

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 26 April 2010 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor M Nicholls - Mayor  
Councillor M Thomas – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Ms P S Angove	K McFadden
B F Angwin	N McFadden (arrived at 7.35 p.m.)
W F East	F Morris
Mrs S James	Mrs S Olds
C S McClary	D Stevens

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Chris Goninan – Cornwall Council  
Bernard Rees, St Just & District Trust  
Delia Webb – Cornwall Council, together with staff and pupils from Cape Cornwall School  
Andrew McPherson – Cornwall Council

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

TC. 15 PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None.

TC.16 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-That the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 12 April 2010 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

TC.17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Angwin declared a prejudicial interest in minute no. 26 (Balleswidden and Wheal Hearle Higher Level Stewardship Scheme) as one of the landowners and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of this item.

TC.018 REPORTS OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Mayor reported that he had attended a coffee morning in Pendeen on 24 April 2010.

Councillor Ms Angove reported that she had attended the Mayor's Parlour Campaign Team meeting on 15 April 2010 on behalf of the Mayor.

Councillor Mrs James reported that she had attended the PACT meeting on 22 April 2010. Meetings were now being arranged on a joint basis by Cornwall Council and the Police with meetings chaired by Sally Newby, the local Community Network Manager.

TC.19 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Councillor Goninan reported that he attended a meeting with the Independent Reconfiguration Panel regarding the transfer of Upper GI Cancer services to Derriford Hospital: publication of its findings was due in July 2010.

Councillor Goninan was now the acting Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee as Joan Symons the previous Chairman had now been elected as a Cabinet Member. The new chairman of the committee would be appointed at the first meeting in the new council year. Major issues coming forward were Personalised Budgets, New Charging Policy & a Carers Centre for Cornwall.

Boswedden Lane

The land owner and his land agent were talking to Cornwall Council about the possibility of footpath designation.

Environmental Day in St Just

Cornwall Council's Environmental Day would be held on 29 May 2010 in the Plen-an-Gwary and posters had been circulated to advertise the event.

Highway Issues in St Just

Councillor Goninan had attended a site meeting with Andy James, Cornwall Council to look at highway issues in St Just and Pendeen. It was likely that Councillor Goninan would have a small budget of approximately £8,000 towards local projects. He circulated a copy of an email from Andy James to all members of the Town Council which listed a number of potential projects and asked members of the Council to come forward with other items for consideration to be discussed at a future meeting of the Town Council in order to agree a list of priorities.

He had also attended a site meeting with Sue Nicholls, Cornwall Council's Environment Officer to discuss the issue of the position of dog bins within St Just. For a trial period additional bins were to be placed at Penandrea, at the library end of Lafrowda car park, at the top of Venton East and the removal of a bin at Gerrishes Farm to be replaced by an additional bin at Carrallack Terrace.

Councillor Goninan informed the Town Council that the local councillor champions for the elderly, one of which was Councillor Neil McFadden, would now be known as "advocates" as Cornwall Council would be nominating elected members as champions.

TC.20 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

In the absence of Police, the Town Clerk gave the report for the period 22 March to 23 April 2010. During that period there had been 13 reported crimes which compared to 15 for the same period last year.

These included three cases of assault, three cases of theft, three cases of theft from vehicles, one case of burglary, one case of criminal damage to a vehicle, one case of criminal damage to a garden gate and one of vehicle interference (a criminal attempt).

TC.21 CAPE CORNWALL ROAD

The Town Council considered the request made by Mr Roger King, a resident of Cape Cornwall Road to support his application to Cornwall Council seeking an amendment of the postal name of the highway currently identified by the local authority and Royal Mail as Cape Cornwall Street. The matter had been referred for consideration from the last meeting at which Mr King had made a public address.

Andrew McPherson, Cornwall Council's Address Management Officer attended the meeting to advise the Council on the process to amend street names and numbering as a new policy had been introduced on 18 January 2010 as a result of the new unitary authority. A number of factors needed to be taken into account during the process such as historical evidence as to the name of a street, agreement to the extent of the area to be renamed and renumbered, support of the local Town Council to any proposed change, the need to establish a list of properties to be renamed, consultation of any proposed change to the local community, fire service etc and the possible need to undertake external consultation as it might affect an adopted highway.

If a new road name and numbering scheme was agreed local residents would be notified as well as other interested parties. It was also not known if a charge would be made for any proposed work.

Members of the Town Council commented that the local view was that Cape Cornwall Street ended at the junction of West Place and Chapel Road when the road became known as Cape Cornwall Road. As it appeared that there was some evidence to support the confusion the Town Council felt that the issue should be investigated in an attempt to address the current problems.

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council is urged to investigate the reordering of the street names and numbers of the houses from the junction of West Place / Chapel Road as far as Bollowal Place on the junction to Carn Gloose.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.22 MINER'S STATUE

Bernard Rees, St Just & District Trust, together with Delia Webb, Cornwall Council and staff and pupils from Cape Cornwall School advised the Town Council on the progress that had been made in respect of the Miner's Statue project. It was hoped that the involvement of the school in the project would lead to additional funding sources being identified but initially a decision needed to be taken on the proposed location. It was felt that a public ballot of St Just and Pendeen residents on the proposed location should be held and a shortlist of four potential sites was circulated to members of the Town Council. These included the pavement outside The Great Atlantic Gallery, Bank Square, St Just, Market Square St Just, Boscawell Corner, Pendeen and the entrance to Geevor Tin Mine. These sites had been suggested as they were on Council owned land and accessible to people of all abilities. Accessibility was an important element as the statue would

be a memorial site.

Members of the Town Council expressed some concern with regard to the town centre sites due to the potential for vandalism; although it was acknowledged that the CCTV could help as an additional deterrent.

In a response to a question on funding, Mr Rees confirmed that in excess of £9,000 had been raised so far towards the total cost of the project, but with the increased educational aspect to the project it was hoped that other funding could be secured.

Following detailed discussion of the issues the Town Council

RESOLVED: That the Town Council supports the four proposed sites for public consultation within St Just and Pendeen.

TC.23 COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA

Turning Off Street Lights at Night

Councillor Mrs James reported that following a request from a member of the public to the Town Clerk she had been reminded that the Town Council had previously been consulted by the former Cornwall County Council on the issue of turning off street lights at night and that it was her recollection that the Town Council had agreed to participate in a pilot study.

RESOLVED: - That the Town Clerk be asked to investigate.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.24 ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Stevens updated the Town Council on the progress in respect of the delivery of allotments at Bosavern Farm as there appeared to be some confusion surrounding the Council's previous decision.

The present situation was that a letter had been received from Cornwall Council detailing two possible options. One, that the Town Council proceeded independently with the allotments or secondly via a combined scheme with the Land's End Peninsula Community Land Trust (LEPCLT) incorporating the community farm project. On the basis that the LEPCLT had only been offered an initial 18 month tenancy and the Town Council a 10 year tenancy, in Councillor Steven's opinion it would be unwise for the Town Council to proceed on a combined basis due to the nature of the short term tenancy.

If the Town Council was happy to proceed on this basis then the delivery of the allotments at Bosavern Farm was ready to move forward.

In response to a question regarding the impact of the proposals on an adjoining property Councillor Mrs James confirmed that a meeting was to be held on 30 April with the owners to discuss their concerns.

Following detailed discussion of the issues it was

RESOLVED: That the Town Council supports an application being made to Cornwall Council for the use of part of Bosavern Farm for the Town Council's allotment scheme.

(Action by : Dave Stevens)

TC.25 WEST PENWITH COMMUNITY NETWORK TOWN AND PARISH FORUM

The Town Council received the draft proposed terms of reference and constitution for the West Penwith Community Network Town and Parish Forum.

RESOLVED: - That the draft terms of reference and constitution be supported.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.26 BALLESWIDDEN / WHEAL HEARLE HIGHER LEVEL STEWARDSHIP SCHEME

Councillor Angwin declared a prejudicial interest as the landowner of one of the sites and withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the item.

The Town Council had received a letter from Cornwall Council which gave an update on progress, and stating that the main delay in taking the project forward had been in confirming the ownership of Balleswidden chimney stack. It appeared that the stack was in fact owned by IMERYS. IMERYS had been contacted and a response was awaited. The letter also gave details on the outcome of the site meeting held on 8 March with Natural England.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the letter be noted.

TC.27 GEEVEOR TIN MINE

The Town Clerk reported on the response received from Paul Brough, Cornwall Council to its letter of 11 March to Gill Steward, Corporate Director for Communities, Cornwall Council.

Councillor McClary expressed concern that there had been no formal notification of meeting dates for the Geevor Partnership or notes circulated from the previous meeting.

Councillor Goninan reported that he had received confirmation from Cornwall Council that four proposed meeting dates had been forwarded to Bill Laiken at Geevor Tin Mine for agreement and that the draft minutes had been sent to Mike Simpson for circulation.

A meeting concerning the management agreement was due to take place on 27 April 2010.

RESOLVED: That the position be noted.

TC.28 UPPER GI CANCER SERVICES IN CORNWALL

RESOLVED: That the contents of the responses received from the Department of Health and Cornwall and Isles of Scilly NHS regarding upper GI cancer services in Cornwall be noted.

TC.29 MINUTES OF THE WORKING PARTY

The Town Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Working Party held on 26 March 2010.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Working Party held on 26 March 2010 and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

TC.30 MEETING DATES FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010 / 2011

RESOLVED: That the schedule of meetings for 2010 / 2011 be approved.

TC.31 USE OF PLEN-AN-GWARY

RESOLVED: That the application from the Midsummer Committee for the use of the Plen-an-Gwary on 12 June 2010 for the annual Midsummer Parade and service be approved.

TC.31A FINANCE

(a) Applications for Financial Assistance

The Council considered an application for financial assistance under Section 137 from St Just Cricket Club in respect of sports kit for Laura Ellis and Jade Williams both of whom had been selected to play for the Cornwall Under 15 Girls Cricket Team.

RESOLVED: That St Just Cricket Club is awarded a S.137 grant of £100 towards the cost of the sports kit.

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £1,192.30 be approved for payment.

(c) Letters of Thanks

None received.

TC.32 PLANNING

(a) Applications

**10-0206-HP** Demolition of garage, construction of double garage on side elevation, conservatory on rear elevation and alterations to windows and doors at Sea Cry, Botallack Lane, Botallack, and St. Just. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. Privett. **T. Cl. Support.**

**10-0217-HP** Replacement of conservatory roof and formation of roof terrace at Gorsefield, Portherras Cross, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. Mark Travis. **T. Cl. No objection.**

**10-0227-P** Conversion of stables to form workshop, office and storage at Bollowal Barn, Bollowal, St. Just. Applicant Mr. David Rowe. **T. Cl. Supports subject to Condition being added so that the new structure remains part of the Bollowal Barn property.**

(b) Decisions

**10-0125 – Certificate of Lawfulness** Existing use of building as two separate dwellings at 6 and 6A Market Square, St. Just. Applicant Mrs. Z. Riley.

**08-0250-S** Modification of Section 106 Agreement to allow the Open Market units to be occupied before the affordable units, Trelew House, 10 Cape Cornwall Street, St Just. Applicant Barham Properties Ltd. **Withdrawn by Applicant** (T. Cl. Objection).

**10-0035-HP** Refurbishment and conversion of garage outbuilding into office studio at Truthwall Barn, Botallack, St. Just. Applicant Mrs. Sarah Tieken. **Approval** (T. Cl. No objection).

**10-0110-HP** Construction of replacement outbuilding for use as additional living accommodation at Penny Farthing Cottage, 16, Lower Boscaswell, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. M. Prosper. **Approval** (T. Cl. No objection).

**10-0115-P** Change of use of land and construction of garage at Boslowen, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. John Williams. **Approval** (T. Cl. No objection).

(c) Local Planning Training Programme 2010 / 2011

The Town Clerk advised the Town Council of the programme of planning training for councillors during 2010 / 2011 which was being organised by Cornwall Council. Any councillor wishing to attend a training event was asked to contact the Town Clerk after the meeting.

TC.33 CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

The Mayor asked the Town Council to come forward with a list of suitable dates for the Code of Conduct training which had been postponed from 22 April 2010.

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council be advised that May 24, June 7 and 24 are proposed as suitable dates to the Town Council.

TC.34 ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE A MATTER OF URGENCY

10-0038-P & 10-0039-CAC Blackbird Barn, Bank Square, St Just

The Town Mayor reported that the above applications had been called in to the West Area Sub-Planning Committee on 4 May 2010 for determination. The Town Council which had supported the application now had the opportunity to make a direct representation to the committee in support of the applications. The Mayor sought the Council's view on how it wished to proceed.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Stevens be nominated as the Town Council's representative at the West Area Planning Committee on 4 May 2010 and to speak in support of the applications.

Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Town Mayor