

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 20 June 2016 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllr K McFadden - Town Mayor  
Cllr D Stevens - Deputy Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

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

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Mrs S James – Cornwall Council  
Hazel Murray – The Cornishman

TC.38 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was an apology for absence from Cllr N McFadden.

TC.39 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

TC.40 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations granted.

TC.41 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes, as amended below, of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 6 June 2016 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

Min No. TC.24/16 (Declarations of Interest) – Cllr Clemens declaration to read *“as the applicant was known to a family member.*

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.42 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Mrs Cock asked for an update on the new St Just Guide. The Deputy Mayor reported that the new guide would be finalised by the end of the week.

Cllr D Roberts thanked the Town Council for the flowers that he and his partner had received following the birth of their new son.

TC.43 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Mayor reported that he had attended a meeting at the Centre of Pendeen on 14 June 2016.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had attended the funeral of former Town Mayor Roy Lee on 8 June 2016.

TC.44 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Cllr Mrs James presented her monthly report of county matters which included the following items:-

The most significant issues that were affecting Cornwall Council and had implications for towns and parish councils, and the people they represented, were the Electoral Review being carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England and a Governance Review being undertaken by an Independent Panel under the guidance of Cornwall Council's Constitution and Governance Committee.

The electoral review was the first since the Unitary Council was set up in 2009 when Cornwall went from having 330 councillors serving at district and County Council level to the 123 today. The principal objective was to ensure that all councillors represented, as far as practicably possible, the same number of voters. Any changes would come into effect for the 2021 Cornwall Council elections, so the elections next year would run on the same boundaries and numbers of councillors as at present. However, before elections next year the review was expected to decide on the future number of Cornwall Councillors. Decisions on re-drawing the boundaries would take place after the new Council was elected, when implications and the extent of devolved powers from Government to Cornwall would be better understood. This review had been imposed on Cornwall because there was disparity in the numbers of the electorate various councillors represented.

The Governance Review was working in tandem with the Electoral Review and was required by Government before any further devolved powers would be considered. Cllr James's personal concern was that this would be the Government seeking to influence Cornwall in going for an elected Mayor although she had been assured its purpose was to review Governance arrangements, with an open mind, bearing in mind powers being devolved from Westminster to Cornwall and from Cornwall Council to local councils. Evidence would be taken from local councils as part of the process. It was anticipated that the review would conclude before elections next year. If people were unclear what the different models of Governance were then further details could be found on Cornwall Council's website. However, a document that detailed the differences between a Leader and Cabinet model and an Elected Mayor and Cabinet was tabled for members of the

Town Council.

Locally, Cllr Mrs James had become involved with UK Action for Refugees that focused on trying to meet the enormous need for medical supplies and essentials for babies from displaced families in Syria. This included raising money for the purchase of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand ambulances and getting them out to Syria. The Methodist Chapel had agreed to be a public drop off point for donations on Sundays from 9.30a.m till noon or Mondays 8 till 10 a.m. Alternatively, people could contact Cllr Mrs James. Full details could also be found on her website.

Finally, Cllr Mrs James urged all Town Councillors to read the newsletter which had been circulated regarding the Penwith Landscape Partnership. St Just was the only town in the area of benefit. Cllr Mrs James urged the Town Council to engage as the project unfolded.

TC.45 UPDATE SHAPING THE FUTURE OF HEALTH AND CARE ENGAGEMENT

The Town Council received a copy of a special bulletin from Cornwall Council which provided an update on the recent engagement exercise across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly to understand the key health and care priorities of the public and staff to help shape the future service.

Cllr Mrs Blundy, on behalf of West Cornwall HealthWatch commented that the consultation was a pretty fair reflection of the current situation and that the issues of particular concern were mental health, access to services and community hospitals. Cllr Mrs Blundy confirmed that HealthWatch would be making a formal response to the consultation.

Cllr Mrs Cock commented that there were a number of positive aspects contained within the report.

The Town Council noted the content of the update.

TC.46 PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 119 & 118 OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980; PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS. PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF THE PUBLIC FOOTPATH NOS. 186, 184 AND AN UNRECORDED SECTION UNDER SECTION 119 AND PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF AN UNRECORDED SECTION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH UNDER SECTION 118

The Town Council received a preliminary consultation relating to a revised proposal to divert and extinguish public footpaths at Chyrose Farm, St Just.

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council is advised that the Town Council has no objection to the revised proposal to divert and extinguish public footpaths at Chyrose Farm, St Just.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.47 CAMBORNE GREEN SPACES DEVOLUTION PACKAGE – CAMBORNE RECREATION GROUND

The Town Council considered a letter from Camborne Town Council which sought the Town Council's support in urging Cornwall Council to reconsider its position regarding the exclusion of Camborne Recreation Ground from a proposal to increase the quality of green space provision in Camborne.

The recreation ground consists of a formal park and rugby pitch and Cornwall Council was now proposing to split the park from the rugby pitch, offering the park to Camborne Town Council, including the revenue from the rugby pitch. Cornwall Council's decision to split the site was based on the pitch as being a "*strategically important sporting asset*" which it needed to keep to "*retain options for the property estate in the future*". Further investigations by the Town Council had confirmed that Cornwall Council had identified the pitch as a "*surplus asset for disposal*", however this had since been confirmed as an error by Cornwall Council.

An offer of a joint freehold title has been made to Camborne Town Council but to date no detail of such an agreement has been provided.

Given the importance of Camborne RFC to the local community and the wider Cornish community, Camborne Town Council was now seeking the support of other local councils in its campaign to secure the freehold of the whole site so that it could increase investment and improve facilities for community benefit.

RESOLVED: That a letter of support be sent from the Town Council to Cornwall Council.

(Action : Elaine Baker)

TC.48 PLAIN-AN-GWARRY – PERIMETER WALL

This item was deferred for consideration to the next meeting on 4 July 2016.

TC.49 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

None received.

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £10,890.77 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

The Town Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received from Contact the Elderly following the donation it had received from the Town Mayor.

TC.50 PLANNING

(a) Applications

**PA16/05243** Installation of new cast iron guttering system to street elevation. Replacement of existing softwood double hung sash and casement windows with new hard-wood windows. Installation of new internal secondary glazing system to double hung sash windows. Replacement of existing softwood external stable doors and double glazed window to kitchen with new hardwood stable doors and double glazed window. Installation of new hardwood timber door within existing structural granite opening to external store at 4, Church Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Holland. **(T Cl Strong support)**.

In respect of PA15/05161 (Construction of three dwellings Land at St John's Terrace, Pendeen), the Town Clerk reported that the application had been referred to the Planning Committee for determination and asked if the Town Council wished to attend the meeting make a formal representation. Cllr Mrs James advised the Council that the application was only before the Planning Committee due a technical legal matter regarding S.106 contribution. Therefore the Town Council agreed that no representation was required at the meeting.

(b) Decisions

**PA16/01920** Demolition of plastic conservatory roof and replacement with new double glazed roof and new rear wall to conservatory with glazed double door at Spring Cottage, 11, Queen Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. R. Lamb. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

**PA16/02520** Construction of new dwelling house, garage and associated works (outline approval PA13/06811) at Tregeseal Row, Road from New Road to Bosvargus Hill, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Roberts. **Withdrawn** (T. Cl. No Objection).

**PA16/02889** Listed building consent for installation of water supply pipes at the Counthouse Workshop, The National Trust Count House, Botallack, St. Just. Applicant: The National Trust. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

**PA16/02985** Conversion and extension of building to form cottage on land S.E. of 6 and 7 Crescent Place, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. Peter Eddy. **Withdrawn** (T. Cl. Strong Objection).

**PA16/02636** Demolition of existing agricultural building and construction of replacement general agricultural and machinery store at Nanquidno Cottage, Nanquidno, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. **Refusal** (T. Cl. No Objection – Agree to Disagree).

**PA16/02936** Replacement two storey extension to the north west elevation and the replacement of the porch to the south east elevation. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. M. McCain. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

**PA16/01549** Construction of 14 residential units (12 holiday units and 2 live work units) at former Carnyorth Mine, Carnyorth, St. Just Applicant: Mr. N. McFadden. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

**PA16/02986** Proposal to add a porch and provide a more appropriate entrance to the property at Assembly, West Place, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Andrew Harper. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

**PA16/04104** Proposed double garage/workshop at Carnyorth Villa, 20, Carnyorth Terrace, Carnyorth, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. T. Semmens. **Withdrawn** (T. Cl. Strong Objection).

TC.51 APPLICATION TO USE THE PLAIN-AN-GWARRY

RESOLVED: That the applications to use the Plain-an-Gwarry and electricity supply for a Cornish Wrestling Tournament on 9 July 2016 from 2 – 5 pm, Cape Cornwall School for a drama workshop on 4 & 5<sup>th</sup> July between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. and the Lafrowda Festival from Saturday 9 to Sunday 17 July 2016 inclusive be approved.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.52 NATIONAL PAY AWARD 2016 – 18

The Town Clerk advised the Council of the details of the recent two year national pay award for public sector employees.

TC.53 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING

The Town Council received details of income and expenditure, together with bank reconciliations for the period 1 April to 13 June 2016, 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.54 MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Town Clerk reported that she had met with James Hardy, Community Link Officer and that a meeting would be arranged between the Town Council and Cornwall Council's Property Services to discuss devolution issues before 18 July 2016.

The Town Clerk advised the Council of the details of the Governance Review event taking place on 19 July 2016 at the Acorn Theatre, Penzance.

The Town Clerk reported that an invitation had been received from Mary Kingdom for Town Councillors to attend an organ recital at Pendeen Church on 24 June 2016.

Cllr Mrs McQueen commented on the Penzance Foodbank, in particular access to transport, and asked councillors if they knew of anyone who would benefit from the service to get in touch with her.

Councillor Mrs Cock commented on BBQ's in the Plain-an-Gwarry and on behalf of an elderly resident expressed personal thanks to PCSO Andrew Tonkin for the support he had provided over a recent incident.

Meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

Town Mayor