

MINUTES OF PENZANCE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING held in The Guildhall, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Monday 13th March 2006 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor F. Granger (Deputy Town Mayor) (In the Chair)

Councillors S. Bennett
R. Clark
M.R. Cotton
C.A. Dennis
J.H. Dixon
M. Freeman
J.S. Lambourn
R.M. Lawrence
R.A. Mann
K.L.W. Perry
P.C.H. Rendle

Prior to the commencement of the business of the meeting, members received a presentation from Mr. Mike Bradbury of Poynton Bradbury Winter Associates, Architects, in respect of a proposed application at the Walker Moyle Accountants site off Trewithen Road, Penzance.

Councillors R. Clark, J.H. Dixon and M. Freeman declared a code of conduct interest in this matter.

64. **PRAYERS**

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

65. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors D.J. Axford, J. Ruhmund, C.A.C. White and T.E. Williams.

66. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 30th January 2006, having been circulated, it was

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

67. **MINUTES OF APPOINTMENT PANEL MEETING - 16TH FEBRUARY 2006**

Having been circulated, it was

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

68. **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.

69. **TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In the absence of the Town Mayor, there were no announcements to be made.

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

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

71. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

(a) **General Purposes Committee - 27th February 2006**

(i) Larger Councils Conference 2006 (Minute 68(d))

In relation to the Larger Councils Conference, Councillor Clark referred to the issue of Best Governance and the engagement programme which had been announced by the Minister David Milliband.

The nearest venue in respect of Penzance was a meeting to be held in Bristol on the 23rd March and it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should write to the Department to request more localised meetings and greater time for consultation.

(ii) Standards Board for England: Bulletin 27 and Report re. Ethical Standards and the Code of Conduct (Minute 68(f))

Those members not on the General Purposes Committee referred to the information contained in the papers circulated by the Town Clerk relating to a number of cases dealt with by the Standards Board over the last 18 months.

Members felt that it would be extremely useful to receive a presentation from the Local Monitoring Officer and it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should invite the Monitoring Officer to attend the next meeting of the Town Council.

(iii) St. Piran-in-Penwith (Minute 68(o))

Referring to the second year of the St. Piran-in-Penwith celebrations, which had taken place on Monday 6th March, members congratulated the organisers on the success of the event and asked that in future years the procession should proceed to the bottom of Adelaide Street as advertised and Councillor Clark, on behalf of the organisers, noted the request and it was

RESOLVED: to record appreciation to all those involved in the event.

- (iv) Regeneration Matters - Penwith District Regeneration, Tourism and Leisure Newsletter (Minute 72(c))

Councillor Clark referred to the above named newsletter and the lack of information regarding the Route Partnership bid and it was

RESOLVED: that Councillor Clark should liaise with the Town Clerk to establish the latest position on the bid and the basis on which the Harbour Revision Order had been prepared.

- (v) Health Matters - Mayor's Parlour Campaign Team - Meetings 30th January and 27th February 2006 and Related Correspondence (Minute 73(a))

Councillor Cotton confirmed that the Campaign Team was broadening the argument countywide and, to this end, it was hoped that a meeting could be convened in Truro in the near future and Councillor Cotton would keep the Council informed in this matter and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

- (vi) Correspondence from Cornwall and Devon Media re. "The Cornishman" (Minute 76)

The letter from the Editor-in-Chief of Cornwall and Devon Media Limited had been copied to all members for information.

Members remained deeply unhappy with the loss of the public face of the newspaper in Penzance and with the reduction in the number of reporters and it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should write to the Editor-in-Chief expressing this concern and asking for reconsideration of the decision.

Subject to the above, it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

- (b) Penlee House and Park Committee - 28th February 2006

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

- (c) Planning Committee - 9th February 2006

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(d) **Planning Committee - 1st March 2006**

- (i) Application No. 172/06 - Penwith College, Redevelopment on Land North of Jelbert Way, Eastern Green and Application No. 173/06 - Penwith College, Outline Residential Development at the Penwith College Site, St. Clare, Penzance

RESOLVED: to object to application no. 172/06 on the grounds of inappropriate location and concerns regarding design at the gateway entry to the town. Concerns also regarding access and safety for students using local food and retail outlets. In respect of application no. 173/06, it was

RESOLVED: to query the loss of trees in any detailed proposals which may be brought forward for this site.

Subject to the above, it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(e) **Finance/Property Committee - 2nd March 2006**

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

72. **AMENDMENTS TO ACCOUNTS 2003/04 AND 2004/05**

The amended accounts for the above years, together with a note of amendments made, had been circulated to members (see Appendices “A” and “B”) and it was

RESOLVED: to approve the amended accounts.

8.40 pm

Town Mayor
5th June 2006