

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 28 March 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllr D Stevens - Mayor
Cllr M Thomas – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Cllr B F Angwin	Cllr C S McClary
Cllr Ms Angove	Cllr K McFadden
Cllr Mrs S James	Cllr F Morris
	Cllr Mrs S Olds

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Malcolm Bell, Head of Tourism, Visit Cornwall
Steve Kessell, Visit Cornwall

PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None received.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Nicholls and Councillor Goninan.

TC.310 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 14 March 2011 be approved, as amended by amending “St Just Arts” to read “Just Arts”, as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor,

TC.311 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor McClary declared a personal interest in minute no. TC317/11 (Planning) in respect of application no. PA11/01924 as a trustee of Geevor Tin Mine.

Councillor Stevens declared a personal interest in minute no. TC 317/11 (Planning) in respect of planning application PA11/01069, as the applicant was known to him.

TC.312 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Mayor made no report.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had attended the St Piran's Day march in Penzance on 4 March.

Councillor Ms Angove reported that she had attended planning training on 17 March.

Councillor Angwin reported that he had attended a meeting of the Nevada and Bendigo Twinning Group on 23 March.

Councillor Mrs James reported that she had attended the AGM of the Centre of Pendeen on 9 March, and in her capacity as Chairman of the Community Land Trust had attended a meeting with Cornwall Council on 4 March regarding options for the future of Bosavern Farm.

TC.313 REPORT OF CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

In the absence of Councillor Goninan, the Town Clerk presented his report as follows:-

In respect of Geevor Tin Mine, progress was being made on the issues around Masham and moving towards an agreed Management Agreement.

Cornwall Council had now agreed the cash flow facility for Balleswidden Chimney which would enable Cornwall Council to make progress regarding the lease of the sites and the commencement of conservation works.

On highway issues, the ditch opposite Hectors House, Trewellard Hill had been reopened and would now be included as part of the rural maintenance work schedule. Councillor Goninan had attended a meeting with Andy James and the owner of Trewellard Hotel regarding the location of the finger post and agreement had been reached for the post to be sited on the hotel's land.

The children's posters and leaflets about dog fouling had been judged and a presentation was due to take place on Friday 1st April.

A review meeting had been held at Carn Bosavern Farm on 4 March and options for the future were currently being considered.

The main options presented by Cornwall Council were:

1. To bring the arrangement to an end and dispose of the farm;
2. Grant a further two year tenancy to offer the chance for further business development; and
3. Grant a seven year tenancy with exclusive options to buy.

Tree planting at Cot Valley had been completed.

150 people had attended the Tea Dance in St John's Hall.

Nesting boxes were now in placed in the Closed Graveyard and one log pile had been removed with the help of local school children.

Work had commenced on the top plots outside Carn Bosavern Garage to convert them into rock gardens.

Councillor Goninan was also working regarding mobility scooters for the local community. A needs survey was to be undertaken in April / May.

TC.314 ST JUST TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

Malcolm Bell and Steve Kessell, Visit Cornwall attended the meeting to advise the Town Council on the current position of the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) in St Just Library.

Malcolm Bell explained that following his appointment a review of TIC provision across the county had been carried out with a view to achieve efficiency savings within the service.

There were a total of 24 TICs in Cornwall, two operated by Cornwall Council and the others operated by a variety of different arrangements.

Significant changes had been introduced which had resulted in funding cut. Visit Cornwall now provided “tools” assistance to TICs to support the service. Visit Cornwall would continue to work with the library staff by providing training, support and in considering ways to increase income generation, but he confirmed that direct funding had disappeared.

Malcolm Bell also confirmed that there had been a change in Cornwall Council policy and that from April 2011; TICs would be able to promote properties that were not fully registered. A new scheme of local inspection was being introduced “Legal, Green, Safe & Clean” for accommodation. This was less expensive than full registration, with inspections carried out by the TIC, although Visit Cornwall would still be supporting the “Star Rating” scheme.

In response to questions regarding income generation, Malcolm Bell stated that Visit Cornwall would continue to work with the library to develop ways of increasing income from trading activities and that one of the initial issues was to change the culture of the business and to develop new ways of working.

The Mayor commented on the poor TIC signage on the exterior of library building and Malcolm Bell confirmed that Visit Cornwall may be able to offer some help to improve the current situation.

In summing up, Malcolm Bell acknowledged the importance of TICs to the local community and the local tourist industry but commented that the new arrangements were purely a change in the model of how the service was to be operated.

The Town Mayor that thanked Malcolm Bell and Steve Kessell for attending the meeting and advised the Town Council that Pam Martindale and Annie James, Cornwall Council’s Library Service would be attending a future meeting to inform the Council of the arrangements for the TIC service in St Just, and how the funding that the Town Council had allocated would be used to support the service.

TC 315 H M COASTGUARD – REVIEW OF SERVICE

This item was deferred for consideration pending the receipt of further information.

TC.316 FINANCE

a) Applications for Financial Assistance

None received.

b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £1113.00 be approved for payment.

c) Letters of Thanks

None received.

TC.317 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA11/01069 Demolition of 4 garages and construction of two flats at 1, Bank Square, St. Just. Applicant Mr. Matthew Kerr. **(T. Cl. Support)**.

PA11/01800 Felling of sycamore, pine and reduction of stem of sycamore at 7, Tregeseal Hill, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicant Mrs. D. Harris. **(Deferred pending receipt of Tree Officer's report)**.

PA10/07112 Construction of single storey extension and double garage at Inglenook Cottage, Levant Road, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant Mr. C. Buck. **(T. Cl. No Objection)**.

PA11/01924 Change of use of land and siting of a kiosk and catering trailer at Levant Mine, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant National Trust. **(T. Cl. Strong opposition to the proposal within a World Heritage Site and would like to see the re-use of an existing building for both facilities with materials and design to be sympathetic to surrounding character of mine buildings)**.

(b) Appeal Decisions

10-0038-P Change of use of the ground floor to a cafe, demolition and rebuilding of boundary wall and gates at Blackbird Barn, Bank Square, St. Just for Ms. Alison Richer **Approval** (T. Cl. Support).

TC 318 Quarterly Budget Monitoring

The Town Clerk presented details of the Council's income and expenditure, together with bank reconciliations for the period 20 December 2010 to 25 March 2011 (copy appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED: That the position be noted.

TC.319 INFORMATION ITEM

None.

TC.320 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.321 KENIDJACK VALLEY ALLOTMENTS – PROPOSED TERMS OF THE LEASE

The Town Council considered the proposed draft terms of the lease with the National Trust for the allotments at Kenidjack Valley, in the light of further discussion with the National Trust regarding suggested amendments which had been raised by the Town Council at its meeting on 28 February 2011 (minute no. TC.299/11 refers), and subsequently considered by the Environment & Tourism Committee at its meeting on 22 March 2011.

RESOLVED : That

1. the draft lease, as amended, and including the addition of a bi-annual rent review and rental value of £40.00 p.a. at commencement of each licence be approved, and that the Town Mayor / Town Clerk be authorised to sign the lease on behalf of the Council; and
2. the agreement between the Town Council and the Allotment & Growers' Association be signed at the same time as the tenancy agreement between the National Trust and the Town Council.

(Action by : Dave Stevens / Elaine Baker)

Meeting closed at 8.26 p.m.

Town Mayor