

MINUTES OF PENZANCE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING held in The Guildhall, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Monday 26th September 2005 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor D.J. Axford (Town Mayor)
Councillor F. Granger (Deputy Town Mayor)

Councillors R. Clark
M.R. Cotton
J.H. Dixon
R.M. Lawrence
K.L.W. Perry
P.C.H. Rendle
J. Ruhmund

36. **PRAYERS**

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

37. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors J. Beamish, A.R. Climo-Thompson, C.A. Dennis, M. Freeman, S. Freeman, R.A. Mann, C.A.C. White and T.E. Williams.

38. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meetings held on the 11th July 2005 (Full Council) and the 25th July 2005 (Extraordinary Full Council), having been circulated, it was

RESOLVED: that they be signed as true and correct records.

39. **TO DEAL WITH BUSINESS EXPRESSLY REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO BE DONE**

(a) **Street Trading**

(i) **Denise Leggett**

Ice cream vending, 1st April to 30th September 2006, 10.00 am to 6.00 pm, Harbour Car Park, Wharf Road from a tricycle - renewal. It was

RESOLVED: to offer no objection.

40. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) The Town Mayor referred to the VJ and Battle of Britain Service held on the 11th September and thanked all those who had attended.

(b) The Town Mayor reminded members that Paul Feast would take place on Sunday 9th October 2005 and he hoped that as many members as possible would attend.

(c) The Town Mayor also reminded members of the Remembrance Service which would be held again in the Methodist Church in Chapel Street on Sunday 13th November 2005.

41. QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NUMBER 24

The Town Clerk advised that no such questions had been received.

42. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(a) **General Purposes Committee - 12th September 2005**

(i) "Local Works" - Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill
(Minute 24(g))

In respect of the proposed Local Authority resolution, which had been copied to all members, it was noted that there was a public meeting to be held at the YMCA on Friday 14th October 2005 which would be attended by Andrew George, the Local MP, and it was

RESOLVED: that rather than support the suggested proposal, members be encouraged to attend this meeting and that a more appropriate line of support would be for the creation of a Cornish Assembly.

(ii) The Police and Community Forum Meeting - Wednesday 21st September 2005
(Minute (24(i)))

The Town Mayor advised that he had attended this meeting and that he would be happy to continue as the Town Council's representative and it was

RESOLVED: to appoint Councillor Axford as the Council's representative on the Forum.

(iii) Health Matters (Minute 28)

Mayors Parlour Campaign Team - Meetings and Updates (Minute 28(a))

Councillor Cotton referred to the "Silent Protest" held at County Hall on the 20th September and he encouraged members to attend the local protest to be held on the 11th October at West Cornwall Hospital, at the time of the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust Board Meeting, and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

(iv) Resignation of Councillor Aitken - East Ward (Minute 30)

The Town Clerk advised that a Notice of Election had been posted by the District Council and that if more than one candidate came forward, an election would be held on the 17th November and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

(v) Update re. Weather Station (Minute 32)

The Town Clerk advised that he had had a meeting with the officer now dealing with the weather station at the District Council and a location had been found which was acceptable to all parties and a paper had been prepared for consideration by the District Council to allocate the necessary funding to acquire the automated equipment.

In respect of funding, it was noted that the final year's agency fee in the sum of £3,211.00 would be returned to the District Council to support the project and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

(vi) Trafalgar Celebrations (Minute 33)

The Town Clerk advised that the commemoration events in respect of VE and VJ had been delivered within budget and the Town Council had given considerable support to these events in the form of additional staff hours.

The expenditure on the events had been contained within the Lottery Grant and the District Council funding and the Town Clerk requested that the Town Council's unexpended £2,500.00 be made available to link with the budget set for the Trafalgar Celebrations also in the sum of £2,500.00.

The budget allocated by the District Council to the Trafalgar Celebrations had been largely exhausted in commissioning the attendance of Tall Ships and the Town Clerk was now heavily involved in making detailed arrangements for on-street entertainment, the re-enactment, both at sea and on land, and various activities on the Friday evening and it was

RESOLVED: to approve the virement of the VE expenditure to be linked to the Trafalgar celebration budget.

Subject to the above, it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(b) Penlee House and Park Committee - 13th September 2005

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(c) Planning Committee - 1st September 2005

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(d) Planning Committee - 14th September 2005

(i) New and Amended Planning Applications (Minute 30)

Application No. 1026/05 and 111/H/05 - The Union and Western Hotel Limited, Union Hotel, Chapel Street, Penzance - Change of Use and Conversion and Extension of Storage Buildings to Self-contained Units, Rear of Union Hotel

Councillors J.H. Dixon and J. Ruhrmund advised that they would be dealing with this matter at District Council and that they would not take part in the discussion or vote thereon, but they remained to hear the views of Penzance Town Council members.

A number of members referred to the attempts which had been made in respect of the possible restoration of the Georgian theatre at the rear of the building, none of which had come to fruition.

Reluctantly, therefore, members concluded that the buildings should be put to some other use and it was

RESOLVED: not to object to the proposal.

Application No. 007/K/05 - Mr. J. Knights, Penrose Heights, Briton's Hill, Penzance - Demolition of Lean-to and Boundary Wall and Application No. 1074/05 in respect of Change of Use of Store to Studio Flat and Construction of 8 Studio Flats (9 Units in Total) at the Store (Furniture Sale Room), High Street, Penzance

RESOLVED: to object to this application on the grounds that it breached the building line and protruded too far out into the road, that it represented over-development, was not in keeping and that there was a lack of parking provision.

Subject to the above, it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(e) Finance/Property Committee - 15th September 2005

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

8.15 pm

Town Mayor
14th November 2005