

**MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD THURSDAY 4 JANUARY 2018  
at 7.00 pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Allen, Mrs Carlyon, Ellis, Smith, Mrs Tudor, Vella (Chairman), Webb and Wells

**APOLOGIES:** An apology of absence was reported from Councillors Jones, Nolan, Mrs Nolan and Tamblyn

Councillor Rich was also in attendance.

**281 DISCLOSURE OR DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest to report.

**282 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held 7 December 2017, having been before full Council on 11 December 2017, were signed as a correct record.

**283 PLANNING CONSULTATION (PL1)**

**(a) Schedule 1**

Further to all Councillors of Truro City Council being given the opportunity to submit comments to applications in their Ward (by an agreed deadline), and for Members of the Planning Committee to comment on this Schedule prior to publication of the agenda for this meeting, it was proposed by Councillor Vella (Chairman) that it be

**RESOLVED** that the recommendations contained within Schedule 1, as proposed by the Chairman, be adopted by the Planning Committee

**(b) Schedule 2**

The Committee considered plans submitted in accordance with the planning consultation procedure, details of which are attached (Schedule 2), and, that it be

**RESOLVED** that Cornwall Council be informed of the following recommendations as voted upon by Truro City Council's Planning Committee:-

**(i) 10 Sunningdale (1)**

(PA17/10566)

Refusal recommended for the two-storey extension on the grounds of it constituting overdevelopment, it being out of proportion, unneighbourly, overbearing, land-locking the garden, and setting a precedent.

Proposer: Councillor Ellis

Seconder: Councillor Wells

Councillor Smith asked for his name to be recorded as having abstained from voting on the above application.

**(ii) 9 Trennick Row, Malpas (2)**

(PA17/11008)

Unanimous refusal recommended for the Listed Building consent application due to the use of inappropriate materials.

Proposer: Councillor Wells

Seconder: Councillor Ellis

**(iii) 8 St George's Villas, St George's Road (3)**

(PA17/11011)

Approval recommended in principle subject to the replacement of the plastic weatherboard with render to match the existing.

Proposer: Councillor Vella (Chairman)

(iv) **Land East and South-East of 15 Brunel Court (4)**  
(PA17/11167)

Members unanimously recommended that in the absence of a Tree Officer's report, only those works considered essential by the Tree Officer should take place. The Tree Officer's report, once completed, is requested.

Members also wished to note that they refused this application previously.

Proposer: Councillor Vella (Chairman)

(v) **10 Barton Meadow (5)**  
(PA17/11180)

Approval recommended for the resubmission, subject to there being no sustainable objections from the neighbours.

Proposer: Councillor Vella (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs Carlyon wished for her name to be recorded as having voted against the above recommendation.

(vi) **7 Pydar Street (6)**  
(PA17/11377)

Approval recommended for the Listed Building consent subject to the cabling and associated fittings not coming out past the drain.

Proposer: Councillor Webb  
Secunder: Councillor Ellis

(vii) **6 Treworder Road (7)**  
(PA17/11607)

Refusal recommended for the conservatory due to its position on the principle elevation, which would fundamentally alter the character of the street; any extension should be to the rear of the property.

Proposer: Councillor Vella (Chairman)

(viii) **9 Pengarth Close (8)**  
(PA17/11687)

Approval recommended for the construction of roof dormers, conversion of attic and alterations to existing bungalow, subject to there being no serious, sustainable objections from the neighbours.

Proposer: Councillor Smith  
Secunder: Councillor Allen

Councillor Mrs Carlyon wished for her name to be recorded as having voted against the above recommendation.

(ix) **Front Path at 4 Falmouth Road (9)**

(PA17/11713)

Unanimous approval recommended for the Listed Building consent subject to adequate drainage to prevent run-off onto the road.

Proposer: Councillor Smith

Seconder: Councillor Allen

(c) **Enforcement Investigations**

Members noted the planning enforcement list received from Cornwall Council with the comment that there was never an explanation from Cornwall Council as to why a conclusion of “not expedient” was reached.

Councillor Smith mentioned that following his attendance at a meeting on the subject, he was informed that only approximately 10% of enforcement cases were pursued as it was determined these were the only cases that could be won. It was felt it was a financial decision as opposed to a planning decision. It was also pointed out that each case officer had a caseload of approximately 200 applications at any one time.

**284 PLANNING CONSULTATIONS (PL1)**

(i) **Cornwall Statement of Community Involvement for Planning**

Further to Minute 263, The Chairman stated that as no further comments had been received by Members, he would be forming a response to the consultation under delegated powers, with the help of the Vice-Chairman, which would then be submitted to Cornwall Council before the consultation deadline of Monday 22 January 2018. If Members had any comments they were asked to send them to the Chairman within the next couple of days.

(ii) **Boscawen Street**

Further to Full Council (Minute 278 (c)), Members discussed their views on whether Boscawen Street should become pedestrianised. Councillor Wells outlined the findings of a working party a few years ago, which had determined that due to issues with the A30 at the time, it would be unfeasible for businesses to receive their goods in a timely manner if the streets were pedestrianised. However, as this was no longer the case with the A30, and as pedestrianisation had worked very well over the Christmas period, it was felt it was worth revisiting the idea.

It was suggested pedestrianisation could be tried out on the same roads that were closed during the Christmas Saturday (from St Nicholas Street, Boscawen Street, Princes Street and Lower Lemon Street) between approximately 10am and 4pm, which would still allow for deliveries to business premises.

Comments for pedestrianisation included the creation of a more relaxed, safer shopping environment that would encourage more people to shop in Truro. It would also better preserve the cobbles on Boscawen Street and reduce pollution. It was acknowledged the buses, Park and Ride and the taxis would be impacted but they adapted well over Christmas and Members were certain the issue could be solved.

Concern was expressed over disabled parking, but Members felt that this could also be worked around, particularly as people with manual wheelchairs already found it difficult to negotiate the street and pavements due to cars thoughtlessly obstructing the access plates over the leats. Exeter, where buses and disabled parking were still allowed, was cited as an example of a work-around.

Comments against pedestrianisation included concern over the practicalities of people accessing the main streets, the expense of parking in the local car parks (which was felt should be reduced), and the feeling that Truro City Centre was too small for this to work properly.

Following lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Wells and seconded by Councillor Smith that it be

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) Councillors Wells and Ellis (Vice-Chairman) compile questions regarding potential pedestrianisation to be put to various organisations within the City, such as the Civic Society, Truro BIDs, and the Chamber of Commerce, which they would then run by the Town Clerk before sending out to the above organisations;
- (ii) Once a general feeling as to the position of the above organisations had been ascertained, the item be referred to a future meeting of the Planning Committee for discussion, with a view of later consulting Members of the Public.

Councillor Mrs Carlyon wished for her name to be recorded as having voted against the above recommendation.

**285 LICENSING – STREET TRADING (F12/6)**

**Street Trading Renewals for 2018.**

Members considered the Street Trading Licence renewals for 2018, as outlined below:-

Nuala Parriss t/a Enjoy Clothing	Hats, gloves, scarves, socks, clothing, jewellery, lighting	Gypsy van (8' x 4')	Pydar Street	09:00 - 17:30	Jan, June – Dec  7 days
Mr P C Scott-Dickins t/a Cornish Tricycles	Hot dogs, bacon, sausages, crepes, lemonade & water	Catering barrow (3' wide and 6' long and 6' high)	Pydar Street	10:30 – 17:30	Jan – Dec 7 days
Mr Maurice Isaacs	Flowers, plants and holly wreathes	2 tables (4ft by 2 ft.) canopy & buckets	Pydar Street	09:00 – 17:00	Jan-Jun, Nov and Dec.  5 days
Mr P Marsh t/a Perry Marsh Pottery	Handmade pottery	5ft x 3ft old fashioned barrow stall	Pydar Street	09:00 – 17:00	July- Aug, Nov - Dec 7 days
Ms Meechell Trewin	Hot donuts and hot	8ft mobile towable	Pydar	09:00 –	Jan – May, Dec

t/a Donut Dollies	drinks	unit	Street	17:00	weekends & school holidays (7 days in Dec)
Robert and Jane Duncan t/a Yummy Cookies	Falafel wraps, burgers, cookies, cold wraps and cold drinks	'8' x '8' gazebo	Pydar Street	09:00 - 18:00	Feb – Dec 2-5 days
Mr Sandor Zsunk t/a Angelato	Ice cream/gelato	Smart car 2m x 4m	Pydar Street	10.00 – 18:00	April – Sept 7 days

After consideration by Members, it was moved by the Chairman, and it was

**RESOLVED** that Members had no objections to the Street Trading Renewals for 2018.

## 286 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (PL1)

### (i) The Planning Cycle for January

The Chairman reminded Members that, as previously circulated via email, due to one of the Planning Clerks being off work due to health reasons, and the other due to take annual leave for her wedding, that there would be a change to the planning cycle for January.

The General Office would send all planning application notifications to Ward Members of the Council and all Planning Committee members with a stipulation for any comments to be sent back to the Office within three working days. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman would then make a recommendation based on the comments, under delegated powers, which the Office would submit to Cornwall Council via the Online Planning Register.

Due to the above, there would not be a Planning Committee Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018. Normal procedures would resume after this date.

### (ii) Truro City AFC Football Ground Application at Strategic Planning

Councillor Mrs Carlyon mentioned that she attended a recent Strategic Planning Meeting at Cornwall Council where the Truro Football Club application (PA17/08182) was considered, and she had to fight to have Truro City Council's response read out. The importance of a Member of the City Council's Planning Committee attending these meetings to speak was reiterated.

The meeting closed at 8:20 pm.

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CHAIRMAN