

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 19 June 2017 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllr Brian Clemens - Town Mayor
Cllr Marna Blundy - Deputy Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Zoe Baxter	Louise Paine
Sue James	Grenville Prowse
Jonathan Manser	Geoff Roberts
Constance Moore	Debbie Shephard
Farmer Morris	Bev Strick

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Elizabeth Carne – Deputy Grand Bard, Gorsedh Kernow
David May – Cape Cornwall Tennis Club

TC.33 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

TC.34 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Sue James declared a non-discloseable interest in min no. TC.43(a)/17 (Applications) in respect of application PA17/04773 as the applicant was an adjoining landowner, and she agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

Jonathan Manser declared a non-discloseable interest in min no. TC.43(a)/17 (Applications) in respect of application PA17/04773 as the contractor engaged to carry out the building work, and he agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

TC.35 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations granted.

TC.36 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 5 June 2017 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.37 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

TC.38 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Sue James gave her report of monthly county matters as set out below: -

The outcome of the local elections in May had resulted in no overall political control (requiring 63 councillors) which had made the formation of a new administration more complex. Thus, formal meetings had only started last week. However, in confirmation the Liberal Democrat and Independent Groups had formed the administration and were agreeing their priorities which would be announced in the coming week. The context of reducing available money to deliver services appeared the approach likely to continue. Nationally, as well as in Cornwall. Cllr James confirmed that she had been appointed Cabinet Member with the portfolio for Environment and Public Protection but as all 10 Cabinet members were just getting to grips with their new responsibilities, there would be a period of briefings before any significant decisions could be made.

Cllr James was conscious that she would be spending more time in County Hall, but would strive to continue to give adequate focus and time to local matters, helped she hoped by being part of the Town Council, and working collaboratively with the other Town Councillors for the good of local people. A first issue was on the agenda, the St Just Recreation Ground: the Cornwall Council perspective was that officers had been impressed with the level of engagement from local people, and included people that have provided their contact details to help work towards improvements at the ground. There was £30,000 available from Cornwall Council to support a project, and whilst it was recognised that this would be inadequate to meet local aspirations it would be helpful in attracting grant funding. Officers were hoping that, as the local member, perhaps supported by the Town Council, Cllr James would be able to set up a public meeting which officers would attend and they would also ensure that those local people willing to be involved were informed.

Regarding St Just Library, now that the Cabinet was formed the Business Case put forward would be assessed and the next meeting between the St Just Community Library Group, formerly the 'Friends' and officers of the Council would take place on 6 July.

Chris Goninan, Chair of St Just in Bloom, had written to Cllr James and the Town Clerk concerned that the grass in St Just was not being cut often enough. It had been established that the contract with Cormac was that the grass should be cut before it reached 150mm in height. Cllr James was seeking confirmation that the grass would be cut prior to the judging to support the St Just in Bloom team. However, if the Town Council felt that it wanted a higher standard, Cllr James could find out the cost of additional cuts as this was something other town and parish councils had considered.

One other matter that might have come to the Town Council's attention was the change in some places from large wheelie public waste bins, which needed special vehicles to empty, to smaller litter bins. The reason for this was in part costs, but was mainly because the use of those bins had been abused by the dumping of commercial waste and waste that residents should have taken to recycling centres, such as St Erth.

The Friends of Portheras Cove were particularly worried that it might make their beach cleaning work more difficult but Cllr James was hopeful that following a meeting between the group, Clean Cornwall and Council Officers their fears would be allayed and issues resolved. For information, the new bins could be checked and emptied several times a day by local staff and this would include checking for and reporting fly tipping and doing litter picks close by. The hope was that this would be an improved local service.

TC.39 GORSEDH KERNOW

The Town Council received a presentation from Elizabeth Carne, Deputy Grand Bard, Gorsedh Kernow regarding the possibility of the 2019 Esedhovas Festival being held in St Just.

Mrs Carne outlined the background to the event which celebrated Cornish culture, and which aimed to foster good relations between Cornwall and other Celtic countries, and which included the Bardic ceremony as the focus of the event. The first Esedhovas had been held in 1928 and annually since that date at different towns and villages across Cornwall. The event had been previously held in Plain-an-Gwarry, St Just in 1982 and 1998. The event would be held in September. The Gorsedh Kernow was seeking the support of the Town Council in hosting the event in 2019 and the assistance of the Town Clerk, and possibly one Town Councillor on the organising committee. The event would be self-financing with any shortfall covered by the Gorsedh Kernow. The event would attract many visitors to the town and therefore would be beneficial to local businesses.

A proclamation event would be held on April 2019 to formally announce where the event was to be held, with a “taster” announcement at the 2018 festival to which representatives from the Town Council, as the host town, would be invited to attend.

The Town Council thanked Mrs Carne for her presentation and RESOLVED to agree to the hosting of the Esedhovas Festival in St Just in 2019.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

TC.40 ST JUST RECREATION GROUND

Consideration of this item was deferred until the next meeting on 3 July.

TC.41 DEMENTIA FRIENDLY AWARENESS – RENEWAL

The Deputy Mayor tabled copies of a revised booklet from the Penwith Dementia Action Alliance. The Town Council had previously signed up to being a Dementia Friendly business and the Deputy Mayor, in her capacity as Secretary to the Alliance, was seeking the Council’s recommitment. 14 training sessions had been held in the previous 18 months and to date 37 businesses had signed up to be part of the Action Alliance.

It was AGREED that Dementia Awareness Training for all Councillors and staff would be held at 6.15 p.m. on 3 July 2017.

The Town Council also RESOLVED to recommit its pledge of support to being a dementia friendly community.

(Action by: Marna Blundy)

TC.42 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

David May made a brief presentation to the Council on the background to the formation of the Table Tennis Club.

The Town Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which set out a request for financial assistance from the Cape Cornwall Tennis Club towards new equipment.

(a) Cape Cornwall Table Tennis Club £2,500

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(b) (i) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £1,897.12 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

There was a letter of thanks from the Centre of Pendeen in response to the Council's recent grant award.

TC.43 PLANNING

Cllr Mrs James made the following statement: -

"As both a Cornwall Councillor and Town Councillor for the St Just-in-Penwith Electoral Division, I wish to make it clear that any views and opinions expressed today will not affect my decision making at a later stage of the planning process when I might have additional information and be in a different role."

(a) Applications

PA17/04282 Retention and completion of an extension, alterations, refurbishment works and associated works at Cot Manor, Road from Cot Manor to Kelynack Farm, Cot Valley, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. C. Haffner. **(Deferred pending Planning Officer's comments).**

PA17/04283 Listed Building Consent for an extension, alterations, refurbishment works and associated works at Cot Manor, Road from Cot Manor to Kelynack Farm, Cot Valley, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. C. Haffner. **(Deferred pending Planning Officer's comments).**

PA17/04190 Proposed metal garage at 8, Boscaswell Estate, Boscaswell Road, Lower Boscaswell, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. Anthony May. **(T Cl No objection)**

PA15/05214 Change of use of land to Landscape Contractor's business comprising storage of topsoil, aggregates, logs, turf and reclaimed materials, together with ancillary sales, screening of topsoil and crushing of concrete, stationing of bins to store wood, plastics, compost and glass, stationing of a skip to hold any waste products that may arise from the activities, stationing of associated administration cabin and maintenance and parking of associated vehicles. Retention and completion of engineering operations, including the formation of earth bunds, re-profiling of the land and provision of gravel stone surface on Access track to Leswidden Fuel Depot, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. T.N. McFadden. **(Deferred pending receipt of Carnyorth Industrial Site application)**

In accordance with their disclosure of interest Sue James and Jonathan Manser withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the following application.

PA17/04773 Proposed front extension to incorporate a bathroom and porch at 10, Parc An Yorth, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. J. Aldred. **(T Cl No objection)**

PA17/04780 Listed Building Consent for retention of infill of opening at Trevegean Farm, Trevegean, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. James Tregear. **(T Cl No objection)**

(b) Decisions

PA17/02352 Proposed two-storey, three-bedroomed dwelling on land at site of former Trewellard Stores, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. Danny Menear. **Approval** (T. Cl. Support).

PA17/02997 Outline planning permission with all matters reserved: Proposed cottage style dwelling within sub-divided garden of existing property on land S.E of 38, Boscaswell Village, Lower Boscaswell, Pendeen. Applicant: Mrs. Margaret Le Grange. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA17/03173 Proposed telecommunications installation at CTIL208095-VF12958-TEF50856 at St. Just Cricket Club, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicant: Vodafone Ltd. **Refusal** (T. Cl. Support).

PA17/01895 Erection of new lean-to conservatory on front elevation at 1, Pleasant Terrace, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA17/01856 Proposed rear ground floor and first floor extension which does incorporate a balcony as approved previously at 7, Trewellard Road, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. Duncan Adams. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA17/03159 The proposals are to replace an existing rear (East) porch with a new larger porch/utility room. Demolition of existing garden sheds and replacement with a new bedroom extension. Internal alterations including the conversion of the existing garage to artist's studio. Construction of new detached double garage at Creek Barn, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. Tim Stobbs. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

TC.44 COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS – PHASE 2

The Town Council received details of the consultation currently being undertaken by Cormac Solutions on behalf of Cornwall Council regarding new regulations making School Keep Clear markings mandatory and the installation of signage and correct lining at Pendeen School.

The Town Council supported the proposal.

TC.45 INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

TC.46 Matters for Report

The Town Clerk advised the Council of the background to the National Trust's decision to install pay & display machines at National Trust locations in the light of the recent email from Ian McNeil Cooke which had been sent to all Councillors.

The Town Clerk also reported on the positive comments that had been received on the work being carried out by Pip Morse, footpath contractor.

Constance Moore raised the issue of weed spraying. The Town Clerk confirmed that there was an agreement with Cormac Ltd. who carried out two weed sprays per year on the main streets in St Just and Pendeen on behalf of the Town Council.

Grenville Prowse reported that he had attended a recent meeting of the Sports Hall Committee and confirmed that a grant application was to be submitted to the Town Council.

Geoff Roberts commented on the work to the Venton East footpath.

Jonathan Manser requested that the Town Council sponsor a stall on Lafrowda Day to promote the development of a neighbourhood plan. It was agreed that this item would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting when the issue of neighbourhood planning would be considered.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

Zoe Baxter asked if the Council would be hosting a civic event on Lafrowda Day. The Town Mayor confirmed that no civic event had been held for the past four years.

The Deputy Mayor reported that she had attended the anniversary Pendeen Silver Band concert on 16 June, the "Great Get Together" organised by Bosavern Community Farm on 17 June and the Golowan Civic Service on 18 June.

The Deputy Mayor also reported that Douglas Woolcock bus needed new volunteer drivers, and reminded the Town Council of the Lafrowda Festival Church service at the Methodist Church on 2 July.

The Town Mayor reported that he had recently attended the Open Day at the Arc Pendeen, Cape Cornwall School Arts Awards evening and the Pendeen Silver Band 125 years' concert.

Meeting closed at 8.16 p.m.

Town Mayor