

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING** held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Thursday 17 September 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

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

Councillors    M Freeman  
                      R A Mann  
                      J Ruhmund  
                      C A C White

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

Councillors D J Axford and J Ruhmund.

Absent without apologies: Councillor H Worth.

**17. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mann declared a personal interest in Minute 24(a)(viii) The Boyan Ensemble.

**18. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 JULY 2009**

Having been circulated, it was

**RESOLVED** - that the Chairman sign the Minutes as a true and correct record.

**19. THANK YOU LETTERS**

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

- (a) Penzance Sea Cadets
- (b) Gulval Village Hall
- (c) Home Start
- (d) Cornwall Blind Association

**20. HERITAGE PLAQUE SCHEME**

Members were reminded that the owners of six premises in Penzance had been approached regarding the proposal to mount a commemorative plaque to a well known person on their building and four had responded positively.

Of these four, the managing agent for the building that would commemorate Lemon Hart had asked for an administrative fee of £150 which the Committee felt was inappropriate and although alternative buildings had been suggested it was

**RESOLVED**: to progress the scheme with relation to commemorative plaques for Thomas Holloway, Viscount Edward Pellew and Norman Garstin and to defer a decision regarding Lemon Hart for the time being.

It was further

**RESOLVED**: that, although an oval-shaped plaque had been previously agreed upon, a round plaque with a diameter of approximately 12 inches would be more appropriate and that it should be black with gold lettering. It was suggested that the plaque should be made of cast metal to withstand weather conditions and costings for this would be obtained. Once the details of the plaques had been finalised, the Town Clerk would liaise with the owners of the listed buildings and the Conservation Officer with regard to obtaining listed building planning consent.

**21. WHERRYTOWN SKATEPARK**

Following an inspection by RoSPA earlier in the year, two areas of high risk had been highlighted – the potential of a clash with pedestrians walking through the centre of the skatepark and poor drainage in the base of the ramp leading to water pooling in areas after rainfall. T Osborn Builders had provide a quote for the supply and installation of four warning signs for members of the public and for improvement of the drainage on the ramp and it was

**RESOLVED**: that the quote for work as outlined above should be approved if a suitable source could be found within the Town Council's budget for this extra cost following the money recently spent on renovating the ramp.

Draft plans had been put forward by T Osborn Builders (in association with the Kerbs Association) to re-vamp the existing skatepark and to include an on-site refreshment kiosk. Members felt that a refreshment kiosk would not be viable and it was

**RESOLVED**: that the plans should be modified to remove the refreshment kiosk and that the Town Council would assist the Kerbs Association in completing a grant application to the 'Playbuilder 2010' fund for the proposed improvements.

**22. GOLOWAN – RE-APPOINTMENT OF FESTIVAL DIRECTOR**

At a recent meeting of the Golowan Steering Group, the hard work and success of the Festival Director who had been appointed in February for a term of one year had been recognised and it was

**RESOLVED**: that the Festival Director should be re-appointed for a further one year term.

**23. FINANCIAL POSITION**

The Committee considered its financial position to 30 June 2009 and also considered payments made in the months of April, May and June 2009 and it was

**RESOLVED**: to approve the financial position and payments (see Appendix 'A' for both financial position and payments made).

**24. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT**

(a) Minor Awards

(i) Cornwall Air Ambulance

Following a request for support towards general running costs it was

**RESOLVED** – to make a grant of £50.

(ii) Montol Festival Group

The organisers of the Montol Festival had written to say that, with the demise of Penwith District Council, the funding they receive had been severely curtailed and they were looking for a further grant of £500 from the Town Council. Members were reminded that the Town Council already provides an annual grant of £500 to the Montol Festival Group and it was

**IREOLVED** – to make a grant of £100 but that it should be made clear to the Group that the Town Council is not in a position to take up any deficit left by Penwith District Council.

(iii) Whizz-Kidz

A general request for support had been received from this national charity and it was

**RESOLVED** – not to make a grant.

(iv) Go Penzance Shopmobility

'Go Penzance' had requested financial assistance towards the running costs for providing battery-operated mobility scooters and it was

**RESOLVED** – to make a grant of £100 and, although Penzance Town Council was not in a position to fill any shortfall left by the demise of Penwith District Council, a further grant would be considered if exact figures of local usage could be provided.

(v) Gwavas Residents Association

A request had been received for financial assistance towards the cost of training three drivers to drive a minibus for the Gwavas Residents Association and it was

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

(vi) Age Concern Penzance

Age Concern wished to take a party of elderly people on a coach trip to Plymouth and it was

**RESOLVED** – to make a grant of £100 towards the cost of organising the trip.

(vii) Newlyn Archive

The Environment Group of the Newlyn Fish Industry Forum was attempting to establish a 'Newlyn Archive' and had requested £113.49 for the cost of stationery etc. and it was

**RESOLVED** – to make a grant of £125 and to request a place for a Town Council representative on the Newlyn Archive Steering Group.

(viii) Boyan Ensemble of Kiev

The Boyan Ensemble choir toured England every year and included Penzance as one of the venues. A request had been received for assistance towards the cost of providing fleece jackets with a logo for members of the choir and it was

**RESOLVED** – not to make a grant as the organisation originated from outside the parish.

(ix) Contact a Family

It was

**RESOLVED** – not to make a grant to this London-based organisation and the Town Council would suggest that they contact Penwith Community Development Trust for support.

25. **BUSINESS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

The Town Clerk referred to the Confidential Appendix "A" of the Penlee House and Park Committee relating to staffing matters and it was

**RESOLVED** – that the proposed action be supported.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Chairman  
5 November 2009