

MINUTES OF PENZANCE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING held in The Guildhall,
St. John's Hall, Penzance on Monday 30th January 2006 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

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

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

Prior to the commencement of the business of the meeting, the Town Mayor was pleased to introduce Inspector Chris Strickland who had taken over as the new officer in charge in Penzance.

Issues raised with Inspector Strickland related to staffing levels for Traffic Wardens in Penzance, traffic flows in terms of the new one-way system and enforcement and the impact on the police of late licences.

In respect of the final item, Inspector Strickland advised that there had been no increase in the number of incidents but they tended to be rather more spread out, but he felt that it was early days and the situation would be better judged throughout the summer season.

Inspector Strickland was thanked for his attendance and he retired from the meeting.

The Mayor then welcomed Mr. Tom Leaper, the artist and sculptor charged with the task of designing the water feature in Market Jew Street.

Following this presentation, it was

RESOLVED: to bring this item forward from the General Purposes report so that Mr. Leaper could remain to answer any questions which might arise during consideration of the issue.

57. **PRAYERS**

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

58. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors J.H. Dixon and R.A. Mann.

59. **PROPOSED WATER FEATURE - MARKET JEW STREET
(GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING (MINUTE 61(C))**

After considerable debate, it was

RESOLVED: to support the creation of a water feature in Market Jew Street with the Town Council jointly adopting the feature with the District Council and sharing the energy cost.

60. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th December 2005, having been circulated, it was

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

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

The Town Clerk advised that there were no items to report under this heading.

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

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

63. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

(a) **General Purposes Committee - 16th January 2006**

Prior to discussion of the report, the Town Clerk advised of a correction which had been made to the minute book copy in respect of the street trading application by Mr. Gribble for the sale of caramelised nuts from a stand at Market Place - renewal and for which the Committee had offered no objection and it was

RESOLVED: to approve the correction.

(i) **Informal Meeting of the Council (Minute 56(g))**

It was agreed that an Informal Meeting of the Council would be held on Monday 13th February 2006 in Committee Room No. 3 where such issues as the civic function of the Council, including Mayor Choosing and the Civic Reception, be discussed together with any other items raised by members.

(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) Casual Vacancies (Minute 56(i))

Two applications had been received in respect of the casual vacancies in Heamoor Ward and the South Ward and it was

RESOLVED: to appoint Mr. John Lambourn to the South Ward vacancy and Mr. Steve Bennett to the Heamoor vacancy.

(iv) Alan Harvey Citizen of the Year Award (Minute 56(n))

See Confidential Appendix "A".

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

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

(vi) Health Matters - Mayor's Parlour Campaign Team - Meetings 9th January 2006 and 30th January 2006

Councillor Cotton provided an update with regard to the latest position of the Mayor's Parlour Campaign Team to say that the Local MP was now taking a different view to the Campaign Team in terms of his desire to see a new-build hospital in the area.

As far as the Campaign Team were concerned, they were still pressing for the review of services and there were now moves for the campaign to expand countywide, with a proposal for a meeting in the Truro area on the 12th March.

Councillor Cotton also referred to a letter written to the College of Anaesthetists, representatives of which had visited West Cornwall Hospital in October and who had been asked to provide a definition of acute provision, but the letter had failed to make the position clear.

In relation to seeking wider support throughout the county, it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should write to the Cornwall Association of Local Council requesting that the matter be considered at their conference on the 4th February as an urgent item or, failing this, at their next Executive Committee meeting. It was

FURTHER RESOLVED: to accept Councillor Cotton's report.

(vii) Regeneration Matters - Newlyn Fish Industry Forum Meeting - 30th January 2006 (Minute 61(a))

The Town Clerk advised that he had attended his first meeting of the Forum and despite the disappointing news with regard to the proposed Seafood Park, the meeting had been quite upbeat, with progress being made on a number of projects within the harbour area.

Following the resignation of Councillor Climo-Thompson, there was now a vacancy for an elected member on this group and it was

RESOLVED: that Councillor Granger should represent the Council.

(viii) Guest Speakers at Full Town Council Meetings (Minute 62)

Following consideration of the options open to members, it was

RESOLVED: to take specific presentations at full Town Council Meeting, but to limit the number of such presentations and the time attached to them and, from time to time, to convene Special Meetings of the Council to look at other specific issues in depth.

(ix) Launch of Website

The Town Clerk advised that there would be a presentation in the Mayor's Parlour following the meeting of the Council's website which had been prepared by Councillor Clark and it was

RESOLVED: to express sincere appreciation to Councillor Clark for his efforts in this matter.

Subject to the above, it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(b) Penlee House and Park Committee - 17th January 2006

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(c) Planning Committee - 5th January 2006

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(d) Planning Committee - 18th January 2006

RESOLVED: to approve the report.

(e) Finance/Property Committee - 19th January 2006

(i) CCTV - Future of System and Financing (Minute 29(c))

The Town Clerk referred to the paper which had been circulated to all members and which had been prepared by the District Council and he advised that the District Council had reconsidered the matter and had asked for the paper to be redrawn.

The issue of the future of CCTV and its funding would now be looked at throughout the forthcoming year with meetings which would involve all partners and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position and

Subject to the above, it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

8.30 pm

Town Mayor
13th March 2006