

MINUTES OF PENZANCE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING held in The Guildhall,
St. John's Hall, Penzance on Monday 16th July 2007 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor F. Granger (Town Mayor)

Councillors D.J. Axford
M.R. Cotton
C.A. Dennis
J.H. Dixon
M. Freeman
M. Lovegrove
R.M. Lawrence
J.F. Moreland
D. Nebesnuick
J. Parkin
K.L.W. Perry
S.J. Reed

27. **PRAYERS**

The Council's Chaplain, Rev. J. Drew, offered prayers.

28. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors R. Clark, P.C.H. Rendle, J. Ruhrmund, C.A.C. White and T.E. Williams.

29. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Lawrence declared a personal interest in General Purposes minute 21 - health matters.

30. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th June 2007, having been circulated, it was

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

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

The Town Clerk advised that there were no items to be dealt with under this heading.

32. **TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- (a) The Town Mayor announced that the Golowan Festival had been a great success and in terms of members involvement, he wished to place on record special thanks to Councillors Axford, Dixon, Lawrence and Parkin for all their hard work.
- (b) The Mayor advised that he had attended a meeting of the Causewayhead Traders Association and went on to say that he would advise members of the next meeting at which Central and East Ward members would be welcome.
- (c) The Town Mayor advised that despite the poor weather which had resulted in the event

being switched from Morrab Gardens to St. John's Hall, the Veterans Day had been a great success and he wished to place on record his appreciation for the efforts of the organisers.

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

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

35. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

(a) **General Purposes Committee - 2nd July 2007**

(i) **Bendigo City Twinning - Meeting of Councillors and Interested Parties**
(Minute 18(a))

The Town Clerk advised that he had participated in a telephone link-up with members of the Sister City Committee in Bendigo at which they had confirmed their desire that the links with Penzance be strengthened, and they had welcomed the fact that Councillor Freeman had been appointed as the new chairman/secretary of the group, and it was

RESOLVED: that the position be noted.

(ii) **Joint Council CCTV Meeting - 9th July 2007 (Minute 18(b))**

For those members who had been unable to attend the above meeting, it was confirmed that Penwith District Council had now reduced the contribution requested from the 3 Town Councils by £20,000.00.

The Town Clerk had also asked at the meeting whether the contributions could be spread over a 10 year period instead of 5 years which would represent a considerably reduced annual burden for the Town Councils.

The District Council would respond to this point and it was

RESOLVED: that this subject should be taken to a Special Town Council Meeting to be organised ahead of the next cycle of meetings in September.

(iii) **Minutes of CAP/PACT Meeting and Date of Next Newlyn and Penzance Meetings**
(Minute 18(h))

The Town Clerk reminded members, and especially those of South Ward, of the impending meetings taking place in Penzance on the 18th July and in Newlyn on the 19th July and urged members to attend if at all possible and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

(iv) **Mayor's Parlour Campaign Team - Update (Minute 21(a))**

Councillor Cotton provided a brief update on recent activities and made reference to the conflicting reports which had appeared in the local press.

The Chairman of the Mayor's Parlour Campaign Team had met recently with the Chief Executives of the Primary Care Trust and the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust and had

felt sufficiently confident enough to make a statement about the current positive attitude towards health provision in the Penwith area.

A publication of the proposals is now awaited and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

(v) Informal Meeting re. Penzance Harbour Business Plan (Minute 22(a))

Concern was again expressed that the 5 separate proposals in relation to the former Vospers site were being considered by the District Council but their decision would be made in Part 3 which would exclude the involvement of any third party such as Penzance Town Council.

Consultation with the council and the public would only take place after the appointment of a developer and it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should write to Penwith District Council and request that the Town Council be included in the decision-making process in relation to which developer is to be appointed and, that it should have access to the proposed plans excluding the confidential financial matters.

(vi) Sternboard of HMS Association - Progress Report (Minute 23)

The Town Mayor provided a verbal report on his trip to the Isles of Scilly to meet with representatives of the Island's Council and although feelings regarding the sternboard are very strong on the Islands, the views of the people of Penzance are equally strong and it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Council write to the District Council to advise that it is their view that the sternboard remain in its present position and that this decision should be conveyed to the Island's Council.

(vii) Local Government Re-organisation - Copy of Penwith District Council's Final Consultation Response and Consultation on 'Means of Prioritising Proposals' (Minute 24)

The Town Clerk reminded members of the final deadline for commenting on the 'Means of Prioritising Proposals' was the 18th July 2007 and it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should respond to the consultation by e-mail as follows:-

"The Town Council has already registered its opposition to the bid and it wishes to draw attention to the complete lack of stakeholder support for the proposal. This is evidenced by the overwhelming 'no vote' in 4 districts within Cornwall where 80 per cent of those participating in the postal ballot, ie. the most important stakeholders - Council Tax payers - registered their opposition".

(viii) Licensing Act 2003 - Licensing Policy Review and Letter re. Potential Dispersal Order - Market Jew Street (Minute 25)

Further information was awaited in respect of the Licensing Policy Review and it was

RESOLVED: that the matter be delegated to Councillor Dennis and to the Town Clerk to formulate a response.

Subject to the above, it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(b) **Penlee House and Park Committee - 3rd July 2007**

It was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report including items contained within the confidential appendices to the meeting.

(c) **Planning Committee - 14th June 2007**

(a) **Penwith Access and Rights of Way Forum (Minute 11(g))**

Subject to Councillor Mann's agreement, it was

RESOLVED: to appoint Councillor Parkin as an additional Town Council representative to the Penwith Access and Rights of Way Forum.

Subject to the above, it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(d) **Planning Committee - 4th July 2007**

Additional Items as Listed at Minute 17

- (i) Closure of the Penzance Distributor Road for 5 nights between the 7th July and the 10th August for resurfacing - there was lack of clarity as to whether the road would be closed overnight only, or whether it would be partially closed with the use of traffic lights during the daytime, and it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should contact the Highways Department for precise details of the proposed closure.

- (ii) Draft Cornwall Countryside Access Strategy Consultation Notice - it was noted that some landowners had expressed concern over the proposed new access strategy but the Town Clerk was unaware of any specific issue which had arisen within the parish to date and it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should liaise with PAROW with regards to a response to the consultation document.

- (iii) Correspondence from Cornwall County Council re. Proposed 'No Waiting' Measures in Queen Street and a Disabled Bay at Penalverne Crescent. It was

RESOLVED: to support the above proposals.

- (iv) Proposed Traffic Calming Measure and Provision of Pavement adjacent to Mousehole School - it was

RESOLVED: to support the proposal.

Subject to the above, it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

(e) **Finance/Property Committee - 5th July 2007**

- (i) Annual Return and Audit 2006/07 (Minute 11(c))

The Town Clerk advised members that the production of the reports accompanying the Annual Return had been delayed due to problems with software which had now been partially resolved and the report would now be brought to a Special Meeting of the Town Council and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

- (ii) Second Report re. Golowan Festival (Minute 11(h))

Once again, the work of everyone involved in the Festival was praised and special recognition of the work provided by the volunteers was mentioned. It was also pointed out that the success of the Festival was built on the foundation of the event taking place over the preceding 17 years and it was

RESOLVED: to formally thank all participants for the huge effort and hard work that went into producing a very successful event.

It was mentioned that the opening times of public toilets within the harbour vicinity on Mazey Eve had caused some difficulty and it was

RESOLVED: that this should be noted for the planning of next year's event.

- (iii) Humphry Davy School - Students Visit to 'Space Camp' in Alabama, USA (Minute 13(v))

Further information concerning the above proposal was still awaited and the matter would, therefore, be carried through to the next cycle of meetings and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

Subject to the above, it was

RESOLVED: to adopt the report.

36. **NOMINATIONS FOR NALC LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS COMMITTEE**

The closing date for nominations to the NALC Larger Local Councils Committee was the 24th August and it was

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be considered as nominees in this respect and,

if time allowed, that the matter be considered at the next Special Town Council Meeting.

37. **'FAIRTRADE STATUS'**

The Town Clerk advised that the council had been approached some years earlier with regard to adopting 'Fairtrade Status' and although the proposal had been supported in principle at the time, it had not been formally adopted.

The status would mean pledging support to ensure that any refreshments served on council premises on behalf of the council should be 'Fairtrade' products, and that the Town Council would encourage 'Fairtrade' principles throughout Penzance, and it was

RESOLVED: to adopt 'Fairtrade Status' as set out above.

8.25 pm

Town Mayor
1st October 2007