

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

PRESENT

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

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
J.F. Moreland
J. Parkin
K.L.W. Perry
S.J. Reed
P.C.H. Rendle
A.J. Richings
C.A.C. White

54. **PRAYERS**

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

55. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors J. Ruhrmund and T.E. Williams

56. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd October 2006, having been circulated, it was

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

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

The Town Clerk advised that there was no business to be dealt with under this heading.

58. **TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(a) The Town Mayor expressed thanks to everyone who had been involved in the Remembrance Day events and the Remembrance Service on Sunday and noted that it was good to see the Town Band recovering in numbers and it was also pleasing to see so many

cadets participating in the parade on the Sunday.

(b) The Town Mayor advised that there was a meeting of the Friends of the Jubilee Pool to be held on Tuesday 21st November 2006 at 7.30 pm in the Queen's Hotel.

59. **QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO. 24**

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

60. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

(a) **General Purposes Committee - 30th October 2006**

(i) Correspondence from Penwith District Council re. New Grants Programme and Changes to the Small Grants Programme (Minute 44(b))

The Town Clerk advised that this matter had been left open for discussion and that, to date, no further information had been received from either the District or the County Council.

The item had developed into discussion with regard to the Government White Paper on Local Government Re-organisation and the Town Clerk confirmed that the Executive Summary of the White Paper had been ordered and would be distributed to members with other relevant information in due course and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

(ii) Response from Penwith District Council re. Public Conveniences (Minute 44(e))

Councillor Freeman referred to the sad state of the public conveniences in the town which are often a target for vandalism and misuse.

Councillor Freeman's view was that the provision of 'sharps boxes' for the disposal of needles acted as an encouragement for misuse and also presented a danger for younger children, although the counter-argument was that it was safer to provide disposal boxes rather than needles being discarded indiscriminately.

Councillor Freeman provided details of a number of areas in the country where toilets had been constructed and maintained to a very high standard and it was

RESOLVED: that a letter should be sent to the District Council requesting urgent action with regard to the maintenance and care of public conveniences and for the investigation of grant aid to enable a 'State of the Art' public convenience to be constructed in the town centre.

(iii) Health Matters - Mayor's Parlour Campaign Team Meeting - 13th October 2006 and General Updates (Minute 47(a))

Councillor Cotton advised that there had been no further meetings of the Mayor's Parlour

Campaign Team since the last Town Council Meeting and the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 14th November.

An invitation to attend this meeting had been extended to a wider group of interested parties in the hope that the campaign could be developed countywide and Councillor Cotton advised that he would report the outcome to the council in due course and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

- (iv) Penzance Regeneration Consultation Group Meeting - 4th October 2006 and Special Meeting of Penzance and Newlyn Regeneration Management Group - 27th September 2006 (Minute 48(a))

An Executive Report had been received from Cornwall County Council in relation to a meeting held on the 8th November concerning the future plans for the Isles of Scilly Route Partnership and indicating that the County Council was proposing to lead developments for the purchase of a new vessel and to look at the leasing of the vessel to the operating company.

The total cost of the proposals to include improvement works at Penzance and St. Mary's Harbours was estimated to be in the region of £41.5 million and it was

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

- (v) Town and Parish Forum Meeting - 3rd October 2006 (Minute 49)

The Town Mayor advised that he had been unable to attend this meeting because of ill health and he was awaiting receipt of the minutes and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

- (vi) Proposals for a Re-enactment of the 'Rosebud' Voyage (Minute 50)

The Town Clerk advised members that the name 'Rosebud' should have been placed in quotation marks within the above minute and that the name 'Lugger Trust' should read 'West Cornwall Lugger Industry Trust'.

The organising group had yet to decide on a title and it was suggested that it be named the 'Rosebud Re-enactment Group'. The Town Clerk went on to advise that letters had been written to the Port of London Authority, the Lord Mayor of London, the Duke of Cornwall and the London Cornish Association and a number of replies were outstanding and would be pursued as a matter of urgency and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

Subject to the above, it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(b) **Penlee House and Park Committee Meeting - 31st October 2006**

(i) Resolution Regarding Confidential Appendices

It was

RESOLVED: that Confidential Appendix “A” of the Penlee House and Park Committee and Confidential Appendices “A” and “B” of the Finance/Property Committee should be dealt with “in Committee” immediately following the adoption of the Finance/Property Committee report.

Subject to the above, it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(d) **Planning Committee - 12th October 2006**

(i) Planting of Borders - Wharf Road (Minute 33(c))

Councillor Moreland advised members that he had been involved in discussion with Penwith District Council with regard to the planting of Wharf Road which it was being proposed should take the same form as that on the borders immediately outside Penzance Railway Station and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

Subject to the above, it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(e) **Planning Committee - 1st November 2006**

It was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(f) **Finance/Property Committee - 2nd November 2006**

Subject to Confidential Appendix “B” of the Finance/Property Committee being dealt with “in Committee” (see Confidential Appendix “A” attached), it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

8.50 pm

Town Mayor
14th December 2006