

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 7 September 2015 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor K McFadden - Town Mayor
Councillor Mrs F Cock – Deputy Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

B Clemens	Mrs G McQueen
N McFadden	F Morris
T McFadden	D Roberts
	G Roberts

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Mrs James – Cornwall Council
Anthony Holman – Trustee, St Just Football Club
Sharon Olds – Local resident

TC.109 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Blundy, Cllr Mrs Salmon and Cllr Stevens.

TC.110 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Mayor and T McFadden declared non-registerable interests in minute no TC.119/15 (Applications) in respect of PA15/07336 as they were related to the applicant and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

Cllr N McFadden declared a registerable interest in minute no TC.119/15 (Applications) in respect of PA15/07336 as the applicant and owner of the property and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

Cllr T McFadden and Cllr D Roberts declared non-registerable interests in minute no TC.119/15 (Applications) in respect of PA15/07730 as the application was a personal friend and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

TC.111 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations granted.

TC.112 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 24 August 2015 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.113 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

TC.114 ST JUST FOOTBALL CLUB

Anthony Holman, Trustee of St Just Football Club attended the meeting to provide the Town Council with an update on the football club, and in particular the issue of the 12 free car parking spaces at the club for local residents which had been paid for by the Town Council in 2011 (minute no. TC.129/11 (TRO & St Just Football Club – Provision of Car Parking refers).

Mr Holman, advised the Town Council that the club's decision to provide the spaces was ultra-varies, as they had not sought the approval of the trustees, being himself and Ivan Rowe, and therefore he stated that the money should be repaid to the Council. However, discussions were ongoing about the provision of additional car parking at the club, but these were at a formative stage and Mr Holman said that he would like to return to a future meeting to provide the Council with a comprehensive update when proposals had been fully developed.

The Town Council acknowledged the situation, but felt that reimbursement of the money would be counterproductive and detrimental to the future viability of the club and it was suggested that the money be retained by the club for the benefit of the local community.

In addition, Cllr N McFadden suggested that the club contacted the Lafrowda Committee about the possibility of additional car parking being provided at the club for the annual Lafrowda Day festivities as provision of adequate centrally located car parking continued to be a problem.

RESOLVED : That

- (1) the Town Clerk be authorised to write to Mr Holman confirming the Town Council decision that reimbursement of the £1,392 (less VAT) is not sought and that the money be retained by the club for the benefit of the local community; and
- (2) that the club opens discussions with the Lafrowda Committee on the provision of temporary additional car parking at the club on Lafrowda Day.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.115 IMPLEMENTATION OF EGNOS GNSS INSTRUMENT APPROACH PROCEDURES AT LAND'S END AIRPORT (EUROPEAN GEO-STATIONARY NAVIGATIONS OVERLAY GLOBAL NAVIGATION SATELLITE SYSTEM)

The Town Council received details of the current consultation being undertaken by the Isles of Scilly Steamship Group on the proposed implementation of a navigation satellite system at Land's End Airport. The Town Council gave its strong support to the proposal.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.116 CORNWALL COUNCIL STREET TRADING REVIEW

The Town Council considered the details of a current consultation being undertaken by Cornwall Council on the unification of the regulation of street trading in Cornwall to comply with European Union Services Directive and the specific questions as detailed in the document for submission to Cornwall Council.

The Town Council RESOLVED to advise Cornwall Council that it supported Question 4 in the consultation document that the activities listed below should be exempt from requiring street trading consent:-

Fetes, carnivals etc.; car boot sales; honesty boxes; goods from working farms sold at premises where produced; sales by occupiers within residential curtilage; approved markets / event & trading on beaches.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.117 PENDEEN PLAYNG FIELD

The Town Clerk updated the Council on the progress being made in respect of the proposed handover of the playing field to the Council as from 1 October 2015. Together, with Cllr Stevens an audit of the play equipment had been carried out, the results of which had been circulated to the Town Councillors. Details of email correspondence between the Town Council and Cornwall Council had also been circulated.

The Town Clerk commented that Cllr Stevens was concerned about the risks to the Town Council in taking on responsibility for damaged / defective equipment and the possible risk of injury to users. He was also concerned about the current condition of the street lighting and the tone of Cornwall Council's response as outlined in the email 28 August 2015.

A number of Town Councillors commented that they had visited the playing field and supported the findings of the audit. Cllr Clemens also commented that the street lighting had not been put in for the benefit of Pendeen Silver Band, and that it would have no objection to the lighting being removed.

The Town Clerk also reported that one of the Council's conditions on taking over responsibility for the playing field was that the title deed for the land be transferred into the Council's ownership. A letter was still awaited from John Guy, Chair of the Board of Trustees confirming its support to the transfer. A copy of the title deed had been forwarded to Cornwall Council's Legal Team but to date no contact had been made with the Town Council.

The Town Council reaffirmed its commitment to taking over responsibility for the playing field but after detailed discussions **RESOLVED** that Cornwall Council be advised of the following:-

- (1) That formal handover to the Town Council does not take place on 1 October 2015 as previously agreed, and that an extension of time be requested to allow for the following to be completed;
- (2) Completion of the title transfer of the land from the Board of Trustees to the Town Council;
- (3) Removal of all the street lighting from the playing field;
- (4) That the following repairs and costs be met by Cornwall Council and completed before any formal handover (as outlined in the email dated 28 August 2015 from Stuart Wallace to the Town Clerk);
 - Spring Mobile Sail Ship -Spring showing signs of corrosion - descale & repaint;
 - Basketball backboard replacement;
 - Repair to Single Point Tyre Swing approximate cost £800; and
 - Repair of the split in the plastic on the Supernova; and
- (5) Town Clerk to continue discussions with the Council's insurers regarding the appropriate level of insurance cover.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Cllr Mrs James suggested that grant funding might be available to which the Town Council could apply towards the cost of new play equipment etc.

The Town Mayor commented that once the formal handover had taken place the Town Council would hope that a playing field committee could be established to oversee the day-to-day running of the play area under the umbrella of the Town Council

TC.118 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

No applications for financial assistance were considered.

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £4,690.00 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

The Town Council received a letter of thanks from the trustees of the Old Town Hall, St Just in respect of the recent grant award.

TC.119 PLANNING

(a) Applications

In accordance with the disclosure of interests the Town Mayor, N McFadden and T McFadden withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the following planning application.

In the absence of the Town Mayor, the Deputy Town Mayor took the Chair for consideration of the following planning application.

PA15/07336 Extensions and alterations to dwelling (part completed) at The Old Forge, Crippas Hill, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. N. McFadden. **(T Cl No objection)**.

PA15/06006 To increase the size of the previously approved planning application PA14/06297. Erection of a single storey rear porch enabling some of the space to be used for washing machine and dryer at 3, Lafrowda Terrace, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Alan Towers. **(T Cl No objection)**

In accordance with the disclosure of interests T McFadden and D Roberts withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the following planning application.

PA15/07730 Proposed loft conversion with dormer window extension and Velux windows, enlargement of existing front porch and new bay window at Hunrosa, 24A Boscaswell Village, Lower Boscaswell, Pendeen. Applicant: Miss E. Bennetts. **(T Cl Strong support)**

PA15/07369 Replacement extension, replacement windows and minor internal works at 16, Fore Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. G. Beasley. **(T Cl No objection)**.

(b) Decisions

PA12/05560 Construction of an affordable dwelling on site of former Chapel at Dowran Methodist Chapel, Dowran, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Michael May. **Withdrawn** (T. Cl. Strong support).

PA15/05968 Replacement toilet and shower block at Trevedra Farm Access Track to Trevedra Farm, Sennen. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. John Nicholas. **Approval** (T. Cl. Strong support).

PA14/04576 Erection of a one bedroom dwelling on land adjacent to 4, Church Road, Pendeen. Applicant: Mrs. E. Hancocks. **Refusal** (T. Cl. Objection on grounds of detrimental impact on adjoining listed properties. T. Cl. also concerned that no listed building application was submitted.

TC.120 APPLICATION TO USE THE PLAIN-AN-GWARRY

RESOLVED: - That the re-submitted application by the Cornish Wrestling Association to use the Plain-an-Gwarry and electricity supply on 26 September 2015 be approved.

TC.121 INFORMATION ITEMS

The Town Council noted the contents of the letter from Cornwall Council regarding paperless planning applications dated 6 August 2015.

TC.122 MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Town Clerk reported that the annual meeting of the West Penwith Community Network was due to take place on 17 September 2015. Cllr Mrs McQueen agreed to represent the Council at the meeting.

The Deputy Town Mayor thanked the Town Mayor and Town Clerk on a successful Mayor's Sunday which been held on 6 September 2015.

Cllr D Roberts raised the issue of the current refugee situation across Europe and what assistance was being proposed locally. The Town Clerk reported that the matter was being discussed at a national as well as county level and that the Town Council should wait until the outcome of those discussions were known and respond accordingly. However, the Council was advised that a public meeting was being held at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday 8 September 2015 in the Old Town Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.07 p.m.

Town Mayor