

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 22nd January 2018 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

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

COUNCILLORS

Zoe Baxter
Jonathan Manser
Constance Moore
Farmer Morris

Louise Paine
Grenville Prowse
Geoff Roberts
Debbie Shephard

LOCUM TOWN CLERK

Cas Leo

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cait Chalwin + 6.

TC.203 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Sue James and Bev Strick.

TC.204 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were two declarations of interest. Farmer Morris Planning PA17/11927 Builder.
Jonathan Manser Planning PA17/12127 relative to owner of property.

TC.205 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations granted.

TC.206 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 8 January 2018 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.207 MATTERS ARISING

Marna Blundy mentioned that previously the issue of speeding at Truthwall had come up and that the PCSO was aware of the situation and was looking at the issue. The Mayor mentioned he discussed traffic issues at Community Network Meeting and received a positive approach from the Police and Crime Commissioner to assist communities in using local solutions like trained volunteers with speed guns.

PRESENTATION

Mr David James gave a presentation on the Miner's Chapel and the work of the Trustees. At the end of the presentation he requested the Town Council consider allowing the Town Mayor to become an ex official Trustee.

RESOLVED: That the Mayor becomes Ex officio Member (Trustee) of the Miner's Chapel Board.

Action: Mayor

TC.208 Second Draft Budget 2018/19 Discussion

Discussion continued with the draft budget. The Mayor informed the council that given the additional expenditure being forecast in the next financial year that all assumptions on expenditure were looked at by himself and Geoff Roberts before presenting them to the council. The Mayor thanked the Clerk and Geoff for the work undertaken in getting to this stage. The Clerk also explained due to poor weather conditions all work on Plain an Gwarry will now be done in the next Financial year rather than starting in this financial year the total expenditure of £13,268 will be in the next Financial year.

RESOLVED: That the draft budget be accepted the budget is £181,080 and demand for the precept is being made on 24 January 2018 to Cornwall Council for £167,572.

(Action by: Cas Leo)

TC.209 Localism/Devolution St Just /Pendeen Car Parks St Just Library

Car Parks

The Mayor updated the council on the meeting with Cornwall Council held on 16 January 2018. The situation on the car parks has changed, despite being told by Cornwall Council in July 2017 the Car parks could be transferred in a matter of weeks. It now seems that the Car Parks have been put into the county wide review of Cornwall Council Car Parks. The Review is taking place in May 2018. At the meeting Helen Fincham mentioned she would contact the previous lead officer to check whether the St Just case was already accepted and being progressed or whether we would be part of the county wide review.

Library

The council discussed the high financial costs of the Library, which were highlighted in the 16 January meeting and concluded this would make the option too expensive on the terms outlined for the council to take on the Library. The Town Council discussed various options before reaching the preferred option. That the Library Service and the School could reopen discussions on moving the service to the school, to safe guard the service.

RESOLVED: That the clerk writes to Helen at Cornwall Council to ask about the check she was making and stating the Town Council's preferred Library option which is for the Library Service and the School to reopen discussions on moving the service to the school to safe guard the service.

(Action by: Cas Leo)

TC.210 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance.
None Received

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £8404.54 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Cas Leo)

(c) Letters of Thanks

None.

TC.211 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

PA17/11723

Redevelopment of redundant Women’s Institute site by construction of two three-bedroomed detached dwellings and ancillary works at Pendeen Women’s Institute, Boscaswell Road, Lower Boscaswell, Pendeen. Applicant: Carnsworth Ltd. **(T. Cl. Support)**.

PA17/11927

Replacement conservatory at 5, Bosorne Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mrs. Fiona Cock. **(T. Cl. No Objection)**.

PA17/12109

Outline planning permission with all matters reserved: Detached dwelling on land rear of former Trewellard Stores, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant: Mrs. Debbie Williams. **(T. Cl. No Objection)**.

PA17/12230

Proposed construction of a stable block on land to North of Portherras Terrace, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. Toms. **(T. Cl. Objection)**.

PA18/00056

Upgrading and modernisation of dwelling to include works to the chimneys, rear extension cladding, drainage, conservatory, felt roofing and guttering at 3, Church Street, St. Just. Applicant: Ms. Suzy Adderley. **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

PA18/00209

Construction of a glass roofed conservatory above the existing kitchen/dining room at 21A Boscaswell Village, Lower Boscaswell, Pendeen. Applicant: Ms. Amanda Bailey. **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

PA17/12127

Proposed 4-bedroom dwelling for alternative design to current approval in place as part of wider 3 property development – Re-submission of Withdrawn Application No. PA17/07604 on land N.E. of Queens Arms, Botallack, St. Just. Applicants: Mr and Mrs Ben and Cait Chalwin. **(T. Cl. Fully Supported).**

(b) Decisions

PA17/10849

Re-submission of Withdrawn Application No. PA17/05903 dated 19th September 2017 for a revised design to an existing approved Planning Application PA11/08664 for the erection of a three bedroomed dwelling on land East of Portherras Villas, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. Jones. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

(c) Enforcements

EN18/00029

Alleged works not in accordance with approved plans of PA17/07651 – roof height higher than approved at Trewellard Industrial Estate, Trewellard, Pendeen.

EN18/00046

Use of building as a repair garage at Vehicle Repair Shop, Kelynack, St. Just.

EN18/00047

Alleged construction of a dwelling and office building at Kelynack Caravan Park, Crippas Hill, St. Just.

EN18/00048

Alleged removal of hedgerow and construction of a fence at Kelynack Caravan Park, Kelynack, St. Just.

EN18/00049

Alleged use of agricultural land as domestic cartilage at Boswidden, Bosworlas, St. Just.

EN18/00050

Alleged stationing of caravans and sheds at Bosworlas Allotments, Bosworlas, St. Just.

TC.212 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Councillors discussed the meeting on 17 January 2018 at Pendeen. Marna Blundy (Community Engagement Group) gave overview of the event and the notes of this meeting will be circulated and go before the next Council Meeting.

The event was opened with James Hardy presentation on the Neighbourhood Plan overview before splitting off into the subgroups. Zoe Baker reported that the steering group was very positive with few actions at this stage until the sub groups have a chance to meet in February and feed back to them.

The councillors with specific responsibilities on the sub groups reported back on the event. Constance Moore (Natural Environment) mentioned she had two pages of names, plus a volunteer with Projector and laptop ready for her meeting on 7 February 2018.

Marna Blundy (Community Engagement Group) have a meeting arranged on 31st January, 2018.

Jonathan Manser sub group (Built Environment) is also meeting in February however he needs to select 8/9 people from about a pool of about 30 to structure his group. Although he may decide to divide the sub group into geographical areas. The council then approved the notes from December's meeting. (Post Meeting Note: Meeting is on 8 February)

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed the Council Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group meeting notes of the 18 December 2017 including their TOR's.

TC.213 MATTERS FOR REPORT AND INFORMATION ITEMS

The Mayor had attended:

14 January 2018 Marazion Civic Parade
16 January 2018 Meeting Auditor
16 January 2018 Devolution Meeting with Cornwall Council
17 January 2018 Neighbourhood Plan Pendeen
18 January 2018 Network Meeting Penzance

1 trailer, 2 cars have been taken away from Car Park and other cars have been removed from St Just streets.

Deputy Mayor attended Community Lunch which helped raise £750 for Cemetery Fund

INFORMATION ITEMS

The Clerk read out a Coastline Housing a letter on Affordable Housing which will be circulated to all Councillors in the next agenda pack.

A3071 Cornwall Councillor and Clerk are expecting a report on this road which is named as one of the most dangerous in Cornwall. A report will be circulated once it comes in.

PA17/10785 Gurland Cottage Council were asked to select which option to take on this matter. The Mayor wanted to gauge the council response and they decided to take option

3, to disagree with the recommendation being suggested.

Redruth Youth Forum invitation to attend on 22 February was discussed and up to Five councillors expressed an interest in attending and asked the clerk to recirculate details of the event along with the names of councillors interested in attending to see about car share.

The Staffing Committee had met on 12 January 2018 and Chairman reported that the committee were following the CALC guidance, so no change. The Locum Clerk contract was extended until 30 April 2018.

Auditor Visit had taken place on 16 January 2018 and the Interim Report would be following in a couple of weeks.

TC.214 REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR SUE JAMES

Reported on 5 key areas. Read by the clerk

1. **Budget** – I reported that the Cabinet were struggling to balance the budget as the decisions of what else we can cut were difficult. Since then, recognising that Councils are struggling to maintain adequate local services, the Government decided to allow Council tax to be put up by a further 1% without a referendum, to bridge some of the funding gap their reduced funding was causing. This is another hard decision as we know that many local people will find it tough to pay another 1%. On balance we are going to propose this to fund an agreement with Citizen Advice Cornwall and to phase increased charging for over 16's transport to college. This therefore means we will be proposing to Full Council an almost 6% Council tax rise, half of which will be specifically to help us fund Adult Social Care where we are facing increasing demands for services.
2. **Penwith Landscape Partnership** – There is a drop-in session planned for 3:30 till 6:30 on Thursday 25 January in Community Room 2 of St Johns Hall. This is primarily aimed at people that might be interested in applying for the project worker posts but open to anyone that is interested. The 'This is my Parish' project will have relevance to Neighbourhood Planning so those involved, particularly in the Natural Environment committee, might want to go to find out a bit about Landscape Character Assessments.
3. **Cemetery Committee for Pendeen** – I gather that whilst the group had thought they had the initial ground water assessments covered by a generous donation, changing rules now mean these could cost £8,000 rather than £900, a significant disappointment to the group. I am making enquiries in Cornwall Council to discover whether there is a way to reduce the costs but I think it is likely the group will need to look for funds and we might want to keep that in mind as a Town Council.
4. **Single Use Plastics** – I'm sure many of you will have picked up on the harm that plastics getting into our seas is causing. I did a press release last week, in my

Cabinet role, seeking to inspire communities, businesses and Councils to embrace the environmental imperative to act urgently to reduce all unnecessary plastic packaging and eliminate single use plastics. It would therefore be hypocritical of me if I were not to ask that we put this issue on the Town Council agenda to seek views on whether we follow Penzance and other Cornish Towns in going plastic free, which does not mean 'zero plastic' but is meeting a standard set by Surfers Against Sewage.

5. **CCTV** – I was taken aback by the information the Mayor gave last meeting re the prohibitive cost to join other Town Councils taking advantage of the Tolvaddon monitoring system. Regulations have changed since our system was installed and we should take advice on whether what we are currently doing complies with regulations as specified under the Information Commissioners Code, which I have made available to the clerk. I know that Helston Town Council are passionate advocates of the CCTV partnership scheme and would gladly arrange for members of this Council to view their system. I would also point out that, those Councils joining the Town Council/ Tolvaddon partnership can apply for grants from the Police and Crime Commissioners Office. I have asked Fire Officers to clarify the situation to the clerk and I can chase this if it is not quickly forthcoming.

TC.215 Exclusion of the Press and Public

If necessary, to consider passing the following resolution:

“RESOLVED - that under Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it is proposed that, 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 item(s).”

Meeting Closed at 8.45 p.m.

Town Mayor