

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PENZANCE TOWN COUNCIL** held in The Guildhall, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2005 at 7.00 pm.

**PRESENT**

The Retiring Town Mayor (Councillor S.J. Reed) - In the Chair  
The Retiring Deputy Town Mayor (Councillor D.J. Axford)

Councillors W.J.L. Aitken  
J. Beamish  
R. Clark  
A.R. Climo-Thompson  
M.R. Cotton  
C.A. Dennis  
J.H. Dixon  
F. Granger  
R.M. Lawrence  
R.A. Mann  
K.L.W. Perry  
P.C.H. Rendle  
J. Ruhrmund  
T.E. Williams

1. **PRAYERS**

The Council's Chaplain, Reverend Julyan Drew, offered prayers.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors M. Freeman, S. Freeman, A.J. Richings, C.A.C. White.

3. **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR 2005/2006**

Councillor S.J. Reed proposed that Councillor D.J. Axford be elected to fill the office of Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor W.J.L. Aitken seconded the proposal.

There being no other nominations, the Town Clerk ascertained the views of the members by means of the Long Vote which entailed the names of the members of the Town Council being called in alphabetical order. The votes were recorded as follows:-

Councillor W.J.L. Aitken	Voted for Councillor D.J. Axford
Councillor D.J. Axford	Abstained
Councillor J. Beamish	Voted for Councillor D.J. Axford
Councillor R. Clark	Voted for Councillor D.J. Axford
Councillor A.R. Climo-Thompson	Voted for Councillor D.J. Axford
Councillor M.R. Cotton	Voted for Councillor D.J. Axford

Councillor C.A. Dennis	Voted for Councillor D.J. Axford
Councillor J.H. Dixon	Voted for Councillor D.J. Axford
Councillor F. Granger	Voted for Councillor D.J. Axford
Councillor R.M. Lawrence	Abstained
Councillor R.A. Mann	Voted for Councillor D.J. Axford
Councillor K.L.W. Perry	Voted for Councillor D.J. Axford
Councillor S.J. Reed	Voted for Councillor D.J. Axford
Councillor P.C.H. Rendle	Voted for Councillor D.J. Axford
Councillor J. Ruhrmund	Voted for Councillor D.J. Axford
Councillor T.E. Williams	Voted for Councillor D.J. Axford

Councillor D.J. Axford was thereupon declared to have been elected as Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

**4. STATUTORY DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Councillor D.J. Axford duly made the statutory declaration of acceptance of the office of Town Mayor which was duly witnessed by the Town Clerk. The Mayor announced that his Mayoress would be Mrs. F. Axford.

**5. RETIRING TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT ON HIS YEAR OF OFFICE**

Councillor S.J. Reed reported on his year of office, a copy of which appears as Appendix "E" to the minutes.

The Town Mayor thanked all those who had supported him through his year of office and concluded by thanking the Town Clerk and all staff for their support throughout the year.

**6. VOTE OF THANKS TO COUNCILLOR S.J. REED FOR HIS WORK DURING HIS YEAR OF OFFICE**

Councillor J.H. Dixon proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Reed for his year of office. Councillor F. Granger seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously.

**7. INSIGNIA OF OFFICE**

In accordance with ancient custom, the Town Clerk presented the newly elected Town Mayor with the various insignia of office, stating that they were symbols of the civic traditions of the former Borough of Penzance, having been presented to successive Mayors on acceptance of office over a period of at least half a century. The Town Clerk also explained the purport of the items.

**8. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

Councillor D.J. Axford proposed that Councillor F. Granger be appointed as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor J. Ruhrmund seconded the proposal. In the absence of any other nominations, Councillor F. Granger was elected by the Town Council as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor F. Granger abstained in the voting.

The Deputy Town Mayor then addressed the meeting and announced that his Deputy Mayoress would be Mrs. L. Granger.

9. **THE ELECTION OF CIVIC DEPUTIES**

The Town Mayor, Councillor D.J. Axford, proposed that Councillors R.M. Lawrence and S.J. Reed be appointed as Civic Deputies.

Councillor Dixon seconded the proposal and in the absence of any other nomination, Councillors Lawrence and Reed were appointed as Civic Deputies for the ensuing year.

10. **SERGEANTS AT MACE**

The Town Mayor appointed Thomas Deryk Chappell and Trevor Walker as the two persons to act as Sergeants at Mace until the next Annual Meeting or until others be appointed in their stead. The Town Clerk administered the oath to them.

11. **LE YEOMAN**

The Town Mayor appointed Derek Burstow to act as Le Yeoman until the next Annual Meeting or until another is appointed in his stead. The Town Clerk administered the oath to him.

12. **TOWN CRIER**

The Town Mayor named Mr. P.I.G. Glett as the person to act as Town Crier.

13. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN**

The Town Mayor reported that the Reverend Julyan Drew would continue with the duties of Chaplain to the Council.

14. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON STANDING AND OTHER COMMITTEES**

Councillor C.A. Dennis proposed and Councillor R.A. Mann seconded that the members listed in Appendix "A" to the Agenda be confirmed to serve on the standing and other committees. It was

**RESOLVED:** that the proposal be carried.

15. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor A.R. Climo-Thompson proposed and Councillor R.M. Lawrence seconded that those members listed in Appendix "B" to the Agenda be confirmed to serve on outside bodies. It was

**RESOLVED:** that the proposal be carried.

16. **DATES OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

Councillor R. Clark proposed and Councillor M.R. Cotton seconded that the dates of the meetings as set out in Appendix “C” to the Agenda be confirmed for the ensuing year. It was

**RESOLVED:** that the proposal be carried.

17. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES (STANDING ORDER 45)**

It was proposed by Councillor T.E. Williams and seconded by Councillor W.J.L. Aitken that the members listed in Appendix “D” to the Agenda be confirmed as Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees for the ensuing year. It was

**RESOLVED:** that the proposal be carried.

7.55 pm

Town Mayor  
6<sup>th</sup> June 2005