

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING** held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Thursday 21 May 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Councillor M R Cotton (Chairman)  
Councillor J H Dixon (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors M Freeman

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillors R A Mann, J Ruhmund, C A C White, H Worth

Absent without apologies: Councillors D J Axford, S J Reed

As the meeting was inquorate, the following items were discussed and recommendations made for ratification at the full Council meeting on Monday, 1 June 2009.

**2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

**3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9 March 2009**

Having been circulated, it was

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

**4. THANK YOU LETTERS**

The Town Clerk advised that 'thank you' letters had been received from the following organisations:-

Cornwall Blind Association  
City of Greater Bendigo  
Cornwall International Male Voice Choral Festival  
Penzance Silver Band  
Newlyn Trinity Methodist Church  
The Sailors' Families' Society  
Shallal Dance Theatre

**5. PENLEE PLAYGROUP BUILDING**

The Town Clerk reminded members that the former Penlee Playgroup building had become vacant and that three parties had expressed an interest in using the building, including the Director of Penlee House Gallery and Museum who wished

to utilise the space as an Education Centre, following unsuccessful attempts to obtain funding for a new, purpose built 'eco' building.

Some internal refurbishment work would need to take place before the building was fit for purpose and potential funding for this work was being sourced. Although concerns were expressed over loss of income for the Town Council if Penlee House was to take over the facility, it was pointed out that this would enable the museum and gallery to attract larger parties that would increase visitor numbers and overall takings.

It was therefore

**RECOMMENDED:** that the Town Council should support the use of the Playgroup building as an Education Centre for Penlee Gallery and Museum.

**6. GOLOWAN 2009 – UPDATE**

The Town Clerk reported that the organising of this year's Festival was on track and already well advanced under the direction of the Festival Director. This year there would be more street entertainers than ever and a big change to the programme would be the use of the former Ritz Bingo Hall as a venue in place of the traditional marquee.

**7. FINANCIAL POSITION**

The committee considered its finances to 31 March 2009 and also payments made in the months of February and March 2009 and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the financial position and payments (see Appendix 'A' for both financial position and payments made) be approved.

**8. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT**

(a) Minor Awards

(i) Truro Hospital Radio

Truro Hospital Radio had written with a request for grant funding towards the cost of constructing a production, training and editing facility and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the Town Council request further information about the level of target funding and the cost of specific pieces of equipment that the Council could assist with.

**9. BUSINESS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

(a) **Penlee House & Park Committee – 19 May 2009**

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 public from the next part of the meeting.

- (b) Memorial Chapel, Penlee Park

See Confidential Appendix "B".

- (c) Resolution to re-admit the Press and Public

It was

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

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Chairman  
2 July 2009