

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Thursday 5 November 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

Councillors M Freeman
R A Mann

Councillor R M Lawrence was also in attendance.

26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from

Councillors D J Axford, J Ruhmund, C A C White.

Absent without apologies: Councillor H Worth.

27. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

28. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2009

Having been circulated, it was

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

29. THANK YOU LETTERS

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

- (a) Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust
- (b) The Sailors' Families' Society

30. 'FOOTSTEPS FOR OUR FUTURE' – UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE IN COPENHAGEN

A copy of a letter to Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary General of the United Nations from Mr Howard Curnow in respect of the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen had been sent to the Town Council for information. The letter outlined plans to take a party of children from Cornwall to No. 10 Downing Street on 5 December to deliver a declaration to the Government about the need to make a commitment to the Climate Change negotiations taking place in Copenhagen.

The correspondence supplied with the letter also urged people to sign up to the movement and requested financial donations from anyone who would be interested in assisting and it was

RESOLVED – that, whilst the Committee supported the sentiments of the project, the Town Council as a body was not in a position to offer financial support but the letter would be copied out to all councillors so that individuals could make a donation if they so wished. A letter of thanks and support from the Town Council would be sent to Mr Curnow.

31. FINANCIAL POSITION

The Committee considered its financial position to 31 August 2009 and also considered payments made in the months of July and August 2009 and it was

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

32. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT

(a) Minor Awards

(i) Mousehole Sea Salts & Sail Association

Following a request for support towards the running costs of the biennial event, it was

RESOLVED – to make a grant of £250

(ii) The Sequal Trust

The Sequal Trust aims to provide people with severe speech, movement or learning difficulties with a means with which to express their most basic needs, to become a more active member of society and to allow them a greater degree of confidence and independence.

The Trust was seeking a donation towards fundraising efforts on behalf of an 82-year old Penzance resident who had been rendered disabled by a stroke and it was

RESOLVED – to make a grant of £100

(iii) Freshbrook Close Christmas Lighting Association

The Association, based in Eastern Green, Penzance, had requested a donation towards the cost of operating a 'musical and air display' weekend over the August Bank Holiday weekend, 2010. It was proposed that the weekend would include combined military bands, a Red Arrows display, torchlight procession and a firework display – proceeds of which would go the

Newlyn Mission with proceeds from all other events going to the Royal British Legion.

Following discussion of the proposal, it was

RESOLVED – not to make a grant towards the ‘musical and air display’ weekend but the Committee agreed that a small donation towards the Christmas lights of Freshbrook Close could be made if further information about the location of the lights and a detailed break-down of the costs could be supplied.

(iv) The Exchange Gallery

The Exchange Gallery in Newlyn had submitted a grant application for support in providing child-friendly furniture in the resource room at The Exchange for use by visiting children, schools and families and it was

RESOLVED – that the Committee regretted it was unable to make a grant to the Exchange Gallery as financial support was already provided to the Town Council’s facilities in Penlee House and the newly acquired education centre.

(v) Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre

It was

RESOLVED – to make a grant of £150 towards general running costs.

The following two items had been received after the agenda had been set but the Committee agreed to consider them.

(vi) Truro Hospital Radio

The Town Clerk reminded members that further information about the level of target funding and the cost of specific pieces of equipment had been requested from the organisation in June. A response had now been received that provided information about the cost of microphones at £130 each and a CD Recorder at £215 and it was

RESOLVED – to make a grant of £215 for the purchase of a CD Recorder.

(vii) Tom Bawcocks Eve

It was

RESOLVED – to make a grant of £200

33. BUSINESS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

General Purposes Committee – 2 November 2009

Car Park fees in December - Minute 26 (c)

The Town Clerk informed members that the General Purposes had agreed to the provision of free parking in Penlee Car Park on the four Saturdays and late night shopping Thursdays in December leading up to Christmas and it was

RESOLVED – to support the motion and that this should be advertised in the local press, if possible.

Penlee House & Park Committee – 3 November 2009

Alarm System – Minute 22 (c)

The Town Clerk reported that the Penlee House and Park Committee had approved the expenditure of £2,800 for a new security system control panel and £695 for a new camera with night vision to be positioned by the front door of the Gallery.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Chairman
3 December 2009