

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING** held in  
Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008  
at 7.00 pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor MR Cotton (Chairman)  
JH Dixon (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors R Clark (left at 7.35pm)  
M Freeman  
SJ Reed

Also present: Neil Badcock, Chairman, Penzance AFC  
Councillor RM Lawrence

8. **APOLOGIES**

Councillor RA Mann, H Worth

9. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Dixon declared a prejudicial interest in Minute 11(d) – Purchase of assets of Golowan Ltd, as former Chairman of Golowan Ltd.  
Councillor Reed declared a personal interest in Minute 11(c) – Golowan – verbal report, as a volunteer assistant with the Golowan Festival 2008.

Mr Badcock addressed members following a public consultation day that had taken place the previous week at which members of the public had the opportunity to view the revised plans for the re-development of Penzance football club grounds and to raise queries and concerns.

The response from the public had been mixed with concerns over various aspects of the proposed re-development being expressed including the lack of parking provision, the proposed new houses and use of the clubhouse facilities that currently generated a degree of noise disturbance for neighbouring residents at night. There were also objections to the overall presence of the football club at its present location and Mr Badcock informed members that he was discussing an alternative location on the outskirts of the town with another landowner but he was not optimistic about a financially viable outcome from these discussions and it should, of course, be noted that the club has been in existence at Penlee for approaching sixty years.

It was agreed that, in order to alleviate concerns over activities in the clubhouse, the Town Council would need to stress to residents that the clubhouse would exist purely to support the football club and would not be used as an entertainment venue in its own right.

Mr Badcock would continue his investigations into sourcing a different site for the football club and would report back to the Committee at a later date. The Chairman thanked Mr Badcock for his report and he left the meeting.

10. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2008**

Having been circulated it was

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

11. **REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

(a) **Penzance Football Club – current position following consultation**

Following Mr Badcock's presentation, the viability of utilising other, existing football pitches situated throughout the parish was discussed but it was agreed that these were not of a high enough standard for Penzance football club and if the current site was vacated an alternative use for the ground would need to be found, bearing in mind that it formed part of Penlee Memorial Park and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the Committee would await Mr Badcock's further report following his investigations into an alternative site.

(b) **Thank you letters**

The Clerk reported that letters of thanks for grants had been received from the following organisations:

- (i) Penwith Senior Life Skills Exhibition 2008
- (ii) Cornwall Blind Association
- (iii) Mounts Bay Harriers

and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that receipt be noted.

(c) **Golowan – verbal report**

The Clerk advised that it was still too soon after the Festival to provide a clear financial picture but most events had been well attended and it was foreseen that there would be a small financial surplus although infrastructure costs were considerably higher than last year when a high level of support had been provided free of charge in order to retain the festival.

General feedback was very positive with many claims that it was the best festival so far and a vote of thanks from the Committee to all the volunteers, Council officers and staff was recorded and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that a vote of thanks from the Mayor on behalf of the Town Council should be published in a press release.

(d) Purchase of assets of Golowan Ltd

Members were advised that the purchase of assets from the former Golowan Ltd had been finalised and a letter had been received from the solicitor to confirm that the file was now closed and it was

**RECOMMENDED**: that the position be noted.

(e) Resolution to exclude the press and public

Due to the confidential nature of the next item it was

**RESOLVED**: to exclude the press and public.

(f) Heritage Plaque Scheme – list of shortlisted nominations

See confidential Appendix 'B'.

(g) Resolution to re-admit the press and public

It was

**RESOLVED**: to re-admit the press and public

Councillor Lawrence left the meeting.

(h) Correspondence from 'Unite The Union' (the union representing the majority of local authority employees) re proposed ballot for industrial action

Notification had been received from 'Unite the Union' that a ballot for industrial action over the pay rise for 2008 would be held and that this would affect one member of staff who was a member of the union and it was

**RECOMMENDED**: that the position be noted.

(i) Information re violence and abuse in the workplace

Information had been received from a training company for 'bespoke conflict management training' and was available from the Town Clerk's Office and it was

**RECOMMENDED**: that receipt be noted.

(j) Newsletters received from Zurich Municipal Insurance

Newsletters from Zurich Municipal Insurance had been received and were available in the Town Clerk's Office if any member wished to have sight of these and it was

**RECOMMENDED**: that receipt be noted.

- (k) Resolution to exclude the press and public

Due to the confidential nature of the next item it was

**RESOLVED**: to exclude the press and public.

- (l) Review of call-out payment to Penlee House staff

See Confidential Appendix "C".

- (m) Resolution to re-admit the press and public

It was

**RESOLVED**: to re-admit the press and public

12. **FINANCIAL POSITION**

The committee considered its finances to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008 and it was

**RESOLVED**: to note the position.

The Committee also considered payments made in the month of April and it was

**RESOLVED**: to approve such payments pending clarification by the Assistant Financial Officer of two transactions (see Appendix "A" for both financial position and payments made).

13. **APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT**

- (a) Minor Awards

- (i) Festival of the Arts in Newlyn

Festival of the Arts in Newlyn had requested financial assistance towards the cost of printing and designing the programme for the 2008 Festival and it was

**RESOLVED**: to make a grant of £100.

- (ii) Stage-Struck Youth Theatre

Stage-Struck, a local theatre group were seeking funding to secure the future of their group and to assist with their current and next production and it was

**RESOLVED**: to make a grant of £250 towards the cost of lighting and hire of a projector as outlined in the financial information provided.

- (iii) Cornwall Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre

It was

**RESOLVED:** to make a grant of £150.

(iv) Shelter

Shelter had written to request a grant towards the running costs of the Housing Aid Centre (based in Redruth) for the year 2008/09 and it was

**RESOLVED:** to make a grant of £200.

(v) Home-Start West Cornwall

Home-Start West Cornwall had faced an uncertain future at the beginning of the year due to the lack of funding, a situation that had been temporarily relieved by a pledge of part-funding from Cornwall County Council over the next two years. However, further funding was needed to ensure the future of the organisation and it was

**RESOLVED:** to make a grant of £100.

14. **BUSINESS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

There was no business from other committees to consider.

8.10pm

Chairman  
18<sup>th</sup> September 2008