

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 Tuesday 7 April 2015 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor K McFadden - Town Mayor
Councillor N McFadden – Deputy Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Mrs Blundy	F Morris
B Clemens	D Roberts
Mrs F Cock	G Roberts
T McFadden	Mrs Salmon

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Mrs S James – Cornwall Council
Gary Kaute – Local resident

PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None.

TC.310 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Mrs McQueen.

TC.311 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Town Mayor and T McFadden declared non discloseable interests in respect of minute no. TC 317/15 (Portheras Beach Clean Up) as they were related to one of the companies / persons who had quoted for the work. They agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

The Deputy Mayor declared a discloseable interest in Min No. TC317/15 (Portheras Beach Clean Up) as the proprietor of one of the companies quoting for the work. He agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

Cllr Mrs Salmon declared a non-discloseable interest in minute no.TC.318/15 (St Just in Bloom) as a member of the group and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

TC.312 DISPENSATIONS

None received.

TC.313 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 23 March 2015 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.314 MATTERS ARISING

On minute no. TC.309/15 (Pendeen Playing Field), the Town Clerk reported that the suggested date for the handover of the responsibility for maintaining the playing field from Cornwall Council was 1 October 2015. Discussions were continuing with the Trustees on the title transfer.

TC.315 ST JUST IN PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL AGENCY AGREEMENT 2015 / 16 – GRASS CUTTING (CLOSED CHURCHYARD)

RESOLVED: That the agreement between the Town Council and Cornwall Council to undertake grass cutting at the Closed Churchyard, St Just in 2015 / 16 for the sum of £81.24 be accepted.

The Town Clerk advised the Council that it was likely that this would be the last year in which Cornwall Council made a financial contribution towards the cost and that this work would need to be added to the list of areas currently maintained by the Town Council. The exiting three year contract with Far West Gardening Services came to an end on 17 July 2015 and the process of seeking quotations would commence in May.

TC.316 MAKING OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – SECTION 119. THE CORNWALL COUNCIL (FOOTPATH NO.4 ST JUST-IN-PENWITH (PART)(KERROW FARM AND ENVIRONS) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2015

The Town Council considered the making of the above footpath Order by Cornwall Council and RESOLVED to raise no objection to the Order.

TC.317 PORTHERAS BEACH – BEACH CLEAN UP

In accordance with their disclosures of interests The Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor, and Cllr T McFadden withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the following item.

The Town Clerk reported that three quotations had been received for the “clean-up” of rubbish and metal at Portheras Beach following the request for assistance by the “Friends of Portheras Cove” to improve public safety.

The Town Clerk advised the Town Council that if it was minded to accept one of the quotations, as this was additional unplanned expenditure in 2015 / 16 the costs would be met from the Council’s free reserves.

Three quotations had been received as follows:

Cormac Ltd.	£5,428.93 (Excl. VAT)
Frank King	£6,495.00
Cornwall Garden Services	£2,275.20 (Incl. VAT)

RESOLVED: That the quotation of £2,275.20 (Incl. VAT) from Cornwall Garden Services be accepted and that the cost be met from the Council's free reserves.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.318 ST JUST IN BLOOM

The Town Clerk advised the Council that a request had been received from the Chairman of the St Just in Bloom Group seeking the Town Council's assistance in funding the costs of the floral displays within the Town Centre as it had in 2014. The costs were the same as the previous year £1,978.80 (inclusive of VAT).

RESOLVED: That St Just in Bloom be advised that the costs of this year's floral displays at a cost of £1,978.80 will be met by the Town Council.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.319 MINERS' STATUE

This item was moved into the confidential part of the meeting.

TC.320 DOF FOULING – PLAIN-AN-GWARRY

The Town Clerk reported that despite having made direct approaches to individuals exercising their dogs within the Plain-an-Gwarry, there had been no decrease in the amount of dog fouling in the area. In addition, the CCTV had confirmed that there were a number of people regularly exercising their dogs within the Plain.

The Town Clerk expressed her concern at the continuing problem, particularly in view of the fact that a number of events were already scheduled to be held in the Plain and the potential health risks. Therefore, as the Town Council was the custodian of the Plain-an-Gwarry and responsible for all activities taking place in the area, the Town Clerk was seeking the Council's support to placing a dog ban on the area with immediate effect.

To support this action, the Town Clerk, together with the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team, were investigating the possibility of Cornwall Council placing a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) on the Plain which would enable any offenders to be fined. Cllr Mrs James suggested that the Town Clerk contacted James Hardy, Cornwall Council's Community Link Officer who would be able to offer assistance.

Following detailed discussion the Town Council unanimously RESOLVED to ban the exercising of dogs within the Plain-an-Gwarry with immediate effect.

Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.321 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

No applications had been received.

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £3,653.23 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

None.

TC.322 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA14/03835 Construction of four dwellings and associated works on land off Leat Road, Pendeen, Penzance. Applicant: Golowji Ltd. **(T Cl No objection)**

PA15/01559 Demolition of existing agricultural building and construction of replacement general agricultural and machinery store at Nanquidno Cottage, Road from Newtown to Nanjulian, Nanquidno, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. **(Deferred until the next meeting pending the receipt of the Planning Officer's comments.)**

PA15/02172 Construction of two semi-detached dwellings on land east of St. John's Terrace, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. Clint Toms. Stonecross Developments. **(T Cl No objection)**

PA15/00729 Change of use of deconsecrated Trewellard Sunday School and smithy outbuilding to residential unit. Renovation and building works to convert the main building to a 4 bedroom dwelling and smithy to ancillary accommodation at Trewellard Sunday School, Levant Road, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. R. Heatley. **(T Cl No objection)**

(b) Decisions

PA15/00761 Application for replacing old casement white upvc windows for new white wood effect upvc sliding sash windows at 22, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Matthew Jenkins. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

TC.323 INFORMATION ITEMS

None received.

TC.324 MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Town Clerk reported that that next Penwith Stakeholder Meeting was to be held on 13 May 2015 at St Piran's Hall, Goldsithney. Cllr Mrs Blundy confirmed that she would be attending the meeting and would also represent the Town Council.

The Town Clerk also reported that as part of Cornwall Council's consultation on the future of the library service, a stakeholder event for town and parish councils was to be held on 14 April 2015 at the Penzance Library. It was AGREED that Cllr Clemens and Cllr D Roberts would represent the Town Council at the event.

The Town Clerk also reported that due to election commitments Cllr Mrs McQueen had requested that the informal discussion on Neighbourhood Planning be deferred until after the Annual Meeting in May. The Town Council AGREED to the request.

Cllr Mrs Cock advised the Town Council that local residents at The Leat, Pendeen had raised concerns with her about the fencing off of some land by an adjoining landowner and potential development of that land. The residents were concerned because it was their belief that the land was "open access" to the public. Cllr Morris reported that he was aware of the situation and that the landowner had advised him that he had documentation confirming land ownership. It was AGREED that before the Council took any formal action, Cllr Morris would seek confirmation of landownership.

(Action by : Elaine Baker / Cllr Morris)

Cllr Morris reported on the installation of a new gate on a public right of way at Cot Valley. It was AGREED that Cllr Morris would meet with the Town Clerk to investigate the matter.

(Action by : Elaine Baker / Cllr Morris)

TC.325 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: that under Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the business specified in the following items.

TC.326 CORNWALL CIVIC AWARD

The Town Council assisted Cllr Mrs James with nominations for Cornwall Council's Civic Awards.

TC.327 ST JUST MINERS' STATUE

The Town Mayor reported back on his attendance at recent meetings of the St Just Miners' Statue Committee the main focus of which had been the proposed location of the statue. Following detailed discussion the Town Council RESOLVED that the

Committee be advised of the following:-

“That the Town Council reaffirms its support for the siting of the Miners’ Statue at Geevor Mine, and that full disclosure of financial information be provided within 14 days as previously requested at the Council meeting on 1 December 2014. If the Committee fails to produce this information a formal request will be made by the Council to meet with the Chair of the Miners’ Statue Committee and the Chair of St Just & District Trust to clarify the current position regarding delivery of the project.”

Meeting closed at 8.19 p.m.

Town Mayor