

MINUTES of the ORDINARY TOWN MEETING of ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 13 February 2012 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor M Thomas – Mayor
Councillor Mrs S James – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

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

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Chris Goninan – Cornwall Council

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

TC.234 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Stevens declared a prejudicial interest in respect of minute no. TC 247(a)/12 (Applications), application no PA12/00528 as the applicant was known to him and he agreed to leave the meeting for consideration of the item.

TC.235 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 23 January 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.236 DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Town Council considered the contents of a letter sent to the Town Mayor from the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall regarding events to mark Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Town Clerk also confirmed that she had written to the National Trust and The Old Cornwall Society regarding the national beacon lighting event.

Members of the Town Council felt that the Council should mark the occasion and suggestions including the purchasing of commemorative mugs, coins, benches and tree planting, linking with the local schools were suggested. A Jubilee Lifetime Achievement Award together with a civic reception was also suggested.

RESOLVED That the Town Clerk be asked to report to the next meeting on the options and potential costs and that contact be also made with the local schools.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.237 “PLANNING FUTURE CORNWALL” – OUR PREFERRED APPROACH FOR A CORE STRATEGY CONSULTATION

The Town Council’s comments were sought on Cornwall Council’s document “Our Preferred Approach for a Core Strategy” which outlined its preferred approach to its 20 year planning strategy “Planning Future Cornwall” and how it would help to deliver the vision of Future Cornwall.

Community Network discussion papers had been produced which provided details on growth and distribution options.

To provide councillors with additional time to consider the contents of the document, it was proposed that the item be deferred until the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the item is deferred until the next meeting to provide councillors with additional time to review the content of the documents.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.238 NEW ARCHIVE AND RECORD OFFICE FOR CORNWALL

The Town Council considered its response to Cllr Joan Symons, Portfolio Holder for Culture and Leisure’s letter of 30 January 2012 seeking the Council’s views on possible sites either in public or private ownership for a new archive and record office for Cornwall.

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council is advised that St John’s Hall, Penzance is suggested as a possible site for the new archive and record office for Cornwall.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.239 THE COUNTY OF CORNWALL (ST JUST) (VARIOUS STREETS) (ON-STREET PARKING PLACES AND RESTRICTIONS ON WAITING)(CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2006 (AMENDMENT NO.2) ORDER 2011

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

TC.240 ST JUST MIDSUMMER CELEBRATIONS

The Town Council considered a request from the St Just Midsummer Committee which sought the Council’s assistance in the road traffic arrangements for the annual

Midsummer Parade to be held on 9 June 2012.

RESOLVED: That authority is delegated to Councillor McClary and Councillor N McFadden to discuss the arrangements for the Midsummer Parade and to provide assistance as required.

(Action by : Colin McClary / Neil McFadden)

TC.241 PROPOSAL TO EMPOWER TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

The Town Council considered a further request for support from Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council and the Suffolk Association of Local Councils which was seeking Government support requesting developers being asked attendance at local council meetings and funding to help provide independent assessments in respect of large planning applications.

Further discussions had been held with the DCLG and Minister and local town and parish councils were now being asked to send a further letter / email to the Minister and local MP to support the request.

RESOLVED : That the Town Council supports the request to send a further letter of support.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.242 MINUTES OF THE STAFFING & PREMISES COMMITTEE

The Town Council received the minutes of the Staffing & Premises Committee held on 30 January 2012 and considered the actions and recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED : That

1. Cornwall Council is advised that the Town Council wishes to enter into a 12 month contract in respect of the public car parks in St Just and Pendeen, based on an assumed annual income of £14,600, to enable discussions to continue on the purchasing of the freehold;
2. The separation of the Staffing & Premises Committee into a new Staffing Committee and Premises Committee be approved; with constitution and terms of reference as set out in Appendix A to the signed minutes;
3. The following Councillors be appointed to the Premises Committee with immediate effect:-

Cllr Ms Angove
Cllr McClary
Cllr K McFadden
Cllr N McFadden
Cllr Nicholls
Cllr Thomas
4. Standing Orders be amended accordingly;

5. Consideration of the membership of the Staffing Committee is moved into the confidential part of the meeting on the grounds of the potential disclosure of confidential information relating to a staffing matter.
6. The recommendations in respect of Employer / Council improvements arising from a recent grievance hearing be approved as set out below:
 - (a) That a properly constituted Staffing Committee be established;
 - (b) The Cornwall Association of Local Councils be asked to deliver training / workshops for all councillors and staff to consider the roles of the councillor, chair and clerk, the councillors corporate role and what makes for good and bad meetings, including fostering effective working relationships; and
 - (c) With the support of South West Councils, the new Staffing Committee is asked to review the Council's suite of staffing policies to ensure that both councillors and staff have clear channels of communication to raise and discuss concerns or improvement ideas early and seek resolution in an informal way.

TC.243 MINUTES OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Town Council received the minutes of the Internal Audit Committee held on 19 January 2012 and considered the recommendation contained therein regarding a new small grants scheme.

The Town Clerk confirmed that text for an amended Town Council advert in the "Outreach" publication would be submitted in the coming week.

RESOLVED: That the small grants scheme as amended is adopted with effect from 1 April 2012.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.244 CORNWALL CONVERSATIONS

The Town Council was advised that the next Cornwall Conversations event to be hosted by Cllr Alec Robertson, Leader of Cornwall Council was to be held on 26 March 2012.

RESOLVED: That any Councillor wishing to attend the event to contact the Town Clerk.

TC.245 AONB ANNUAL FORUM

The Town Council considered an invitation to attend the AONB annual forum on 17 March 2012 at Penwith College, Penzance.

RESOLVED: That any Councillor wishing to attend the event to contact the Town Clerk.

TC.246 FINANCE

(a) Applications for Financial Assistance

The Town Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which gave details on two requests for financial assistance received from the West Penwith Community Bus Association (WPCBA) and Shelter Cornwall.

RESOLVED : That

- (i) Consideration of the request for financial assistance from the WPCBA is deferred until receipt of a copy of the latest audited accounts.
- (ii) Shelter Cornwall is awarded a grant of £250.00.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £2,878.05 be approved for payment.

(c) Letters of Thanks

The Town Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received from the Penzance Citizens' Advice Bureau, Arthritis Research UK, Penhaligan's Friends and Victim Support in respect of the grants they had recently received.

TC.247 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA11/10433 Construction of dwelling (amended design) on land adjacent to Trevarno, Leat Road, Boscaswell Downs, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. S. Lewis. **(T Cl no objection provided SW & SE elevations to be fully faced in granite.)**

PA11/10313 Installation of photo-voltaic panels at St. Just Library, Market Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Seymour Greer, Solar Century. **(T Cl no objection, but commented on the inappropriate siting of the panels on the west elevation of the building.)**

Mr Jonathan Rothwell attended the meeting to put forward an objection to the proposed scheme from a number of local residents. The objection was based on the loss of available play space, lack of car parking, access points and the effect to the aesthetic views within the Cornwall & West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site.

PA12/00182 Construction of 8 dwellings and associated works at Moorland Close, Pendeen. Applicant: Mrs. Sue James, St. Just Town Council. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

PA12/00365 Variation of Condition 5 attached to W1/85/P/0232/0 dated 23rd May, 1985 due to change in marital circumstances of the owner at Springheath, No Go By Hill, Nancherrow, St. Just. Applicant: Mrs. L. Williams. **(T Cl No objection.)**

PA12/00147 Erection of 5 dwellings and associated bin/bike stores at The Walled Garden, Market Street, St. Just. Applicant: H.F. Trust. **(Strong objection due to overcrowding on the site and lack of vehicular provision. The T Cl also requested that the application be determined by the West Area Planning Committee.)**

PA12/00183 Construction of 1 single storey 2 bedroomed dwelling and 2 two storey 2 bedroomed dwellings and associated works on land at Lafrowda Close, St. Just. Applicant: Mrs. Sue James, St. Just Town Council. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

Councillor Stevens declared a prejudicial interest in the following application and withdrew from the meeting at this point and took no part in the debate on the item.

PA12/00528 Change of use, conversion and extension of office and workshop to form dwelling at Rosewell, Cot Valley, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Alec Maund. **(T Cl No objection provided approval is granted for permanent residential use.)**

PA12/00576 Erection of a single storey side extension at 20A Talveneth, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. S. Dilkes. **(T Cl No objection.)**

PA12/00718 Extension of time on Planning Application W1/09-0189-P for demolition of existing garage and construction of dwelling and associated works on land adjacent to The Old Telephone Exchange at the rear of Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Karl Miucci. (T. Cl. No Objection but would like east and west elevations granite faced). **(T Cl No objection.)**

With regard to the applications for affordable housing at Lafrowda Close, St Just and Moorland Close, Pendeen it was RESOLVED that approval to the final finishes to be made by the full Council.

(Action by : Sue James / Elaine Baker)

(b) Decisions

PA11/09692 Installation and operation of a solar photovoltaic array and associated equipment with a maximum array height of 2.6m and a maximum installed capacity of 50kw at Little Dowran Farm, Dowran, St. Just. Applicant: E-tricity Limited. **Withdrawn** (T. Cl. Strong Support).

PA11/10429 Crown raise of 4 sycamore trees at Pendeen School, Church Road, Pendeen. Applicant: Mrs. M. Nicholls. **Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps)** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA11/09158 Conversion of Barn A into residential use and internal garage at Church Farm, Pendeen. Applicant: Mrs. P. Parsons. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

(c) Enforcement

EN12/00349 Alleged breach of planning control – engineering operations undertaken to fill capped mine shaft with rocks between Trevarno and Old Count House, Leat Road, Boscaswell Downs, Pendeen. – Noted.

(d) Introduction of Charging for Pre-application Services

The Town Council noted the changes to be introduced by Cornwall Council in respect to its pre-application Planning and Building Control Service following last year's consultation exercise.

TC.248 INFORMATION ITEMS

None received

TC.249 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor K McFadden reported that St Just Rugby Club was three games away from competing at Twickenham Rugby Football Ground.

Councillor N McFadden reported that he had been appointed as Chairman of the St Just Boxing Club.

Councillor Nicholls asked if consideration could be given to the installation of a loop hearing system in the Council Chamber.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Councillor Mrs James reported that the assessor for Bosavern Farm Community Group's lottery application was due to visit the farm on 14 February 2012.

TC.250 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.253 STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Town Council considered the membership of the new Staffing Committee in the light of advice received from the Cornwall Association of Local Councils and SW Councils.

RESOLVED : That the following councillors be appointed to the new Staffing Committee with immediate effect:-

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Cllr K McFadden
Cllr N McFadden
Cllr Mrs James
Cllr Morris
Cllr Stevens

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Town Mayor