

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held in The Guildhall, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Thursday 2 April 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor P C H Rendle (Chairman)

Councillors C A Dennis
R Lewarne
K L W Perry
J Ruhmund

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor J Moreland

90. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – were received from

Councillors D J Axford, F Granger, R A Mann, J Parkin and T E Williams

91. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor J Ruhmund declared a personal interest in all applications as a member of Cornwall Council's Transitional Western Area Planning Sub-Committee and made it clear that her comments were based on the information currently available and did not commit her to taking the same position if the matter was discussed at the Cornwall Council Planning Committee.

92. **APPLICATION NUMBERS 09-0213-P, 09-0214-LBC AND 09-0216-CAC REDEVELOPMENT AND EXTENSION OF SOUTH PIER TO PROVIDE NEW PASSENGER AND FREIGHT HANDLING BUILDINGS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS (MAY AFFECT THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING). ALTERATIONS TO SECTIONS OF THE QUAYSIDE AND SEA WALL AND DEMOLITION OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES. DEMOLITION OF SECTION OF WALL (MAY AFFECT THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING)**

The Chairman welcomed Mr John Maggs of the "Friends of Penzance Harbour" who presented to members his concerns on the proposals, with particular reference to the design, impact on the Listed structures and potential traffic generation that the proposals would have. Mr Maggs drew members' attention to specific references within the Cornwall County Structure Plan and Penwith Local Plan and advised that although he was critical of the current proposals, the "Friends of Penzance Harbour" supported the principle of enhanced passenger and freight handling facilities.

Additionally, Councillor Moreland also raised concern regarding the design and impact on Listed structures that the current proposals had but he too reiterated his support for the principle of redevelopment.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Chairman thanked Mr Maggs and Councillor Moreland for their comments.

Members considered the proposals at length and it was ultimately

RESOLVED: that the Council opposes the location and design of the proposals on the grounds that its visual impact was unsympathetic to the character of the most historic and oldest part of the town and would be out of keeping with the many Listed structures nearby and surrounding Conservation Area.

Concern was raised that the design would not be able to resist over-topping and the proposal to have goods loaded and unloaded to the South Pier would cause additional traffic congestion, thus prejudicing any plans to develop the area beyond the harbour, particularly the Promenade.

The Town Council considered that the current proposals did not accord with the County Structure Plan and Penwith Local Plan in the context of sustainability and consideration of other suitable alternative sites and no reference had been made to the Penzance Harbour Business Plan.

93. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Chairman signed, as a true and correct record, the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 12 February 2009 and 4 March 2009. It was

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

94. REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

- (a) Correspondence from Cornwall County Council re. Road Closure at Albert Street

Members noted that South West Water was carrying out new connection works between 19 and 26 April 2009 between the hours of 0930 and 1630.

- (b) PAROW Agenda 12 March and Minutes of Meeting 11 February 2009

Members noted the recent PAROW agenda and attached minutes.

- (c) Cornwall Countryside Access Strategy 2007 Document

Members noted this document.

- (d) Penwith District Council – Penzance Conservation Area Appraisal – Adopted March 2009

Councillors welcomed the production of this document which it was noted included corrections previously pointed out by the Town Council and, although still

imperfect, was a much improved and useful document which would assist the Town Council in making planning decisions in the future.

95. SITE VIEWING PANEL MEETINGS

The Chairman advised that there had been no Site Viewing Panel Meetings relevant to the Town Council.

96. PLANNING DECISIONS

There were none on which to report.

97. NEW AND AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered 42 new and amended planning applications and their comments are as recorded in the Planning Register.

Meeting closed at 9.04 p.m.

Chairman
11 June 2009