

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 23 March 2015 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

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

COUNCILLORS

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| B Clemens | D Roberts |
| Mrs F Cock | G Roberts |
| T McFadden | |
| Mrs G McQueen | |

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Mrs S James – Cornwall Council
Mr. Christian Denley – Deputy Headteacher, Cape Cornwall School
Owen Davis – Cape Cornwall School
Dave Stevens – Nancherrow Project
Gary Kaute – Local resident
Miss R & Miss K Semmens – Planning Application PA15/01830

PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None.

TC.292 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

TC.293 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

TC.294 DISPENSATIONS

None received.

TC.295 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes, as amended below, of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 9 March 2015 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

Apologies for absence replace D Roberts for "G Roberts".

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.296 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes

TC.297 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

There were no Town Councillor reports.

TC.298 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

In the absence of PCSO Andrew Tonkin the Town Clerk gave the monthly Police report for the period covering 24 February 2015 to 23 March 2015. During that period there had been eight reported crimes which compared to twelve for the same period last year.

The crimes were as follows:-

- 2 Thefts
- 1 Common Assault
- 1 Grievous Bodily Harm
- 2 Criminal Damage
- 1 Criminal Damage to Vehicle
- 1 Interference with vehicles

TC.300 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Cllr Mrs James presented her monthly report of county matters as follows:-

There were two matters of concern: Nancherrow Project and the Pendeen Playing Fields both of which were the subject of discussion in the confidential part of the agenda. The process for agreeing the devolution of local libraries would be announced in April when conversations would re-start. The process would have to be open and transparent to avoid risks of legal challenge and further delays that could make libraries very vulnerable.

Regarding the coach parking bay, matters were progressing and Cllr Mrs James was hopeful it would be in place during April or early May. Currently there were five local businesses committed to promoting the facility through their own advertising channels, recognising the benefits to their own businesses and the wider town. Once an implementation had been confirmed details would be placed on social media and website based advertising and the Town Council could also consider whether it would

add links to its own website.

LEPCLT was generating significant interest in the homes in Pendeen but so far applicants were struggling to have both sufficient deposit and a mortgage offer. Options were being explored that might enable people to buy now with a smaller deposit or possibly rent, whilst saving to increase their deposit and / or dealing with barriers to their obtaining a mortgage, where these were not income related.

Cllr Mrs James had attended a Child Sexual Exploitation briefing (known as CSE) and had an enquiry day on the issue, in her Health and Scrutiny committee role, in June. She reported that we may want to believe that no children were affected locally but the reality was that some probably were. For this reason, Cllr Mrs James had asked that a Council briefing paper be made available to you. In Cllr Mrs James's view it was another reason why Nancherrow and the wider youth service was so important, as drop in youth provision was a place vulnerable youngsters often attended.

Views on priority discussion areas were being collated at the Community Network Panel. Bearing in mind that the meetings were now open to the public, the Town Council did not have to restrict attendance to specific representatives and Cllr Mrs James urged councillors to attend the next meeting on 21 May, when the Cabinet Member and Head of Service for Planning would be attending. Other priority areas identified were universal childrens' and youth services, open spaces, fly tipping and dog fouling, policing and devolution as well as some broad health and wellbeing matters.

Finally, nominations were being sought for Cornwall Civic Awards. Councillors were being asked to nominate people who they felt made a significant contribution to their communities, enabling Cornwall Council to publically recognise them and thank them. Cllr Mrs James asked the Town Council to assist her in making a nomination(s). It was agreed that the matter would be placed on the confidential part of the agenda for the next meeting on 7 April 2015.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.301 CORNWALL YOUTH COUNCIL

Owen Davis and Christian Denley, Cape Cornwall School attended the meeting to give a brief presentation on Owen's election to the Cornwall Youth Council and background to his role.

Owen Davis advised the Town Council that he had recently attended the South West Region Residential Course for the Youth Parliament and that his role was to listen to the ideas and concerns of young people in Cornwall and take appropriate action and to get younger people more engaged in politics.

The residential course had discussed its local and regional manifestos: for Cornwall the three main points were cheaper / more frequent public transport; greater educational input through increased engagement and provision of Youth Services. The South West regional priorities were raising awareness of mental health issues; curriculum politics and financial assistance / support. These were the issues that Owen would be campaigning on.

Mr Denley stated that the school was extremely proud of Owen's achievement and that the vote at Cape Cornwall School was the highest recorded based on percentage of the intake.

The Town Council and Cllr Mrs James stated that they were happy to provide advice and support as may be required. The Town Mayor thanked both Owen Davis and Mr Denley for attending the meeting.

TC.302 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

No applications had been received.

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £7,519.47 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

None.

TC.303 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA15/01830 Change of use and conversion of barns to 2 No. residential dwellings and associated works at Hailglower Farm, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicants: Miss R and Miss K Semmens. **(T CI No objection)**

PA15/01911 External alterations including added insulation at first floor level, replacement of roof with new roof light, replacement of windows at Archavon, Market Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Kelvin Collins. **(T CI No objection)**

PA15/01596 Proposed rear extension and detached garage at Boslowen, Pendeen, Penzance. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. G. Watson. **(T CI 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 pending receipt of Planning Officer's comments)**

PA15/02086 Conversion and extension of garage to form linked annexe accommodation to Property at Kelly Bray, Higher Bosavern, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. A. Holliday. **(T CI No objection)**

PA15/02172 Construction of 2 semi-detached dwellings on land east of St. John's Terrace, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. Clint Toms. (**Deferred pending receipt of Planning Officer's comments**)

(b) Decisions

PA14/11651 Installation of Bank of Ireland ATM at 18, Bank Square, St. Just. Applicant: Bank of Ireland. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA14/11652 Advertisement consent for a collar Type B sign to surround the ATM at 18, Bank Square, St. Just. Applicant: Bank of Ireland. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA15/00285 Conversion of redundant farm buildings to a dwelling and associated site development works at the Mill House and Bull House, Bollowal Farm, Bollowal, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. A.J.H. Thomas. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA15/08512 Demolition of existing stable building and building of new studio shed at Nineveh Farm, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant: Mrs. Marie Butcher. **Approval**. (T. Cl. Supported Planning Officer's initial comments with concern regarding the scale of the development).

(c) Appeals

PA13/05965 Certificate of Lawfulness – Construction of bungalow (utilising remains of derelict dwelling) at Greenacres, Higher Trewellard Hill Farm, Trewellard Hill, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. T.J. Corp. **Appeal Allowed – Costs against Council dismissed.**

PA14/05544 Proposed pair of holiday units at Highfield, Nancherrow, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. W. Tieken. **Appeal Dismissed – Award of Costs against Council refused.**

TC.304 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING

The Town Council received details of income and expenditure, together with bank reconciliations for the period 9 December 2014 to 17 March 2015, together with monthly bank and petty cash reconciliations which had been independently verified by Cllr Mrs Cock in accordance with Financial Regulations (copy appended to the signed minutes).

TC.305 INFORMATION ITEMS

None received.

TC.306 MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Town Council was advised of Code of Conduct Training being held on 14 May 2015.

Cllr Clemens reported on the improving situation of dog fouling in the Plain-an-Gwarry. The Town Clerk reported that the matter would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting on 7 April 2015.

In addition, Cllr Clemens reported that the problem of long term parking of vehicles in Market Square was improving. He also raised the issue of potential on street parking problems when the Post Office and ATM machine transferred to The News Centre. The Town Clerk advised that until the transfer had taken place it was unclear what impact the move would have on traffic flow but agreed to keep the situation under review.

At the request of Cllr Mrs McQueen, it was agreed that an informal discussion on the issue of Neighbourhood Planning would be held following the meeting on 20 April 2015 to which all Town Councillors were requested to attend.

TC.307 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.308 NANCHERROW PROJECT

Dave Stevens, as Treasurer, Nancherrow Project attended the meeting to discuss the future of the Nancherrow building in the light of further information regarding the existing lease of the building from Cornwall Council, and the implications for securing future grant funding to support the project in future years following Cornwall Council's decision to withdraw funding.

Dave Stevens personally thanked the Town Council for the recent grant award of £3,000 it had made to the project to enable it to continue to employ youth workers until longer term funding could be secured.

Following detailed discussion of the issues the Town Council RESOLVED to offer its "in principle support" to a community transfer of the asset from Cornwall Council to the Town Council, subject to agreeing terms and conditions.

TC.309 PENDEEN PLAYING FIELDS

The Town Council discussed the future management and maintenance of the Pendeen Playing Fields following Cornwall Council's decision to stop maintaining the play area in the light of budget cuts.

The Town Clerk reported that the playing fields were managed by a local Board of Trustees who had expressed an interest in transferring the title of the land to another body. Pendeen Band also had access over the land to their Band Room which was located within the curtilage of the land.

Cllr Mrs James also reported that the Community Network Manager was also discussing possible options with Devon & Cornwall Housing.

Following detailed discussion of the issues the Town Council RESOLVED : to advise Cornwall Council

- (1) That the Town Council agrees to the transfer of the title of land ownership of Pendeen Playing Field from the Board of Trustees to St Just Town Council;
- (2) That as a consequence of (1) above, St Just Town Council takes over responsibility for the management of Pendeen Playing Field; and
- (3) That the Town Council agrees to the continuation of site inspection and possibly grass management being provided by Cornwall Council and Cormac Ltd respectively (as based on costs provided by Cornwall Council (email dated 23 March 2015 refers), subject to the receipt of a formal quotation and Town Council approval.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Town Mayor