, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. Ryan Toms. **Approval.** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA13/03558 Variation of Condition 4 (opening hours) attached to Decision Notice PA11/01760 to allow opening hours to be changed to 8.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. at 11, Church Road, Pendeen. Applicant: Mrs. H. Cane. **Approval.** (T. Cl. Support).

TC.82 Quarterly Budget Monitoring

The Town Council received details of income and expenditure, together with bank reconciliations for the period 1 April to 30 June 2013 (copy appended to the signed minutes).

TC.83 INFORMATION ITEMS

The Town Clerk advised the Town Council that arrangements had been made for Councillor photographs to be taken at the Council meeting on Monday 7 October 2013. The photographs would form part of the new Council website.

TC.84 Matters for Report

The Town Clerk provided the Town Council with details of a project being organised by the university of Exeter to carry out three night walks in St Just from 21 – 23 July and 20 – 22 August 2013 during these periods the street lighting would be switched off.

The Town Council had been contacted by Cornwall Council to seek its views on the matter and / or issues arising if the switch off went ahead. The Town Council raised no objections to the project.

The Town Clerk also reported that the external audit for the year ended 31 March 2013 had been completed and that no issues had been reported.

Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Town Mayor