

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Thursday 25th January 2007 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor M.R. Cotton - Chairman
Councillor R. Clark - Vice-Chairman

Councillors D.J. Axford
M. Freeman
S.J. Reed

ALSO PRESENT

Councillors J. Lambourn and J. Parkin

30. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors J.H. Dixon, F. Granger, R.A. Mann, J. Moreland A.J. Richings and C.A.C. White

31. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7TH DECEMBER 2006**

Having been circulated, it was

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

32. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

(a) **Thank You Letters**

The Clerk advised that the grant of £1,000.00 to the Newlyn Memorial to Fishermen Lost at Sea which had been approved by the committee in September 2005 had now been sent to the Chairman and, a thank you letter had been received in acknowledgement. It was

RESOLVED: to note receipt.

(b) **Wherrytown Skatepark**

The Clerk advised that the application form for grant aid to assist in carrying out the resurfacing works on the half-pipe at the skatepark had been completed and sent to the Community Regeneration Facilitator at Penwith District Council.

A letter of acknowledgement of receipt of the grant request form had arrived which advised that, if successful, would form part of a portfolio of projects in the Play Strategy to be put forward to the Big Lottery in March 2007.

The letter went on to advise that if the portfolio is accepted, a decision would be made in

June and if successful funding could be arranged to be drawn down and it was

RESOLVED: to note receipt.

(c) Golowan 2007 - Latest Position

Councillor Axford informed members that he had been in touch with a number of volunteers who had made contact with the Town Clerk's Office since the press release had appeared in 'The Cornishman' newspaper in December 2006.

A Management Committee had been set up from these volunteers to look at the possibility of providing a Golowan 2007 Festival.

Discussion took place with regard to the setting up of the group and whether the group would be a 'stand alone entity' with a constitution. Councillor Axford explained that as it takes 42 days to be able to apply for charitable status, the group would not be in a position to apply at this time.

All of the financial control of the Golowan 2007 event would be managed by Mr. Birch, Responsible Finance Officer, at the Town Clerk's Office who would be working to put together a proposed budget to present to the full Town Council Meeting on the 5th February.

A job description and person specification would be prepared by Mrs. Bevan, Director of Penlee House, for the position of Festival Co-ordinator and, this would also be presented to the full Town Council Meeting.

Finally, Councillor Axford requested that a sum of £2,000.00 be made available from the 2007/2008 Cultural Events Support budget heading to be able to progress the setting up of office space for the use of the group.

It was

RECOMMENDED: that the matter be deferred to the full Town Council Meeting on the 5th February when the further information would be presented.

(d) 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 the public from the next part of the meeting.

(e) Staffing Matters

See Confidential Appendix "A".

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

It was

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

(g) CCTV - Financial Support

The Clerk advised that the District Council had supplied the further information relating to CCTV provision and, this had been forwarded to all members with the agenda pack for the General Purposes Meeting.

It was

RECOMMENDED: that the council do not provide funding for the provision of CCTV.

It was

FURTHER RECOMMENDED: that the Clerk seek advice from the Standards Board Monitoring Officer with regard to the position of those councillors who sit on the District Council, to ascertain the eligibility to vote on the matter at the full Town Council Meeting if they wished to vote at a District Council meeting on the same issue.

33. **FINANCIAL POSITION**

The Committee considered its finances to the 30th November 2006 and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

The Committee also considered payments made in the months of October and November 2006 and it was

RESOLVED: to approve such payments (see Appendix "A" for both financial position and payments made).

34. **APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT**

(a) Minor Awards

(i) Penzance Youth Wind Band

A letter seeking support for a visit by the band to Nevada City had been sent to the council.

Members were mindful of the visit to Mazey Day 2006 by the Nevada Union High School Band and what a marvellous spectacle it had been. It was

RESOLVED: make a grant of £500.00. It was

FURTHER RESOLVED: that following the final cycle of meetings of the financial year 2006/2007, provided there were monies available within the grant budget, a further award of £500.00 should be made.

(a) Major Awards

(i) Chapel Street Methodist Church

It was

RESOLVED: not to make a grant.

35. **BUSINESS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

Penlee House and Park Committee Meeting - 23rd January 2007

(a) Resolution to Exclude the Press and Public

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

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

(b) Penlee Park - Play Area (Minute 31(a)(v))

See Confidential Appendix "A".

(c) Staffing Matter (Minute 31(e))

See Confidential Appendix "B".

9.15 pm

Chairman
25th January 2007