

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 24 January 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllr D Stevens - Mayor  
Cllr M Thomas – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Cllr B F Angwin	Cllr N McFadden – arrived at 7.20 p.m.
Cllr W F East	Cllr F Morris
Cllr Mrs S James	Cllr M Nicholls
Cllr C S McClary	Cllr Mrs S Olds

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Chris Goninan, Cornwall Council

PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None received.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Ms P S Angove.

TC.257 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Thomas declared a prejudicial interest in minute no.TC.265/11 (Planning Applications) in respect of application no. PA10/08666 as he was related to the applicant and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

TC.258 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 10 January 2011 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

TC.259 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Mayor reported that he had attended the Marazion Civic Service on 9 January 2011 and had a meeting with Clare Leverton, West Cornwall Local Action Group on 12 January in respect of a grant application for the allotment scheme.

There were no reports from the Deputy Mayor or other Town Councillors.

TC.260 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Health Adults Overview & Scrutiny Committee Upper GI Meeting

Councillor Goninan reported that the Health Adults Overview & Scrutiny Committee had met with senior officers of the Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Primary Care Trust and the Royal Cornwall Hospitals' Trust, on 18 January 2011 to review the way in which the Upper GI issue was to be handled. A series of recommendations would follow which would ensure that lessons had been learnt. The morning was facilitated by a lady from the Centre for Public Scrutiny.

Geevor

Cornwall Council's Cabinet Member, Julian German, had visited Geevor Tin Mine on 13 January 2011. A meeting had also been held at County Hall on 18 January with officers and representatives from Geevor Tin Mine to move a number of issues forward.

Balleswidden Chimney

Councillor Goninan confirmed that Cornwall Council would be taking on legal responsibility for this project.

Traffic Road Orders

Councillor Goninan reported that the legal process was continuing.

Councillor Goninan, Andy James and the Town Mayor had met with residents from Truthwall on 7 January 2011 concerning speed issues. A number of options were currently being costed. Once that exercise was completed a further meeting would be held with residents to agree a way forward.

Councillor Goninan also advised the Town Council of a flooding to a number of properties on Trewellard Hill which was currently being investigated by Cornwall Council.

Closed Churchyard

A meeting was due to be held this week between the school and a member of the community to get youngsters involved in making the nesting boxes.

Patient Transport Forum

Councillor Goninan attended the first meeting of this group on 12 January 2011. The group was looking at the issues around patient transport which had been identified in the Single Issue Report on Minor Procedures / Outpatients.

Strategic Users Group

Councillor Goninan attended his first meeting of this group on 19 January which had been organised by the Primary Care Trust to look at all issues involving patients. Representatives from patient groups, cancer, neurological etc attended. The group received a presentation about GP Consortia and a paper on the introduction of a Referral Management Centre for Cornwall.

Councillor Goninan reported that Andrew George had called a meeting on Friday 28 January at St John's Hall, Penzance to discuss all health issues and this would include GP consortia and hubs.

#### Strategic Planning Partnership Board for Older People

Councillor Goninan attended a meeting of the Board on 5 January and presented a report on the Single Issue Panel work.

#### Dog Fouling in St Just

Councillor Goninan had attended a meeting with the Environmental Enforcement Team and St Just Primary School who would be doing a project about the problems of dog fouling in St Just. The officers would make a presentation to the school and then the year 6 school children would present results of a survey to monitor fouling as parents & children walked to school on the week beginning 7 February. The areas subjected to dog fouling would be marked on a map daily so that the problem areas were identified and could be targeted by the enforcement team. The children would then design leaflets or posters with the winner's design being used in the school and the community.

#### Older People Advisors

A meeting of the Older People Advisors took place on 17 January with a further meeting to be held on 23 February. The group was currently looking at identifying those within our communities who were lonely and isolated.

### TC.261 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

PC Dan Care gave the Police report for the period covering 21 December 2010 to 24 January 2011. During that period there had been 19 reported crimes which compared to 13 for the same period last year. These included one case of cause fear or provocation of violence, one common assault & battery, two assaults (ABH), one malicious wounding without intent, one affray, one S.5 Harassment Alarm or Distress, five cases of criminal damage to a vehicle, one case of criminal damage to dwelling, two thefts from a vehicle, one arson, one theft from dwelling and one from a shop. In addition, there were seven reported cases of crimes of damage or theft which were committed in the Pendeen area overnight on New Year's Eve / Day which had contributed to the slight increase in figures compared to last year.

PC Dan Care also reported that the Police were currently working with the outreach worker at the Nancherrow Centre on the possibility of a new youth related facility for the St Just area to address the problem of groups of youths congregating at the bus shelter in Lafrowda Car Park.

### TC.262 RECYCLING OF PLASTICS

The Council considered the request made to the Town Council by Kate Goodman at the last meeting regarding the provision of recycling facilities for a wider variety of plastics to reduce the burden on landfill.

Ms Goodman sought clarification on the existing waste recycling contracts and why glass and paper were not separated. In response, Councillor Goninan commented that Cornwall Council had inherited contracts from the former district

and borough councils and that these would continue until they were due for renewal. In the case of the former Penwith District the contract was due for renewal in 2012. Glass and paper were manually separated at the recycling facility in Bodmin.

The Mayor commented Cornwall Council's recycling policy as a whole was poor in comparison to other counties such as Devon and that on average approximately only 40% of household waste was currently recycled.

Councillor Thomas also reported that he had carried out some initial research into commercial companies which recycled plastics and passed the information to the Town Clerk.

Following consideration of the issue it was

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Clerk be requested to write to Councillor Julian German, Cabinet member of Waste Management, Climate Change & Historic Environment inviting him to attend a future meeting of the Town Council to update the Town Council on Cornwall Council's plans for the harmonisation of waste recycling contracts and to seek his views on increasing the amount of waste currently recycled and what action local communities could take in respect of local recycling initiatives.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.263 COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA

a. Dog Fouling

Councillor McFadden stated that this issue had now been covered in the report made by Councillor Goninan.

b. St Just Feast

Councillor Nicholls suggested that the Town Council hold a community "Fun Run Race" to reinvigorate St Just Feast celebrations which could be sponsored by the Town Council.

It was also suggested that contact be made with St Levan Parish Council as a fun run was held annually within the parish.

Following discussion of the suggestion it was

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Clerk be asked to write to all local schools, groups, organisations and businesses to gauge the level of community interest in holding such an event.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.264 FINANCE

a) Applications for Financial Assistance

The Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which advised the Town Council on the work being carried out by the Milestones Society, in partnership with Cornwall Council, to refurbish highway milestones across

the county. The Town Clerk also reported that following a discussion with the society, refurbishment of the milestones within the parish would be carried out in the next financial year.

The report also sought a financial contribution from the Council towards the refurbishment of a finger post in Trewellard. Finger posts within Cornwall were of unique historical importance as they had been fabricated by local foundry's and therefore worthy of preservation.

The finger post had originally been fabricated by the Holman Foundry but had now fallen into disrepair. It was anticipated that the cost of the repairs would cost in the region of £1,500.00 and the Town Council was being asked to make a financial contribution to support this project.

A request for financial assistance had also been received from Home-Start Kernow to support its voluntary service to communities in West Cornwall. The charity recruits volunteers with experience in parenting to offer friendship and support to families with at least one child under five who were facing difficulties.

RESOLVED That a grant of £1,500.00 be made to the Milestone Society in respect of the refurbishment of the finger post at Trewellard and a grant of £500.00 to Home-Start Kernow in respect of its family support project.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £2,311.60 be approved for payment.

c) Letters of Thanks

Letters of thanks had been received from the St Just Women's Institute in respect of the £800.00 grant the Council had awarded towards the cost of hall renovations and St Just RFC in respect of the donation to the Fireworks Display.

TC.265 PLANNING

(a) Applications

**PA10/08662** Provision of 3 caravans for 6 month seasonal company occupation and retention of 1 caravan to provide 12 month occupancy for a company night watchman on land bounded by A.30 and access track to Leswidden Farm, St. Just. Applicant Mr. S. May, Stunts UK Ltd. **(T CI objection due to adverse visual impact by caravans on the countryside and potential environmental issue with possible foul water contamination from caravans entering the Blue Pool.)**

**PA10/08668** Construction of dwelling and associated works on land adjacent to Benoni Villa, Boscaswell Terrace, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. D. Clark. **(T CI no objection in principle to development of the site but the Council was concerned that the design was not in**

**keeping with existing building due to the use of weather boarding and because of the visual impact on adjoining properties as it was in a prominent position. The T CI would like to see a condition on the use of materials i.e. use of local stone / granite.**

**PA10/08786** Listed Building Consent in respect of construction of porches on front elevation of Nos. 2 and 3 Church Road, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. A. Patrick. ( **T CI no objection but would like to see use of local stone to be in keeping with the listed building (i.e. granite from the St Just / Pendeen area)**)

**PA10/08443** Construction of two storey extension at Bosorne Barn, Bosorne, St. Just. Applicant Mrs. S. Wardley. (**T CI no objection**).

Councillor Thomas declared a prejudicial interest in the following planning application and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for its consideration.

**PA10/08666** Extension to domestic garage and change of use of part agricultural use to Domestic use at Dursona Dhys, Kelynack, St. Just. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. P. Leaver. (**T CI no objection**).

(b) Decisions

None received.

TC.266 E-PLANNING LOCAL COUNCIL TASK AND FINISH GROUP

The Council considered the attendance of a member of the Council at the next e-Planning Local Council Task Group to be held on 16 February 2011.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Ms Angove be nominated to represent the Town Council at the e-Planning Local Council Task Group.

TC.267 INFORMATION ITEM

a. Out and About Service

The Town Clerk advised the Council that with effect from 21 January 2011 the Out and About Service operated by Cornwall Council and attended by Cornish Community Banking had ceased due to a lack of demand.

Town Councillors expressed their disappointment at the cessation of the service and that the service that had been provided latterly had not been what was originally intended.

The Council was also concerned that there had been no examination of the service or consideration given to any alternative options prior to it being withdrawn.

Following discussion of the issues raised it was

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk be asked to write to Cornwall Council setting out the Town Council's dissatisfaction with the decision to withdraw the service without a proper evaluation having been undertaken or alternative options considered.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Meeting closed at 8.19 p.m.

Town Mayor