

MINUTES OF PENZANCE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING held in The Guildhall, St. John's Hall, Alverton Street, Penzance on Monday 10 December 2009 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Councillor J Ruhrmund (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors D J Axford
M R Cotton
J H Dixon
M Freeman
R M Lawrence
R Lewarne (from 7.25pm)
M Lovegrove
J Moreland
D J Nebesnuick
P Peters
P C H Rendle
C A C White
T E Williams

Also present: Councillor R Harding, Cornwall Council

61. PRAYERS

The Council's Chaplain led those present in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Councillor Phil Peters, the newly-appointed Councillor for Penzance Central Ward, to the Town Council.

62. PUBLIC SPEAKING

None.

63. APOLOGIES

Councillors C A Dennis, R A Mann

Absent without apologies: Councillors F Granger, J Parkin, K L W Perry, H Worth.

64. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Other than the declarations of interest from the four standing committees, the following declarations of interest were received:

Councillor Lawrence declared a personal interest in Minute 70.(c) NHS dentistry in Penzance, as a member of the Dentistry Group for LINK in Cornwall.

Councillor Nebesnuick declared a personal interest in Minute 70.(d) Request for a presentation, as a family member was employed by the Flood Management department of the Environment Agency.

65. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Town Mayor signed as a true and correct record the minutes of the full Council meeting held on 16 November 2009.

66. TO DEAL WITH BUSINESS EXPRESSLY REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO BE DONE

There was no business to be dealt with.

67. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) The Deputy Mayor reminded members that the Mayor's Christmas drinks party would be held at 7.30pm on Monday 14 December in The Bath Inn and those who had not responded to the invitation so far were asked to do so at the end of the meeting.

(b) The Montol Church Service would be held at 6pm on Sunday 20 December in St Mary's Church, Chapel Street and the 'Rivers of Fire' procession would leave St John's Hall at 6.15pm on Monday 21 December. The organisers were looking for volunteers to help with stewarding the processions and anyone who could assist was asked to contact the organisers whose contact details could be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office.

(c) The Mousehole Christmas lights switch on would take place on Saturday 12 December at 7.30pm.

(d) The Deputy Mayor also reminded members that the Strategic Planning Committee would be meeting in The Guildhall on Monday 14 December at 2pm to consider the planning applications submitted in respect of the proposed harbour developments.

68. QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO. 24

There was no business to be dealt with.

69. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(a) General Purposes Committee – 30 November 2009

Acceptance of the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 30 November 2009 was proposed and seconded.

(i) Minute 31.(a) Custody suite in Penzance

It was noted that line 9 of the first paragraph should read "... non-violent and non-dangerous prisoners".

(ii) **Minute 35.(b) West Penwith Community Bus**

The Town Clerk confirmed that he would be writing to the organisers on behalf of the Town Council to offer support for the services the West Penwith Community Bus Association offers to local residents.

(iii) **Minute 37. Items raised by Councillors for next meeting**

The item relating to the Tesco roundabout and brown tourist signs should include all extraneous signage.

(b) **Penlee House & Park Committee – 1 December 2009**

Acceptance of the minutes of the Penlee House & Park Committee meeting held on 1 December 2009 was proposed and seconded and it was

RESOLVED – that the confidential appendix ‘A’ would be considered during private session.

(c) **Planning Committee – 19 November 2009 and 2 December 2009**

Acceptance of the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 19 November 2009 and 2 December 2009 was proposed and seconded.

(d) **Finance/Property Committee – 3 December 2009**

Acceptance of the minutes of the Finance/Property Committee meeting held on 3 December 2009 was proposed and seconded.

Subject to the above amendments to the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting of 30 November 2009, it was

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the above committee meetings be approved and adopted.

70. REPORTS FOR DECISION

(a) **Re-development of Newlyn Harbour**

The Town Clerk’s report informed members that a Harbour Revision Order was currently in the process of being implemented by the Department of Transport in order for the new Fish Market and other developments around Newlyn Harbour to proceed. The constitution of the Harbour Commissioners allowed for two representatives from Cornwall Council and it was proposed that the Town Clerk would write to the Department of Transport requesting that a representative of Penzance Town Council be allocated a seat on the Harbour Commissioners with a named substitute for that representative, and it was

RESOLVED – that

- (i) The Town Clerk writes to Colin Morris of the Department of Transport urging the early implementation of the Harbour Revision Order and subsequent constitutional change to the Harbour Commissioners;
- (ii) The Town Council requests that Cornwall Council supports this proposition and uses its position to seek an early resolution of the funding issues; and
- (iii) Penzance Town Council formally requests in this letter that they be given the opportunity to nominate a member and named substitute to sit on the new Harbour Commissioners.

(b) **Membership of committees**

Councillor Dixon had put forward a request to resign his membership of the Penlee House and Park Committee and join the Planning Committee and it was

RESOLVED – to agree to Councillor Dixon’s request.

(c) **NHS dentistry in Penzance**

Concerns were expressed over the conversion of yet another NHS dental practice to a private practice and it was agreed that the Town Council should vigorously pursue the provision of NHS dental care within the parish and it was

RESOLVED – that the Town Clerk would contact the Primary Care Trust requesting urgent information on the plans to provide NHS dentistry in the town.

(d) **Request for a presentation**

A Community Engagement Officer from the Flood Incident Management Service of the Environment Agency Devon and Cornwall had contacted the Town Council with a request for permission to come along and talk on the subject of flood risk in the Penzance area and planning for flooding.

Members were aware that certain areas of the Parish, e.g. Gulval and Eastern Green, were at risk of flooding and it was

RESOLVED – that the Flood Incident Management Service be invited to attend a Town Council meeting to give a presentation (maximum length of one hour) and that Cornwall Councillors and members of the public also be invited to attend.

71. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – to exclude the press and public from the meeting to discuss matters of a confidential and sensitive nature in accordance with Section 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.

**PENLEE HOUSE & PARK COMMITTEE, 1 DECEMBER 2009 – CONFIDENTIAL
APPENDIX 'A'**

The content of the confidential appendix 'A' was considered and noted.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

Town Mayor
1 February 2010