

MINUTES OF PENZANCE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING held in The Guildhall,
St. John's Hall, Penzance on Monday 5th February 2007 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
J. Ruhrmund

Prior to the commencement of the business of the meeting, members received a short presentation from Diane Boardman from the Sustainable Development department of Penwith District Council.

Ms Boardman gave details of the new Penzance and Newlyn Area Action Plan which is to replace the current Penwith Local Plan. There is to be a consultation document titled 'Issues and Options' launched in June/July 2007.

One area highlighted by Ms. Boardman was for the provision of 100 houses to be constructed in Penzance per annum, 60% of which must be affordable. Councillors were concerned about the lack of parking in the town and this would be even more evident if the number of houses increased.

Ms. Boardman finally advised that the Plan would require evidence gathering and the District Council would hope that the Penzance MCTI process would be able to provide the evidence required in terms of Heritage, Culture and the core strategies and policies.

The Town Council will be receiving notification of the timescale dates and Ms. Boardman advised that she would also provide contact details of Officers who are involved in the production of the Plan.

73. **PRAYERS**

The Mayor led members in the Lords Prayer.

74. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors C.A.C. White and T.E. Williams.

75. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th December 2006, having been circulated, the Clerk reported that Councillor Ruhmund had advised that she had declared a Prejudicial Interest in the H.M. Revenue and Customs item (Minute 66) and had left the meeting.

Subject to this, it was

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

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

(a) Street Trading Licences

(i) Rotary Club of Penzance

Parking of the St. John Ambulance at Market Place, Penzance on Saturday 28th April 2007, to take peoples blood pressure. It was

RESOLVED: to offer no objection.

(ii) Deborah Martyn Events Limited

To trade in food, art, crafts and gifts in a marquee at the Harbour Car Park, Wharf Road on 13th to 14th April and 2nd to 3rd November 2007. It was

RESOLVED: to offer no objection.

(b) Alan Harvey Citizen of the Year Award 2007

The Clerk announced that the closing date for nominations would be Friday 16th February and nomination forms were distributed to members to enable nominations to be made by members direct to the District Council and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

77. **TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no items to report under this heading.

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

The Clerk advised that no such questions had been received.

79. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

(a) **General Purposes Committee - 22nd January 2007**

(i) Correspondence re. Toilet Provision (Minute 63(a))

Councillor Freeman referred to the above minute and it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Council reaffirms its position that Penwith District Council considers the Town Council's original request to provide one state of the art public convenience, preferably manned, when the budget allows. It was

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Town Council investigates taking over the responsibility of toilet provision in the town, subject to current District Council expenditure being transferred to the Town Council.

(ii) CALC - 3rd Annual Conference and Training Day (Minute 63(e))

Councillors Lambourn, Lawrence and Moreland advised that they would like to attend the above event and it was

RESOLVED: that the Clerk inform CALC of the names of the attendees and that the Town Council covers the cost of attendance.

(ii) Health Matters (Minute 66(b))

Councillor Cotton reported that he had attended a Special Meeting of Penwith District Council to which Ann James of the Primary Care Trust had been invited. Unfortunately there was not an opportunity to ask questions but it was stated that the Primary Care Trust was in consultation with the Government to find a better formula for funding other than the 'Market Forces Factor' that is used at present.

Councillor Cotton was thanked for his report and it was

RESOLVED: to note the report.

(iii) Penzance and Newlyn Regeneration Management Group (Minute 67(a))

Councillor Clark advised that Hyder Consulting had sent invitations to representatives of the Management Group to attend a presentation on the 8th February 2007.

As the Town Clerk was unable to attend the presentation, Councillor Clark proposed that Councillor Rendle attend the presentation in the Town Clerks absence. It was

RESOLVED: that Councillor Rendle attend the presentation.

(iv) Isles of Scilly Link Proposals (Minute 67(b))

The letter from Councillor Clark to Councillor Adam Paynter, Deputy Leader of Cornwall

County Council had been copied to all members.

Councillor Clark proposed that the Town Council write to Councillor Paynter requesting that no decision is made on the Link Proposals until the council receive the information that had been requested. It was

RESOLVED: that a letter be sent to Cornwall County Council.

Subject to the above, it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(b) **Penlee House and Park Committee - 23rd February 2007**

(i) Arboricultural Training - 21st February (Minute 31(c))

The Clerk advised that it would be possible for a councillor to attend the Training Day together with a member of the gardening staff. It was

RESOLVED: that Councillor Perry attend on the council's behalf.

Subject to the above, it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(c) **Planning Committee - 4th January 2007**

It was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(d) **Planning Committee - 24th January 2007**

It was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(e) **Finance/Property Committee - 25th January 2007**

(i) Wherrytown Skatepark (Minute 32(b))

The Clerk advised that he had been contacted by Steve Rowell of Penwith District Council, who had advised that a grant was available for the refurbishment of the skatepark from the Community Safety Team budget. The grant acceptance form would be sent in due course and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

(ii) Golowan (Minute 33(c))

Councillor Clark advised that an amendment was required to the minutes. Paragraph three of the minutes should read:-

‘Councillor Clark alluded to a press release which described the committee as a “new organisation”. He pointed out that at the meeting of the Town Council on the 14th December the council had abandoned the originally preferred option of establishing a new legal entity, not least because the Charity Commissioners website warned that the establishment of a Charitable Trust could be expected to take approximately three months’.

Councillors Dixon, Ruhmund and Parkin declared a personal interest in this item but remained to participate in discussion or vote.

The Town Mayor advised that Mr. Sagar-Fenton and Mr. Hazlehurst of the newly formed Golowan 2007 Management Group were in attendance at the meeting.

The Clerk distributed a report from Mrs. Alison Bevan, Director of Penlee House Gallery and Museum, which informed councillors of the action taken to date in setting up the Management Group.

Papers which had been prepared by the Director in conjunction with the Clerk were also distributed outlining two draft budgets based on a ‘best guess’ scenario. The first proposals were for a ‘Grant Aid only’ budget, while the second proposals were for a ‘Grant Aid plus income’ budget.

Finally the Clerk distributed a report prepared by the Town Clerk advising councillors of the position of the Town Council following the meeting of the 14th December 2006.

It was proposed that Standing Orders be suspended in order to allow Mr Sagar-Fenton and Mr Hazlehurst to speak on the position of the Management Group.

It was

RESOLVED: that Standing Orders be suspended.

A discussion ensued with Councillors asking questions on the format Golowan 2007 would take.

Following a question and answer session, it was

RESOLVED: to invoke Standing Orders.

Councillor Rendle then put a motion to the council that was seconded by Councillor Granger. Councillor Reed then proposed an amendment and it was

RESOLVED: as follows:-

- i) That the Town Council recognises the provisional Golowan 2007 Management Group

as shown in the papers placed before council.

ii) The Town Council instructs the Golowan 2007 Management Group to prepare, as soon as possible, detailed plans for the weekend and the wider Festival for Penzance Town Council to present to Penwith District Council.

iii) The Management Group is to prepare as soon as possible costs based on these plans for agreement by the Chairmen of the Resource Committee and the Social Economic and Environment Committee of Penwith District Council. It was

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Town Council will allocate £2,000.00 from the Cultural Events Support budget for 2007/2008 to be brought into the 2006/2007 budget to allow for office space to be rented for the Golowan 2007 Festival.

(iii) West Cornwall CCTV (Minute 32(g))

It was

RESOLVED: that the Town Council will not provide financial support to West Cornwall CCTV.

The Clerk advised that following this decision the Precept requirement for the year 2007/2008 would remain as agreed at the December meeting in the sum of £407,990.00.

Subject to the above it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

10.00 pm

Town Mayor
19th March 2007