

MINUTES of the TOWN MEETING of ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 11 July 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor M Thomas - Mayor
Councillor Mrs James – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Ms P S Angove	F Morris
B F Angwin	M Nicholls
C S McClary	Mrs S Olds
N McFadden	D Stevens

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Chris Goninan – Cornwall Councillor

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

TC.52 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27 June 2011 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

TC.53 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Angove declared a personal interest in minute no TC.56 (a) (Financial Assistance) as one of her tenants had taken on the lease of the new gallery / workshop at the Bolitho Club.

Councillors Angwin and N McFadden declared a prejudicial interest in minute no. TC.57/11 (Planning PA11/05073) as they were related to the applicant and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

TC.54 COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA

Quality Council Status

The Deputy Mayor explained that she had requested the inclusion of this item on the agenda to enable the Town Council to consider how to meet the criteria for Quality Council status.

The Town Council was advised that the Town Clerk had recently submitted her portfolio of evidence in respect of the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA), as a qualified clerk was one requirement of attaining Quality Council accreditation.

The Deputy Mayor proposed that the Mayor, Town Clerk and herself over the summer recess should look at the criteria with a view to coming back to the Town Council with an informed view on the further work that the Town Council needed to undertake to achieve Quality Council status.

The Town Council supported this approach.

(Action by : Morley Thomas / Sue James / Elaine Baker)

TC.55 PUBLIC CONVENIENCE REVIEW

The Town Council considered the detail of a letter from Cornwall Council regarding taking forward its strategy for the future provision of public conveniences in Cornwall, although the overall intention of the strategy was to maintain as many public conveniences as possible.

The Town Council was being consulted on how to commence discussions on options to share the responsibility of managing the facilities in the local area, which might include discussions as to how they might be managed as part of a "place-based" package with other services.

The Town Council stated that without accurate financial information on the costs of operating the service it was difficult to have a meaningful discussion on the issue, but agreed that the Town Clerk be asked to advise Cornwall Council that it was interested in entering into discussions with Cornwall Council on the issue of public conveniences.

The Town Council felt that it was important that the level of service should at the very least be maintained at the current level, and that it should be retained as a free service.

Councillor Goninan reported that he was due to attend a meeting of the Community Network this coming Thursday which would be discussing public conveniences, as the local Cornwall Councillors were concerned at the change in officer lead and would be seeking assurances on the process to be implemented.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.56 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

Councillor Angove declared a personal interest in this item as one of her tenants had taken on the lease for the gallery / workshop at the Bolitho Club.

The Town Council considered a report by the Town Clerk regarding a further request for financial assistance from the Trustees of the Bolitho Club. A previous request had been considered by the Town Council at its

meeting on 23 May 2011 but no award had been made at the time.

Since that meeting the Bolitho Club had presented additional information concerning historical background that the building had been left to the town by the Bolitho family for the benefit of the town's residents.

The trustees had also been advised that, as a consequence of the change of use of the part of the ground floor, additional fire precaution measures were now required to meet the planning conditions. The additional cost of this work was £1,600 plus VAT.

This further application had been made to enable the works to be completed.

RESOLVED: That a financial contribution of £1,500.00 be awarded to the trustees of the Bolitho Club.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £1,173.07 be approved for payment.

(c) Letters of Thanks

The Town Council was advised that a letter of thanks had been received from the St Just and District Community Sports Association.

TC.57 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA11/04712 Erection of replacement conservatory at 45, Boscaswell Village, Lower Boscaswell, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Burns. **(T Cl. No objection)**

PA11/04796 Erection of a first floor extension at The Old Barn, Lower Bostraze, St. Just. Applicant: Mrs. M. Ladd. **(T Cl. No objection)**

PA11/05016 Erection of a domestic garage at 11, Carn View Terrace, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Metcalf. **(T Cl. No objection)**

Councillors Angwin and N McFadden declared a prejudicial interest in respect of the following application as they were related to the applicant and withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the application.

PA11/05073 Crown reduction of one cherry tree at 8, South Place, St. Just. Applicant: Mrs. N. McFadden. **(T Cl. No objection)**

PA11/04138 Construction of dwelling and associated works on land adjacent to Benoni Villa, Boscaswell Terrace, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. D. Clark. **(T Cl. No objection, subject to a condition in respect of**

materials , particularly the use of local granite from the St Just area)

PA11/04934 Erection of an annexe and conservatory extension to dwelling Gwythvose, Jubilee Place, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. K. Williams. **(T Cl. No objection)**

The Town Council asked the Town Clerk to pass on its thanks and appreciation to Zoe McAden for her timely and informative planning comments which greatly assisted the Town Council.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Decisions

PA11/04834 Change of use of barn into ancillary domestic accommodation, extension and minor alterations on south elevation (Non-material amendment to W1/08-0629-P 27 June, 2008 to include installation of a window on the north elevation). Applicants: Miss J. Cottam and Mr. S. Carter. **Approval** (T.Cl. No objection and Penwith D.C. Approval in 2008).

TC.58 INFORMATION ITEMS

None received.

TC.59 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor Mrs Olds reported that it was her intention to resign as a School Governor at St Just Primary School and that this was an issue which should be discussed at a future meeting of the Town Council.

Councillor Stevens reported that Insp. Jean Phillips had attended a further meeting of the Lafrowda Committee and that the policing arrangements for Lafrowda Day had been confirmed. Local PCSO's and special constables would be on duty for the family event, with local police on duty for the evening event. The Police operation would be headed by the local Police Sergeant based at St Ives.

TC.60 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that under Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it is proposed that, 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(s)

TC.61 TOWN COUNCIL SIGN AND NOTICE BOARDS

The Town Mayor referred to the Town Council's decision at the last meeting not to proceed with the installation of a sign on the exterior of the building, and advised the Town Council that in his personal view a sign was needed to raise the Town Council's profile within the town.

Therefore, in view of the fact that Cornwall Council had confirmed that it was willing to make a financial contribution towards the cost of the sign, the Town Mayor sought the Council's support to the use of his Mayor's Allowance to cover

the cost of the new sign.

Some members of the Town Council felt that if a sign was to be placed on the building it should be in marine grade stainless steel to be in keeping with the local area, and that Tecmet Engineering a local company should be given the opportunity to quote for the work.

The Town Clerk advised that if the Town Council decided not to accept the quotation from Prestige Signs then this would affect the original quotation it had received for the cost of all the works (sign and notice boards). The Town Council accepted that there would be a consequential affect on the quotation.

It was agreed that the Town Mayor would seek a further quotation from Tecmet Engineering of Trewellard for consideration at a future meeting of the Town Council.

(Action by : Morley Thomas)

Meeting closed at 7.50p.m.

Town Mayor