

INUTES 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 11 March 2019 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

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

COUNCILLORS

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

LOCUM TOWN CLERK

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ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE

Wendy Grose (speaker on Rights of Way) + 4

TC.284 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Sue James.

TC.285 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There was one, Bev Strick, financial assistance for Centre of Pendeen.

TC.286 DISPENSATIONS

None.

TC.287 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 25 February 2019 be approved as an accurate record signed by the Town Mayor; subject to three amendments shown in Matters Arising.

TC.288 MATTERS ARISING

Planning Application PA19/00543 in the minutes did not have the comment “No Objection” the comment has been added.

Planning Application PA18/09098 - Deputy Mayor wanted the fact that she was really cross with Cornwall Council’s decision recorded in the minutes.

The final sentence in the draft minute TC279 was amended to: The Mayor stated his case, that the hunt is not illegal; that the Council does not have a role in inviting or allowing the hunt and there would be no discussion of the matter by the Council.

Jonathan Manser tried to enter the discussion but no further debate was allowed by the Mayor.

TC.289 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance.

Cornwall International Male Choir £250. Centre of Pendeen £1k.

RESOLVED: That the grants to the above for Cornwall International Male Choir £250.00 and Centre of Pendeen £1000.00 were approved for payment. Bev Strick was absent for second item and returned after the vote.

The Locum Clerk outlined Grants Funds available. The Council had spent £20,680, leaving £4,320.00 before this evening's grants. He is aware of two future grants which may come to the next meeting.

(Action by: Locum Clerk)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £10,537.89 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Locum Clerk)

(c) Letter of Thanks

Chris Goninan Chairman of St Piran in St Just and Pendeen, had written to thank the Council for its grant to buy sashes for the St Piran Parade.

(d) Internal Audit Committee

The Internal Audit (IA), Committee held its meeting on 15 February 2019 to consider the Internal Audit Report dated 15 February 2019 with (Steve Hudson in attendance). They reviewed the report and recommendations contained therein (this document was previously circulated to all Councillors). There was only one recommendation which had already been brought into use: which was the Clerk/RFO certifying on the same form when the Mayor and Deputy Mayor approve payments at meetings.

They also considered the Council Financial Regulations, Management of Risk, the Asset Register including Health and Safety. The Committee went on to review the Council's Standing Orders and tasked the Clerk to bring any changes to the May 2019 Council Meeting.

(Action by: Clerk)

TC.290 PLANNING

The Mayor updated the Council on attending Cornwall Council Area Planning meeting at St John's Hall Penzance ref PA18/08791 at Truthwall when the decision went against the Town Council.

(a) **Applications**

Application: PA19/00857

Proposal: Non-material amendment (No 1) to planning permission reference PA18/02444 for alterations to internal first floor layout, minor amendments to windows on secondary elevations, and replacement of first floor windows in a like-for-like manner with either timber or upvc units

Location: Corner House Market Square St Just TR19 7HG

Applicant: Co-operative Group Food Ltd (**T. Cl. No Objection provided timber is used for the windows**).

Application: PA19/01101

Proposal: Replacement of polycarbonate roof to slate roof.

Location: Noon Cress Bosorne Terrace St Just TR19 7LR

Applicant: Mr Jeremy Spanton (**T. Cl. No Objection**).

Application: PA19/01109

Proposal Replacement roof covering, including raising of rear section and removal of one chimney

Location: 11 Market Square St Just TR19 7HD

Applicant: Mr K McFadden (**T. Cl. Deferred to next meeting pending completion of the Heritage Impact Assessment**).

Application: PA19/01183

Proposal: Hot tub plus first floor raised terrace and related alterations.

Location: Roslyn 20 Nancherrow St Just Penzance

Applicant: Mr Les Taskis (**T. Cl. No Objection**).

(b) **Decisions**

PA18/11890

Variation of Condition 4 (Opening Hours) of Decision Notice PA11/01760 (amended by PA13/03558) to allow opening hours to be changed to 8.30 a. m - 6.30 p.m. from Sunday to Wednesday and 9.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m. from Thursday to Saturday at Maria Chica, 11, Church Road, Pendeen. Applicant: Mrs. Maria Francisca Costa Pereira.

Approval (T. Cl. Strong Support).

(c) **Appeal Decision**

None

TC.291 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (NP) REPORT

Councillors on the NP Steering Committee gave a brief update on recent activities:

The Steering Group and other groups will meet next week, the report would then be circulated. The Deputy Mayor (Community Engagement) gave update on the next stage in the process which is a questionnaire scheduled for release (15 June 19) and returned a week later. Volunteers were sought to assist in the door to door mailing. Jonathan Manser announced he would be standing down from his group. Jess Morris had also previously resigned. The group had developed since it was set up and was now in good order to take the work forward.

TC.292 CORNWALL COUNCIL'S REVIEW OF POLLING STATIONS

The Town Council discussed the documents which had been circulated and the Trewellard Polling Station situation in particular. It was felt that the community would benefit from retaining this station.

RESOLVED: That the Locum Clerk replies on behalf of the Council that it would value the retention of the Trewellard Polling Station.

(Action by: Locum Clerk)

TC.293 COUNCILLORS BEHAVIOUR AT MEETINGS

Grenville Prowse wanted to discuss Councillors behaviour at meetings. He felt the behaviour of the Mayor towards other Councillors was unacceptable at the last meeting. Several other Councillors commented on the last meeting and social media reports before and after the last meeting when Councillors had discussed the agenda item 'the Council's relationship with the Western Hunt'.

The Mayor said he was sorry if his words had caused any offence to anyone, but will be sticking to his comments. He said he was acting in the best interest of the Council based on legal advice. He was not prepared to comment further in open session. Councillors then asked the Locum Clerk if the Mayor could share the detail. The Clerk's advice was that it should be shared at the next meeting in a closed session, if it was legal advice given to the Mayor. The Locum Clerk will place this item on the next agenda in the closed session.

TC.294 THE LIBRARY

The Locum Clerk stated the Agreement in Principle approved at the last Council Meeting subject to the Heads of Terms being agreed by both Councils, had now been shared with Charlotte Campbell Property Services and her other Cornwall Council colleagues.

TC.295 APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION OF DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT OF RIGHTS OF WAY

The Council discussed both items having received notification from Cornwall Council and residents.

1. Addition of a Restricted Byway from Unclassified Road U6002 to Classified Road B3306 at Joppa.
2. Addition of a Restricted Byway from Unclassified Road U3002 to Bartinney.

RESOLVED: That the Locum Clerk replies on behalf of the Council that it sees no purpose in changing the current status.

TC.296 INFORMATION ITEMS

Emergency Planning (Flood) one training place still available 19/3/19 all day.

Climate Change will come up at the next meeting. Debbie Shephard will also produce

a report from the Penryn Event that she attended.

St Just in Bloom confirmed their Banner mentioned at a previous meeting, would go up in May/June 2019 in front of the council offices.

Draft Council Meeting dates will go out shortly for 2019/20, for approval at the next meeting.

TC.297 MATTERS TO REPORT

Bev Strick mentioned Cornwall Council toilets at St just were in a poor state of upkeep with no flushing water and a lack of soap. The Mayor had noted the Pendeen Toilets had remained locked on a Sunday. Both episodes had been reported by the Town Council and would be followed up again this week.

Pendeen Watch signs had been damaged with signs being painted over and reports of cruelty to the wildlife from pet owners.

Deputy Mayor mentioned: that St Piran's Day celebrations/ events went very well and celebrations would happen again next year.

Evening Heath Watch Meeting was due to come up in Penzance.

Gorsedh meeting was taking place on Thursday in the Council Offices.

A meeting (open to any interested Councillors) was taking place with Mike Tresidder CNFC, reference possible future community events.

The Mayor had attended:

27 February 2019 meeting with Richard Saynor NCI and Chris from National Trust to access and discuss poor state of coastpath from Cape Cornwall Car Park to NCI watch. An agreed plan of action has been formulated and will be carried out ASAP.

2 March 2019 Compared St Piran's Concert featuring Twin Harmony, Cape Singers and St Just Primary School who stole the show.

3 March 2019 St Piran's Church Service on behalf of the Council at 9.15am.

4 March 2019 site meeting at Gews Farm 5.30pm attending staffing meeting at Council Chamber at 6.30pm.

5 March 2019 St Piran's Parade.

8 March 2019 Meeting at the Centre of Pendeen reference the Doctors' Surgery, Pendeen.

11 March 2019 West Area Planning Meeting, Penzance 10.am. Ludgvan Community Centre - 'Meet the Planners' 4.30-6pm

Pendeen Silver Band attended the South West Band Contest and achieved 7th overall and best Cornish Band in contest.

TC.298 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).”

TC.299 STAFFING

The Chairman of Staffing gave update following the Staffing Committee Meeting on 4 March 2019. The Locum Clerk has been given a new temporary contract until 30 June, 2019 covering for the Town Clerk. The Staffing Committee are working closely with South West Councils on staffing matters. A new Council Support Officer post has been advertised for 15-20 hours per week, the closing date is 2 April 2019.

Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Town Mayor