

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING of ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 28 January at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs S James – Town Mayor  
Councillor D Stevens – Deputy Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Ms P S Angove	M. Nicholls
A Exelby	F. Morris
C. McClary	Mrs. S. Olds
K. McFadden	A. Smith
N. McFadden	M. Thomas

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Chris Goninan, Cornwall Council

TC.261 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

TC.262 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Town Mayor declared a non-registerable interest in minute no TC270/13(a) (Grant Applications) in respect of Pendeen Farmers' Market and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item. Under paragraph 3.5A of the Code of Conduct, the Town Mayor spoke in support of the grant application before withdrawing from the meeting whilst the Town Council considered the request.

TC.263 DISPENSATIONS

None

TC.264 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 14 January 2013 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.265 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR & TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Mayor reported that she had attended Marazion Town Council's Civic Parade on 13 January 2013.

TC.266 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

**Flooding issues**

The rugby club was again flooded just before Christmas, making three occasions since the 24 November 2012. There were also potential problems with houses in New Road and the pond in the field behind the southern end of the estate, on the opposite side of the road.

Discussions were continuing with Cornwall Council regarding the installation of a piped ditch from the open culvert, close to 1 New Road, leading down through the rugby club to the river. It was hoped that Cornwall Council would agree to fund the costs of the works, with labour and equipment being provided by the rugby club.

Councillor Goninan reported that he had contacted David Owens, Assistant Head of Environment, Cornwall Council regarding the possibility of funding towards the costs of the works and also the Cornwall Rugby Football Union regarding possible match funding from its Emergency Fund.

**Trewellard Hill**

Two properties were flooded recently and some remedial work has been carried out at the top of the hill, but the problems persist. Consequently new drains will be installed above these properties. Work should have commenced the week beginning the 21 January but because of the problems caused by the weather it has been delayed until 11 February.

**Council Tax Support**

At the meeting on 15 January 2013 Cornwall Council decided to defer a decision on Council Tax benefit which was in response to Government passing Council Tax to the Local Authority but providing £6M less funding. As Cornwall Council was required by the Government to have its plan in operation before 31 January a report was being brought back to an emergency meeting of Cornwall Council on 29 January which would include a report on proposed identified savings to fund the shortfall, approximately £4.76M.

One of the proposed cuts was to remove the Management Fee of £76K from Geevor Tin Mine. This would result in Pendeen Community Heritage being unable to continue to keep the site open.

Councillor Goninan reported that he would continue to support Geevor Tin Mine and accordingly would be voting for option C which increased help for those on benefits. This included £150k to the CAB and up to a £1M to a Transitional Support Scheme on a one off basis. However, Councillor Goninan reported that he was very concerned about the future and the possibility of the Management Fee for Geevor Tin Mine coming under threat again when more cuts, which he suggested would be necessary, were discussed.

**Douglas Woolcock Transport**

A number of volunteers had now been trained and were in the process of having the necessary checks carried out with the aid of Age UK Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly.

TC.267 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

In the absence of PCSO Andrew Tonkin, the Town Clerk gave the Police report for the period covering 18th December 2012 to 24th January 2013.

During that period there had been 14 reported crimes which compared to 22 Crimes for the same period last year.

The crimes reported were as follows:-

- 1 case of an owner allowing a dog to injure another person in a public place;
- 6 cases of Criminal Damage;
- 3 cases of Common Assaults;
- 1 case of possession of Class B Drugs (Cannabis);
- 1 Make off without Payment;
- 1 Theft by an employee; and
- 1 Burglary.

TC.268 COUNCIL PRECEPT 2012 / 2013

The Deputy Town Mayor presented the report by the Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer which gave details on a proposed budget and level of precept for 2013 / 2014 (copy appended to the signed minutes). The Town Council was reminded that it had approved a substantial increase in its expenditure last year to cover anticipated associated costs, and the proposed budget for 2013 / 14 again included additional financial provision to cover increased expenditure, including the possible freehold purchase of the public car parks and conveniences in St Just and Pendeen on which discussions were continuing with Cornwall Council.

In addition, the Council was also advised that as a consequence of reforms to the Council Tax system, as set out in the Local Government Act, from April 2013 Council Tax Benefit was being replaced and Cornwall Council would be introducing a new localised Scheme for Tax Support. Future support would be provided in the new system to Council Tax Payers by way of discounts in their bill which would have the effect of reducing the Council Tax base.

The report set out the assumptions made in respect of each of the proposed financial allocations to assist the Town Council in reaching its decision on next year's budget and these were unanimously approved by the Town Council

RESOLVED: That a total expenditure level of £148,795 for the financial year 2013 / 2014 is approved, including a free reserve of £46,279 and that a precept request of £126,354 is made to Cornwall Council, provided that Cornwall Council at its meeting on 29 January 2013 approves the Council Tax Support Grant and Transitional Relief in 2013 / 14, otherwise a precept demand of £148,795 will be made to Cornwall Council by 6 February 2013 deadline.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.269 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING

The Town Council received details of income and expenditure, together with bank reconciliations for the period from 24 September 2012 to 25 January 2013 (copy appended to the signed minutes).

TC.270 FINANCE

(a) Grant Applications

The Town Council considered a request from Pendeen Farmer's seeking a grant towards an egg decorating competition.

RESOLVED: That the grant request made by Pendeen Farmers' Market is refused.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £3,322.42 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

Letters of thanks were received from the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust and the Kenidjack Allotments Association.

TC.271 PLANNING

(a) Applications

**PA12/10501** Proposed conversion of existing garage and outbuilding to form self-contained holiday accommodation at the former Chy an Gwel Garage, Crippas Hill, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Richard Wallis. **(T. Cl. Deferred from last meeting pending receipt of amended plans in respect of parking). (TCl. No objection)**

**PA13/00057** Erection of a small lean-to greenhouse at 2, Boswedden Terrace, St. Just. Applicant: Mrs. J. Fisher. **(T Cl no objection, but questioned the need for a planning application in respect of this as they felt it was within permitted development rights. The Town Council would like to receive written clarification from Cornwall Council on the planning position regarding greenhouses.)**

(b) Decisions

**PA12/11217** Erection of a storm porch, interior modifications and replacement of existing "lean-to" roof at Silverly Cottage, Crippas Hill, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Michael Hoad. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

**PA12/11274** Erection of first floor extension and replacement conservatory at White Cottage, Trewellard Road, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Sparkes. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

**PA12/11262** Felling of Ash and crown reduction works at 17, Falmouth Place, Carnyorth, St. Just. Applicant: Ms. Roseanna Slaney. **Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps)** (T. Cl. Support).

**PA12/11510** Replacement of conservatory on the S.W. elevation, replacement of windows and door at 20, Boscaswell Village, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Buckhurst. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

TC.272 INFORMATION ITEMS

No information items were presented to the Council.

TC.273 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor Thomas, in his capacity as a Director of Bosavern Community Enterprise advised the Town Council that David Tilley had been appointed as the new Farm Manager, and that interviews were to be held on 29 January 2013 regarding the appointment of a new Local Food Co-ordinator.

Meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

Town Mayor