

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
PENZANCE TOWN COUNCIL** held in The Guildhall, St. John's Hall, Penzance on
Monday 8th May 2006 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

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

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

1. **PRAYERS**

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

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors S. Bennett, J. Champion, R.M. Lawrence, A.J. Richings, J. Ruhmund and
T.E. Williams.

3. **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR 2006/2007**

Councillor C.A.C. White proposed that Councillor D.J. Axford be elected to fill the office
of Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor R. Clark 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 D.J. Axford	Abstained
Councillor R. Clark	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 M. Freeman	Voted for Councillor D.J. Axford
Councillor F. Granger	Voted for Councillor D.J. Axford
Councillor J. Lambourn	Voted for Councillor D.J. Axford

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 C.A.C. White	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 D.J. Axford 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 D.J. AXFORD FOR HIS WORK DURING HIS YEAR OF OFFICE**

Councillor J.H. Dixon proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Axford for his year of office. Councillor K.L.W. Perry 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 C.A. Dennis 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**

Councillor F. Granger, the Deputy Town Mayor, proposed that Councillors M.R. Cotton and J. Ruhrmund be appointed as Civic Deputies.

Councillor D.J. Axford, the Town Mayor, seconded the proposal and in the absence of any other nomination, Councillors Cotton and Ruhrmund 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 Julian Drew would continue with the duties of Chaplain to the Council.

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

Councillor J.H. Dixon 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 M.R. Cotton proposed and Councillor P.C.H. Rendle 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 F. Granger proposed and Councillor R.A. Mann 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 M.R. Cotton and seconded by Councillor S.J. Reed 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.

7.53 pm

Town Mayor
5th June 2006