

Minutes of the Meeting of St Ives Town Council held in The Guildhall, St Ives on Monday 5 December 2016 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor L Taylor (Town Mayor)
Vice-Chairman – Councillor C Nicholls (Deputy Town Mayor)

COUNCILLORS

Garrod H	Tulley R
Mitchell A	Williams T
Parsons A	

OFFICERS

Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - were received from Councillors T Andrewes, M Armstrong, C Chard, R Glanville, R Lait, P Prior, J Tanner, S Tanner and J Symons.

101. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

102. DECLARATION OF COUNCILLOR / OFFICER INTERESTS

None.

103. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION (approved by Council only)

None.

104. MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Chairman signs as a true and correct record the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 20 October 2016.

105. PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY REVIEW

Councillor Mitchell had requested this agenda item to give the town council the opportunity to respond to a counter proposal to the boundary review which suggested a new name for the St Ives Constituency.

During debate on this item it was noted that there was a long history of parliamentary constituency association with St Ives and calls for this to continue. A letter from the MP was read, giving compelling arguments for and against a name change to the constituency. Councillors noted that in addition to the history, it was important to encourage democracy and a high turnout of voters at elections.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED – that a response be sent to the Boundary Commission to state that: St Ives Town Council requests that the Boundary Commission take into account the historical importance of the St Ives Constituency. We have elected an MP to parliament since 1558 and we therefore strongly request that any proposals under the Boundary Commission Review must include the name of St Ives (for example St Ives, West Cornwall and Isles of Scilly).

Meeting closed at 6.12 pm

Chairman