

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 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.15pm

Present:

Clls M Blundy (Mayor), S James (Deputy Mayor), J Manser, C Moore, F Morris, L Paine, D Shephard, B Strick

Public present:

4 members of the public were present

TC.146 Public Address at Council Meetings

Mrs Y Bristow applied to speak on PA19/08543 and it was agreed to defer this to the Planning item

TC.147 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Z Baxter, B Clemens and G Prowse

TC.148 Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Manser PA19/08372

Cllr F Morris PA19/05216

TC.149 Dispensations

Cllr F Morris PA19/05216

TC.150 Minutes

**RESOLVED** – that the Town Mayor signs as a true and accurate record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 (copy attached)

TC.151 Matters Arising

Page 1: Cllr B Strick raised the issue of the changing of the Minute (ref. TC.136 Page 1.) It was agreed that we would seek further advice on this

Page 1: Cllr F Morris confirmed that the Christmas trees (ref. TC.136 Page 1) will be provided by CGS under the same terms and for the same price as last year

Page 5: In the interviews referred to in TC.145e) four candidates attended

TC.152 Finance

Accounts for Payment

**RESOLVED:** To approve the accounts for payment as set out on the attached schedule

TC.153 Planning

Cllr James read the following statement:

*As both a Cornwall Councillor and Town Councillor for the St Just-in-Penwith Division, I wish to make 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

1. Application PA19/05216  
Proposal: Single dwelling house following demolition of existing storage building. Location: Land and Buildings West of Carnyorth Environmental Education Centre B3306 between Carnyorth Terrace, Carnyorth and Parc an Yorth, Trewellard TR19 7QE  
**RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION**
2. Application PA19/08372 Wheal Loor  
Proposal: Demolition of the existing detached garage/store to the north of the dwelling, and the construction of a new outbuilding for uses incidental and ancillary to the dwelling.  
Location: Wheal Loor, Road from junction north of Blue Seas to the junction south of The Queens Arms, Botallack, St Just  
**RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION**
3. Application PA19/08543  
Proposal: Construction of single dwelling and associated works  
Location: Land north east of 6 Carnyorth Terrace, Carnyorth, St Just  
**RESOLVED: STRONG OBJECTION**  
On grounds of inappropriate development, dangerous access and wrong use of materials. We will wish to call in if the Planning Officer's view is different
4. Application PA19/07535  
Proposal: Fell Sycamore (T1) Fell Cherry (T2)  
Location: Rosewell, Cot Valley, St Just  
**RESOLVED: SUPPORT**

#### Planning officer correspondence: Protocol for local councils

1. **PA19/05509 Land SE of Wheal Bal:** Planning Officer recommends conditional approval  
Town Council had resolved: Objection to what is proposed, with recommendation to return to the indicative outline plans (two modest semi-detached dwellings)  
**RESOLVED: To disagree** and request consideration by the Planning Committee
2. **PA19/06879 Bosavern House:** Planning Officer recommends conditional approval  
Town Council had resolved: Strong Objection on the grounds of over-development  
**RESOLVED: To agree** with the Planning Officer's recommendation
3. **PA19/07743 Truthwall (Non material amendment)** Planning Officer recommends negotiating an amendment allowing hung slate on only one elevation  
Town Council had resolved: Strong objection to the application, it should remain as granite as per the original application  
**RESOLVED: To agree the compromise**

#### b) Decisions

1. **PA19/06190** Two storey extension to west (rear) elevation to create enlarged kitchen/dining space and an additional small (4<sup>th</sup>) bedroom at first floor. New re-configured slate covered roof over south wing and new canopied entrance on west elevation  
Location: Porthnanven House, Cot Valley, St Just, Penzance **Approval**  
(T.Cl. No objections)
2. **PA19/06735** Camp site with shower/toilet block plus machinery, store on existing agricultural land.  
Location: Lands End Radio Station, Higher Bosavern, St Just **Withdrawn**  
(T.Cl. objects to the application and supports the concerns of the AONB)

#### TC.154 Neighbourhood Planning Update

The Steering Group received a detailed briefing on 30 September on the options of allocating sites, setting development boundaries, or writing carefully drafted policies for development. At its last meeting SG worked through the pros and cons of each, and agreed not to allocate sites or set development boundaries, but rely on policies. A statement explaining this decision has been written and will form part of the evidence base for the Plan. One consequence is that they are unlikely to need a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

They are now working on drafting policies and will shortly have a workshop for this, led by Melissa Burrow of Cornwall Council.

They have agreed an outline of the structure, contents and style of the plan, and are also working on collating and indexing evidence.

A funding bid for £2193.78 has now been submitted to Locality. It has been electronically acknowledged, but the agency has not yet been in touch for due diligence work. The next bid will probably need to be submitted in December.

Steering Group minutes approved by the Chair are on the website.

The Steering Group meets monthly, prior to alternate meetings of the Town Council.

#### TC.155 Mayor's Report

- a. Plen an Gwari – the rat traps have been removed following Town Council decision. I am in touch with Nick Russell, Assistant Inspector of Ancient Monuments, regarding the flagstones, and a meeting is being arranged with Adam Sharpe and others
- b. Geevor Project 'Old Stories, New Voices' – I attended inspiring presentations by Pendeen Primary School at Pendeen Parish Church and St Just Primary Schools at the Miners' Chapel. Pupils had worked alongside former Geevor miners, a writer and music specialists from the County Music Service to produce memorable accounts in words and music of life underground. Well done everyone
- c. Levant 100 yesterday – I attended the blessing of eight headstones at Pendeen Church in the morning, and the Commemoration in the evening at the Miners' Chapel, both very moving
- d. Feast Sunday – this is coming up and Shirley has it all in hand
- e. Paperwork – the past two weeks have largely been taken up with paperwork for the Library transfer, about which more in agenda item 18. I'm happy to report that it's coming together at last

#### TC.156 Correspondence

- 1) A thank you letter has been received from the Lafrowda Committee regarding the grant of £2500 received for community willow workshops
- 2) Library event on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, already circulated: Photographic Composition and Timing, a talk by Clive Heritage-Tilley, starting at 7pm with refreshments. Free admission. All councillors are encouraged to attend
- 2) Applications to use the Plain-an-Gwarry were approved, for
  - a) Walking Nativity Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December
  - b) Vintage Motor Cycle Rally 18<sup>th</sup> April

#### TC.157 Committee Reports

- a) Climate and Environment Action Committee (Cllr Moore)  
Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October. One of the community members can't commit to a Monday because of work commitments. The committee would prefer to meet on a Wednesday. Council agreed to the date change, and the Chair of Committee will draw up a date list.

The Committee will team up with the Neighbourhood Planning group to run a stall at the Sustainable Pendeen Event on 9<sup>th</sup> November. They will also have a display board in the Library, and it was suggested they could also display information in the Centre of Pendeen noticeboard.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be invited to the next meeting.

Committee would like to amend the Terms of Reference to include more than three members of the public, and wish it to be raised to six.

**RESOLVED:** that the Terms of Reference be amended to read 'up to six members of the public'.

Penwith Education Trust has requested funding of £150 to supply 600 booklets on climate change to every pupil in our two primary schools and Cape Cornwall School. Other local councils are funding these booklets for their children, and we would have a cover specific to St Just and Pendeen. There will be an event for schools in due course. The committee recommends that the Town Council support this.

**RESOLVED:** to request that the Trust submits a grant application form for the next meeting.

b) Premises and Amenities Committee meeting will be meeting next Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October

#### TC.158 Cornwall Councillor's Report

In my contribution to Outreach next month, I am encouraging residents to volunteer to train to be a speed watch volunteer and will liaise with Hilary Harris, who is the West Cornwall link person. If any Town Councillors are willing to get involved or want Hilary's email address to give to others, then let me know. From what others tell me in other communities, seeing people in high vis jackets with the traditional speed gun in hand can have a deterrent effect on speeding motorists. If we can get a local team of people, we would also be able to be more responsive to local hot spots and residents concerns.

Hopefully people have picked up confirmation that on Sunday 6 September next year, the Tour of Britain cycle race will set off from Penzance and be coming out to St Just before heading to St Ives and I'm guessing that will be along the coast road so, passing through Pendeen. I am sure we, as a Town Council will be contacted in due course, like the Man Engine event, to plan local logistics. I'm sure we will also want to engage with our local businesses and residents to ensure we benefit from a slice of the predicted £3m boost to the Cornish economy based on a hoped for figure of 180,000 people lining the route. I might be bias but I think we have got the best section of the route!

With other Cornwall Councillors I am working on how we ensure we are responsible investors of the Local Government Pension Fund, taking on board Climate Change and increasing concerns re fossil fuels. I am also discussing the control of Bovine TB and whether, evidence is mounting that the Government's heavy reliance on culling badgers might not be the most effective route to eradicating the disease. Some of us are discussing whether, as an owner of tenanted farms we should, as a Council, take a more active role in giving advice and support to tenants.

Cornwall Council plans to ensure 8,000 hectares of woodlands and forest are planted across the Duchy, over the next decade. The ambition is for the Forest for Cornwall to significantly increase the number of trees across multiple locations such

as expanding current woodlands, introducing or expanding trees in parks, encouraging tree planting on farmland and along our streets in towns and villages. It aims to extend our tree canopy to cover over an additional 2% of Cornwall's total land area and is estimated to be capable of capturing 38,000 tons of carbon dioxide a year, representing 1% of Cornwall's current greenhouse gas emissions.

As always, for information and details can be found on my website.

TC.159 Casual vacancy

A by-election has been requested, and further details will follow in due course. It should take place within 60 days of the notice being posted. If the election proceeds to a poll, it was agreed that Council wishes poll cards to be issued to all electors.

TC.160 Pendeen Play Park

Council received 3 quotes for repairing the wall following vandalism at the Play Park. **RESOLVED:** To accept the quote from J Midlen. The work will be done next week

TC.161 Information items and Matters to Report

Cllr Moore:

Enquired about planting trees in the Play Park. There were concerns about vandalism, though perhaps a Tree Ranger/Warden could be appointed to look after the trees. Bev suggested the new Community Cemetery. Farmer suggested the WI Green. Constance will ask for ideas at the Sustainable Pendeen event. St Just Recreation Park is also suggested

Cllr Morris:

Levant afternoon Ceremony, with pupils from Cape Cornwall School, Cape Cornwall Singers, probably 500 people attending

Cllr Strick:

Levant 100 evening was moving and humbling. Pendeen bus turning point was blocked with cars, and driver had to call for assistance. Consultation is to start shortly about double yellow lines, and a sign indicating bus turning space would be helpful. Suggested that this should go into Outreach for December

Cllr Paine:

There have been rumours on social media along with personal attacks. There is a lack of accurate information in the community; discussion led to a resolve to update the website, and signpost people

Cllr James:

Attended event at St Petrocs. Since 2016 this volunteer-led organisation has reduced homelessness in Cornwall, bucking the national trend

Cllr Blundy:

Reported on the arson attack at Truthwall, and the unfortunate lack of police response

TC.162 Library

- i) Property valuation for insurance purposes  
**RESOLVED:** To accept the quotation from Chris Gunn Surveying
- ii) Policies for adoption  
**RESOLVED:** to adopt Cornwall Council's policies relating to the Library
- iii) Transfer of services  
**RESOLVED:** to transfer services; to take up Kestrel Security's quotation; to proceed with the other outstanding issues as circulated

- iv) Documents for signing as already agreed  
**RESOLVED:** That in the absence of a Proper Officer the Council resolves to suspend Standing Order 22b) and authorises Cllr J Manser and Cllr B Strick to sign and apply the Council's seal for the transfer documents on behalf of the Town Council, witnessed by Cllr M Blundy as its Authorised Officer
- v) The Service Agreement, Surrender Document and Property Contract were then signed and sealed at the close of this part of the meeting

TC.163 Exclusion of the Press and Public

**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)

1. Staffing Update by Chair of Staffing
2. Malicious communications