

MINUTES OF PENZANCE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING held in The Guildhall, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Monday 14th November 2005 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

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

Councillors R. Clark
J. Champion
M.R.Cotton
C.A. Dennis
M. Freeman
R.M. Lawrence
K.L.W. Perry
S.J. Reed
P.C.H. Rendle
A.J. Richings
J. Ruhrmund
C.A.C. White

43. **PRAYERS**

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

44. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors J.H. Dixon, R.A. Mann and T.E. Williams.

45. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26th September 2005, having been circulated, it was

RESOLVED: that they be signed as a true and correct record.

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

(a) **Street Trading**

Councillor C.A.C. White declared a code of conduct interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion or resolution thereon.

(i) **Mrs. J.A. Howes**

To trade at Market Place, Monday to Friday, for 12 months, 9.00 am to 5.30 pm, in the sale of hand-made children's wear for physically handicapped and able-bodied children (renewal). It was

RESOLVED: to offer no objection.

47. **TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(a) The Town Mayor thanked all those who had attended the Remembrance Day Parade and Service on Sunday 13th December.

(b) The Town Mayor had just been advised by the Reverend Julyan Drew that the Trinity Chapel project was now proceeding with the necessary £800,000.00 funding in place and members congratulated Reverend Drew on this tremendous achievement.

48. **QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NUMBER 24**

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

49. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

(a) **General Purposes Committee - 31st October 2005**

(i) Public Meetings re. Hospital Provision - 8th November 2005 (Minute 40(c))

Councillor Clark referred to the meetings convened at the Queen's Hotel on the 8th November 2005 and it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Council should write to Cornwall County Council requesting that it invokes its statutory powers in asking the Secretary of State to call an inquiry into the acute hospital provision in Cornwall. It was

FURTHER RESOLVED: that this letter should be sent individually to all County councillors who should be asked to inform the Town Clerk whether they support this approach, advocated by West Cornwall Health Watch, who envisage that such a review would compare the patient benefit of (a) the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust's current 10-year plan, and (b) their proposal for the provision of two District General Hospitals for the county - one in the east, the other in the west - together with the development of a specialist treatment centre at Treliske.

(ii) Resolution to Exclude the Press and Public

Due to the confidential nature of the next item to be discussed, it was

RESOLVED: to exclude the press and public from the next part of the meeting.

(iii) Area Forum and Market Coastal Towns Initiative (Minute 41(g))

See Confidential Appendix "A".

(iv) Resolution to Re-Admit the Press and Public

RESOLVED: to re-admit the press and public to the meeting.

- (v) Proposed Change to Start Time for Some Full Town Council Meetings to Enable Invited Speakers to Attend to Speak/Answer Questions (Minute 42)

In respect of this proposal, it was further suggested that the Town Clerk examine Standing Orders to bring forward a modification to the wording which would enable speakers, as described at item 42, to remain during the debate on the subject under consideration to allow a better informed decision to be made.

Subject to the above, it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

- (b) Penlee House and Park Committee - 1st November 2005

- (i) Accreditation (Minute 17(c))

Councillor Richings reaffirmed his concern with regard to the change in the Collections Management Policy relating to contemporary works and this concern was noted in the minutes for the record and it was

RESOLVED: to approve the changes to the Collections Management Policy.

The Director was in attendance and the following Policy Statements had been submitted with the papers for the full Town Council Meeting:-

Forward Plan
Child Protection Policy
Education Action Plan

and it was

RESOLVED: that the Policy Statements be approved.

- (ii) Improvements to Park (Minute 19(c))

The Town Clerk advised that three of the five firms, which had been asked to submit drawings and prices in relation to the play area at Penlee Park, had done so and two further submissions were expected any day. It was

RESOLVED: that a Special Meeting of the Penlee House and Park Committee should be convened on Tuesday 22nd November 2005 at 7.00 pm, to which all members would be invited, for the specific purpose of selecting playground equipment which represented the best value and which was most appropriate to the Penlee Park setting.

In respect of the tenders received relating to the pond project outlined in Confidential Appendix "A" to the minutes of the Penlee House and Park Committee, it was

RESOLVED: to approve the letting of the contract as outlined in the Confidential Appendix.

Subject to the above items, it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(c) **Planning Committee - 6th October 2005**

(i) New and Amended Planning Applications (Minute 36)

Application Nos. 736/05 and 082/H/05

Mango Homes (Commercial), P.O. Box 64, Hebden Bridge - change of use and conversion of warehouse to offices and kitchen, construction of attached restaurant, bar, café and associated works - Abbey Warehouse, Penzance Dry Dock, Penzance.

Councillor Clark raised concerns with regard to the context in which this application should be considered, ie. concern that the focus for the Penzance and Newlyn Harbour frontage areas had not been determined and, as a result, there was no clear understanding of traffic flows and parking needs.

The Town Clerk advised of a letter of support which had been received from the Civic Society with regard to the proposal and Councillor Ruhmund advised that as she would be dealing with this matter at District Council level, she would take no part in the vote.

After considerable discussion, it was

RESOLVED: to object to the proposed shape, form and materials in the proposed extension and that the Planning Authority be asked to look again at this aspect of the development and to negotiate with the developer for a more appropriate design.

(d) **Planning Committee - 2nd November 2005**

(i) Market Jew Street - Regeneration Works (Minute 38(e))

Councillor Clark raised the issue of the necessary disturbance to the granite sets on the Terrace at Market Jew Street in relation to the installation of new lighting and it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should write to the Highway Authority requesting that provision for decorative lighting be incorporated at the time of this work.

Subject to the above, it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the reports.

(e) **Finance/Property Committee - 3rd November 2005**

(i) Resolution to Exclude the Press and Public

Due to the confidential nature of the next matter to be discussed, it was

RESOLVED: to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting.

(ii) The Lodge, Penlee Park (Minute 19(e))

See Confidential Appendix “B”.

Subject to the above, it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

8.30 pm

Town Mayor
15th December 2005