

MINUTES of the MEETING of ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 20 September 2010 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D Stevens - Mayor
Councillor M Thomas – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

B F Angwin	N Mc Fadden
W F East	F Morris
Mrs S James	M Nicholls
K McFadden	Mrs S Olds

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ms Angove, Councillor McClary and Councillor Goninan, Cornwall Council

TC.153 PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None received.

TC.154 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-That the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council and the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 6 September 2010 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

TC.155 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

TC.156 REPORTS OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Mayor reported that on 28 August he had attended the opening of the new garden at Carn Bosavern which had been provided by St Just-in-Bloom. On 31 August he had attended the re-opening of the Bolitho Short Mat Bowls following a refurbishment and the West Penwith Community Town and Parish Forum on 16 September.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had also attended the West Penwith Community Town and Parish Forum on 16 September.

Councillor Angwin reported that he had attended a meeting of the Nevada & Bendigo Twining Association on 15 September and the Penwith Neighbourhood Watch Group on 16 September 2010.

Councillor Mrs James reported that she had attended the PACT meeting on 22 July at which the Lafrowda Festival had been discussed. She reported that a further meeting was due to be held with representatives of the Town Council, Lafrowda Committee and the Police to discuss the concerns regarding the organisation of the event which had been raised at the PACT meeting. On 23 July, Councillor Mrs James had also attended a tour of Lafrowda Close, which had been organised by Penwith Housing Association. She reported that the Community Land Trust had been asked to look into the possibility of the former playground area being redeveloped for affordable housing and she reported on a small enterprise initiative that was currently being developed. A board meeting of the Community Land Trust had been held on 29 July and she had attended a meeting of the Centre of Pendeen on 7 September 2010.

Councillor Mrs Olds reported that she had attended a St Just Primary School Governors meeting on 15 September 2010.

TC.157 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

In the absence of Councillor Goninan the Town Clerk gave his monthly report.

Councillor Goninan had attended a meeting of the Health Adults Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Work on the Single Issue Panel on Minor Procedures & Outpatients would be presented to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 21 September and if any Town Councillor was interested in receiving a copy of the report to contact Councillor Goninan.

The Panel on Older People's Care had made the following recommendations and would be considered by Cornwall Council at its full Council meeting in November

Recommendation to Cornwall Council:

That the following be used to inform the budget setting process for 2011-2012 and beyond.

1. The vital work undertaken by providers of services to older people, whether those services are based within local communities (in the case of day services) or in individuals own homes is recognised. The evidence provided and the visits undertaken by elected members to a variety of providers demonstrated the exemplary commitment and determination to deliver high quality services to people across the voluntary and independent sector in Cornwall.
2. It is recognised that the current financial climate is placing a significant pressure upon the continuing ability of the voluntary and independent sectors to meet the needs of older people through day services. This situation is particularly exacerbated for those people not eligible for social care support from Cornwall Council under the Fair Access to Care Services eligibility framework which is currently set at Substantial and Critical.

3. In light of the Coalition Governments creation of an Independent Commission on the Funding of Care and Support, it is recommended that evidence gathered by the Funding for Older Peoples Care Panel be submitted on behalf of Cornwall Council to inform the national debate on the future funding of social care. The Council believes that this future funding issue is a critical one for Cornwall, based upon the demographic information about Cornwall's growth in its ageing population.
4. Services for Older People are given the utmost priority in setting future financial uplifts within the budget available to Adult Care & Support in order to increase the average level of spend per older person. It is recognised and recommended, in light of the current economic climate, growth in Older Peoples services will need to be prioritised within the budget setting processes of Cornwall Council over a medium-term period.
5. That existing funding for the provision of voluntary sector day services for older people be maintained within the budgetary envelope available to Adult Care & Support, based upon evidence as to the vital contribution this makes to keeping older people well and independent. This recommendation is made in line with the Emergency Budget process within Cornwall Council.
6. That voluntary sector providers are supported in continuing to develop themselves as sustainable providers of day services. This will require providers to develop robust and realistic models of provision and financial sustainability.
7. That Cornwall Council can demonstrate that it continues to work with all providers and partners through its Commissioning and Procurement activities in order to develop sustainable and person-centred services within local communities. These services should be available as part of a universal offer from voluntary and independent sector providers and for individual micro-commissioning opportunities where people meet the FACS eligibility of Cornwall Council; micro-commissioning both through direct commissioning by Adult Care & Support and through Personal Budgets.

He had also attended a meeting in Truro on 3 September with Gill Steward, Paul Brough, Michael Bennett, Property Services and Tamsin Daniel, Cornwall Council regarding Geevor Tin Mine. A number of positive steps had been taken and the group had agreed to meet again in January 2011.

In respect of Transforming Community Services, the Health Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee had received a presentation from the Primary Care Trust last week concerning the two options available. The committee was very concerned about the speed of the process but favoured Option 1, GP consortia. Councillor Goninan was attending a meeting that evening concerning this option.

Discussions with Cornwall Council continued on a tenancy agreement in respect of Balleswidden Chimney.

St Just in Bloom had been awarded a silver gilt for the fifth time with two Neighbourhood Awards one for the Turnpike Estate and the other for the plot at West Place, St Just.

Councillor Goninan had also met with Rob Pickering on 5 August and other community organisations concerning the electricity generated and exported from the solar panels and the pay back of Government Grant. Rob Pickering had written on behalf of group to Members of Parliament and the Department of Energy & Climate Change (DECC). He had received a positive reply in early September stating that new guidance had been recently published on the DECC web site which suggested that groups like St Just Sports Centre could be paid for Feed in Tariffs (FITs) without having to repay the grant it had received, in the case of St Just this figure was in the region of £48,000.

Regarding Traffic Regulation Orders, Councillor Goninan had met with Andy James, on 18 August to discuss options. He would be discussing options with the Police on 21 September and would bring forward proposals to a future meeting of the Town Council for consideration.

TC.158 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

In the absence of the local Police, the Town Clerk gave the Police report for the period covering 15 July to 17 September 2010. During that period there were 47 reported crimes which compared to 47 for the same period last year.

Reported crimes included 11 assaults, nine thefts, six thefts from vehicles, four burglaries, eight cases of criminal damage to vehicles, two of criminal damage to dwellings, one misuse of the Telecommunications Act, three drunk and disorderly, two possession of Class B drug and one of indecent exposure.

TC.159 ALLOTMENTS

The Mayor reminded the Council that two parcels of land were currently being pursued for the delivery of allotments within the parish. One site being developed at Bosavern Farm by the Town Council and a second piece of land further down the valley, (opposite the sewage works) which was being provided by the National Trust.

The Mayor had met with Tom Odling, National Trust who had confirmed that 20 allotments were now ready for use. However, the National Trust would not lease the land directly to an Allotment Association and was therefore looking to the Town Council to take on the lease which would then be administered by the Allotment Association on the Council's behalf.

The Mayor circulated draft Heads of Terms and sought the Council's view. Any expenses incurred would be met from the £12,000 allocated with the budget for allotments. In addition, the Mayor reported that the West Cornwall Local Action Group might also be another funding source.

Following discussion of the issues it was:-

RESOLVED:-That the Council agrees "in principle" to taking on responsibility for the lease in respect of the allotments being provided by the National Trust, subject to written confirmation from the Allotment Association that it is willing to oversee the delivery of the allotments on the Council's behalf.

(Action by : Dave Stevens)

TC.160 CHRISTMAS TREES AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Council considered the issue of the provision of Christmas Trees in St Just and Pendeen for 2010 and new Christmas Tree lights for Pendeen.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Councillor N McFadden be authorised to seek quotations for two Christmas Trees and to report back to the next meeting.

(Action by : N McFadden)

- (2) That the Town Clerk be authorised to purchase an additional set of Christmas Tree lights for Pendeen.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.161 FINANCE

- (a) Application for Financial Assistance

The Council considered a request from the Cornwall Air Ambulance for a donation to help support the work of the Trust. 2010 had continued to be a busy year and the cost of keeping the Air Ambulance flying and serving the community was expected to rise to between £25,000 and £30,000 per week.

RESOLVED: That a S.137 donation of £500 be awarded to the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust.

- (b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £4,374.68 be approved for payment.

- (c) Letters of Thanks

None received.

TC.162 PLANNING

- (a) Applications

PA10/03586- Deferred from meeting of 06/09/2010 Conversion of former dairy into residential accommodation and first floor extension at 23, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. R. Baker. **(T C I no objection, but would prefer no French windows at first floor level as it is not in keeping with the design of the barn.)**

(b) Decisions

None received.

(b) Appeals

W1/10-0039 (T. Cl. Support on 08/02/10) Removal of gates and demolition of boundary wall at Blackbird Barn, Bank Square, St. Just. Applicant Alison Richer. **Noted.**

TC.163 INFORMATION ITEMS

None received.

TC.164 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED - that in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following matters on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the identified paragraphs of Part I, Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).

TC.165 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING (EXEMPT PARAGRAPH 3)

The Town Clerk presented details of the Council's income and expenditure, together with bank reconciliations for the period 16 June to 14 September 2010 (copy appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED: That the position be noted.

Meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

Town Mayor