

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Thursday 27th April 2006 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor C.A. Dennis (Chairman)
Councillor R.A. Mann (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors S. Bennett
J.S. Lambourn
K.L.W. Perry
P.C.H. Rendle

85. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors F. Granger, J. Ruhrmund, C.A.C. White and T.E. Williams.

86. **REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

(a) Penwith Access and Rights of Way Forum

The Town Clerk advised that the minutes of the latest meeting of PAROW, held on the 13th March 2006, had been received, together with the agenda for the meeting of the 11th April and they were available to any member who wished to have sight of them and it was

RECOMMENDED: that receipt be noted.

(b) Copy Correspondence re. Change of Use Application at 17 Pendarves Road

The Town Clerk advised of an e-mail which had been sent to members of the District Council's Planning Committee and copied to the Town Council from the Pendarves Road Concerned Residents Association and relating to their concern and disappointment at the decision to approve the conversion of 17 Pendarves Road to flats.

The e-mail was available from the Town Clerk for any member who wished to have sight of it and it was

RECOMMENDED: that receipt be noted.

(c) Correspondence from Environment Agency re. "Water Abstraction - Getting the Balance Right"

The Environment Agency had written to advise of the requirement to produce a Catchment Abstraction and Management Strategy in relation to the management of water at a local level.

The purpose of the strategy was to ensure that abstraction levels were balanced against the needs of the environment and the Agency was inviting initial comments by the 1st June 2006, based on the information provided in the leaflet or on the website, which would be fed into a consultation document which would be circulated in July 2007, and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(c) Correspondence re. The Cornish Cycleway and Newlyn Green

The Town Clerk advised of a letter received from a concerned resident regarding the decision of Cornwall County Council to invoke the 1949 byelaw to ensure that the path was used only as a footway.

The resident was disappointed that despite the consultation exercise carried out by the District Council, which showed 83 per cent of respondents in favour of shared use, the County Council had taken this decision and it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should write to the County Council to establish at what level the decision had been made, and what account had been taken of the District Council consultation in this matter, and it was

RECOMMENDED: that a further report be provided for the committee in due course.

(d) Cornwall County Council re. Road Closure

The County Council had written to advise of the following road closures:-

- (i) Pump Lane, Drift - from the 24th April to the 14th May - water main improvement;
- (ii) Mousehole Lane, Paul - Sundays 23rd and 30th April - cabling repair work;
- (iii) Abbey Street, Penzance - 15th to 19th May - South West Water meter improvement works and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(e) Correspondence re. Use of Pesticides

A circular prepared by the PEX Project group (Pesticide Action Network) had been copied to all members for information and provided details as to who to contact, should parishioners express concerns with regard to the use of pesticides in the area, and it was

RECOMMENDED: that receipt be noted.

(f) Correspondence re. Improvements to Recycling Facilities

The communication from SITA, the preferred bidder for the Cornwall County Council's long term household waste management contract, had been copied to all members for information.

The letter indicated that negotiations were continuing with the hope that a deal would be signed in the Autumn.

The first action to be taken by the group involved 15 planning applications across the 6 districts of the County and, in respect of Penwith, related to a new household waste recycling centre and redevelopment and expansion of the St. Erth Household Waste Recycling Centre and Road Transfer Station and it was

RECOMMENDED: that receipt of the information be noted.

(g) Consultation re. Proposed Bus Station Improvements

The Town Clerk reminded members that the proposals had been copied to all members for information and no objections had been received and, for the record, it was noted that at the Delegated Planning Meeting on the 6th April, the County Council were informed of the Town Council's support for the proposals and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(h) Invitation to Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Conference

The above group had sent an invitation to attend the conference being held at St. Just Golf Club at 10.30 am on Saturday 13th May 2006 and it was

RESOLVED: that Councillor Lambourn should represent the Council at the conference.

(i) Copy Correspondence from Penzance Civic Society re. Penzance School of Art

The Penzance Civic Society had written to English Heritage on the 6th August 2005 seeking the listing of the Art School as a building of special architectural interest.

English Heritage had responded to say that the building would be assessed, but nothing had been heard since and as the Town Council had supported the original request, it was

RESOLVED: that a further letter of support should be sent.

(j) Highways Agency "Summer Driving Leaflet - 06"

The Highways Agency had produced a leaflet to assist motorists in journey planning and which included details of major road disruptions and hotspots for the forthcoming summer and it was

RECOMMENDED: that receipt be noted.

(k) Delegated Planning Meeting - 6th April 2006

For the record, it was noted that a Delegated Planning Meeting had taken place on the 6th April and the decisions at that meeting are recorded in the Planning Register and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

(l) Papers for Penwith District Council Planning Meetings - 4th April 2006 and 2nd May 2006

The papers for the above meetings had been sent to the Town Council for information and were available for any member who wished to have sight of them and it was

RECOMMENDED: that receipt be noted.

(m) Penwith Local Development Framework - Statement of Community Involvement - Submission Draft

The original Consultation Draft Statement on community involvement had been published on the 6th October 2005 for a period of 6 weeks.

Seventy representations had been made and reported to the Social, Environment and Economic Committee of the District Council on the 25th January and amendments to the document had now been approved.

The Submission Draft had now been published on the 27th April and there was a further period of 6 weeks consultation through to the 8th June and the Town Clerk advised that the Town Council's position as consultee was fully protected in the document and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(n) Copy Correspondence from Civic Society: Comments re. Penwith College Planning Application

The Civic Society had provided details of its comments in respect of the above which were largely in line with the concerns raised by the Town Council and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

87. **SITE VIEWING PANEL MEETINGS**

There were no meetings on which to report.

88. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk advised of 14 decisions which were at variance with the view of the Planning Committee and of one notice of appeal and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

89. NEW AND AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered 27 new and amended planning applications and their comments are as recorded in the Planning Register.

In respect of application number 010/J/06 - Penwith District Council - lopping, topping, felling and thinning of various tree species at Morrab Gardens, Councillor R.A. Mann declared a code of conduct interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion or resolution thereon.

In respect of application number 041/06 - Penwith District Council - change of use of former Chapel of Rest to office - Old Fire Station, Penalverne, Penzance - Councillor R.A. Mann declared a code of conduct interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion or resolution thereon.

In respect of application number 471/06 - PJ Investments, (c/o Mr. and Mrs. Vickery), Trythogga Farm, Ponsandane, Gulval - demolition of disused building and construction of new dwelling - Councillor R.A. Mann declared a code of conduct interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion or resolution thereon.

In respect of application number 050/H/06 - Cornwall County Council - erection of one regulatory highway sign - 60 Adelaide Street, Penzance - Councillors C.A. Dennis and R.A. Mann declared a code of conduct interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion or resolution thereon.

9.10 pm

Chairman
8th June 2006